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CELEBRATING ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE: Two Canadians, part of this year's March of the Living, show their emotion last week on Yom Ha'atzmaut. They are standing outside Jerusalem in the hills of Judea. *[Mary Zahran photo]*

Canadian students visit Jedwabne

By ELI RUBENSTEIN
Special to The CJN

JEDWABNE, Poland — "The greatest insult to the dead is to lie about the manner of their deaths."

These were the words spoken by Rabbi Reuben Poupko of Montreal during a moving ceremony held recently in Jedwabne, Poland. He was addressing 130 Montreal students participating in the 2001 March of the Living to Poland and Israel. The students had gathered in Jedwabne to honour the memory of the 1,600 Jewish citizens of that town who were murdered by their Polish neighbours under the watchful eyes of German soldiers in July 1941.

This was the first Jewish group to visit the site since it became common knowledge that the massacre had been carried out by local Polish citizenry. Previously, the killings were blamed on the Nazis, as the recently removed stone monument on the site of the massacre stated.

"We pay tribute to the current Polish government – the president and the prime minister – and the archbishop, who have recognized the truth of their deaths and acknowledged the crime committed by Polish citizens. They have removed the old monument that blamed the Nazis and will replace it with a new one with the correct historical information, in a ceremony in

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Rabbi Reuben Poupko of Montreal addresses students. *[Mary Zahran photo]*

El Al restructures Canadian operations

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Canadian office of El Al Israel Airlines appears to have dodged a bullet as the airline announced a dramatic restructuring plan that will see it drop several unprofitable North American and European routes.

Departures from Toronto could actually increase under the restructuring arrangement, as Toronto takes on a new role as a transit point for Israel-bound passengers flying from Los Angeles.

Flights would no longer originate in Toronto but Canadians should see their choices increase to five weekly non-stop flights to Israel year round, said Stanley Morais, sales and marketing manager for El Al in Canada.

Currently, El Al flies from Toronto three times a week in the winter and adds two flights in the busier summer season. The proposed changes are expected to be in place in November or shortly thereafter, Morais said.

El Al's recovery plan comes in response to major losses it expects to report in its 2001 income statement. El Al lost $110 million (US) in 2000 and is expected to lose the same amount in 2001. The airline posted a profit of $16 million in 1999.

Last week, El Al CEO David Hermesh outlined plans to cut back the airline's operations by 20 percent. The plan includes the sale of aircraft, staff reductions and the discontinuation of unprofitable routes. Although Hermesh would not indicate which routes were being dropped, the Israeli business press speculated they would include

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Manley to Israel

OTTAWA — Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley is scheduled to visit Israel next week as part of a swing through the Mideast. Manley is slated to go to Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian autonomous regions and Israel from May 6 to 14. He is slated to be in Israel May 13, where a meeting with his Israeli counterpart, Shimon Peres, is on the agenda. Last Friday, the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) met Manley, and said it was impressed with his "growing understanding" of the issues. The CIC said it placed "special emphasis" on the minister's need to "enhance his understanding" of security issues facing Israel.

Video Hoax

VERNON, B.C. — A video denying the Holocaust was sent to teachers here last month, along with a fake letter saying it was from B'nai Brith Canada, asking that the film be shown on Yom Hashoah. The packages appeared to have come from the Calgary office of B'nai Brith. A teacher was alarmed by the video and contacted authorities. B'nai Brith called the episode a "vicious hoax," and is working with the RCMP on the case.

Bloomfield Charged

MONTREAL — A prominent member of Montreal's Jewish community has pleaded not guilty to charges he helped orchestrate an international stock fraud based in London and New York. Harry Bloomfield, a lawyer and philanthropist, turned himself over to authorities in New York last week, and was released on bail after entering his plea. Bloomfield, 56, is charged with conspiracy, possession of forged documents and falsifying business records. Four others also accused in the scheme have already pleaded guilty.

Agunot Awareness

OTTAWA — Beth Shalom West Congregation is planning an agunot awareness weekend for May 12 and 13 featuring Mattie Klein, founder of the New York-based L'Maan B'nos Yisrael International, which is dedicated to helping the plight of agunot; and Rabbi Shmuel Gamliel, director of the agunah department of Israel's rabbinical courts. Rabbi Howard Finkelstein, spiritual leader of the congregation, said the purpose of the Shabbaton is to give the community a legal, social and religious understanding of the plight of agunot.

Hebrew in the House

OTTAWA — Prof. Irwin Cotler, Liberal MP for Mount Royal, had the following to say last week in the House of Commons on the occasion of Yom Ha'azmaut: "Mr. Speaker, today we commemorate the 53rd anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, which comes one week after we commemorated the 56th anniversary of the Holocaust…

"In a word, Israel, at its core, is the embodiment of Jewish survival and self-determination – the reconstitution of an ancient people in its ancestral and aboriginal homeland.

"Mr. Speaker, may I conclude with the age-old Hebrew prayer for peace:

"Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu yaaseh shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisrael, v'imeru, amen:
May God Who establishes peace on High, grant peace for us all, amen.

"May this 53rd Anniversary herald the end of violence, the protection of human security, and a real, just and lasting peace for all the peoples of the Middle East."

Israel

Wagner Concert

JERUSALEM — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has petitioned Israel's Supreme Court to block any financial support for a planned July concert that will include works by German composer Richard Wagner. The performance of works by the "arch anti-Semite" will be "an affront to the victims of the Holocaust," the centre said.

Jewish Population

JERUSALEM — Israel's 5.2 million Jews comprise 38 percent of the world's Jewish population, according to the Hebrew University's Institute for Contemporary Jewry. And the Central Bureau of Statistics released its annual population figures last week showing that Israel has 6.2 million residents. Last year, the population grew by 152,000. Every day in 2000, 360 new babies and 150 new immigrants arrived. Sabras are now 64 percent of the Jewish population, almost twice the level of 1948.

World

Gays Object

WASHINGTON — North America's largest organization for Jewish lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered youth has issued an open letter challenging the mayor of Regina's proclamation of Heterosexual Family Pride Day for June 18. In a letter to Mayor Pat Fiacco, Bernard Cherkasov, executive director of the National Union of Jewish LGBT Students, called for respect for diversity.

Irish Milestone

DUBLIN — Erlich's, The last kosher butcher shop serving Dublin's 1,100 Jews is about to close. The development came after Erlich's lease ran out.

CJC Announces Award Winners

OTTAWA — The Canadian Jewish Congress has confirmed the award winners at the 26th CJC plenary assembly at Inn on the Park in Toronto on May 6 and 7.

Edgar Bronfman will receive the Saul Hayes Human Rights Award for his leadership of World Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Restitution Organization, and for his efforts on behalf of Holocaust survivors and Jews around the world. The presentation will be made Monday, May 7 at the closing luncheon in the Centennial Ballroom.

Prof. Irving Abella, one of Canada's most distinguished writers, scholars and community leaders, will receive the Samuel Bronfman Medal for his service as a past president of CJC, chair of its war crimes committee and in many other capacities. The presentation will be made on Sunday evening May 6 at the gala dinner in the Centennial Ballroom.

Two young leaders from Quebec, David Shapiro and Stefani Balinski, will be this year's recipients of the Brian A. Finestone Memorial Award and the Monroe Abbey Award, respectively.

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Reading, writing and stress management

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Schools today are facing rising stress levels – and it's not only the kids who are bringing the tension into the classroom.

From personal problems to ongoing tensions around strikes and cutbacks, some teachers may find themselves overwhelmed before they even begin a teaching day, said Beth Feffer of Jewish Family & Child Service.

"Most teachers are dedicated to their profession – they really do want the best for their students," Feffer said. "But they sometimes don't know how to deal with certain situations."

In the last few years, teachers have had to cope with a heightened level of pressure stemming from such things as the amalgamation of school boards and the introduction of new curricula. These changes may have an impact on the morale and ability of a teacher to reach a room full of children in the most productive way.

"Experiencing stress is part of every job," said Peter Ferguson, who is a 35-year veteran teacher and vice-principal from the public school system.

But Ferguson notes the stress has taken a toll on many teachers. "Teachers are leaving the profession in droves. Why?" Ferguson asked.

"On one hand, there can be individual reasons for stress in teachers' lives – divorce, family break ups, economic hardships."

There are also changing social trends in families which have to be dealt with, he said. And at the same time, testings and standards by which to measure students are being imposed, without taking into account the whole picture of the child.

"When you test how kids are doing in school, you aren't just testing the school, you are testing the community and the family where the child came from.

"You are testing previous years of education," Ferguson said. "And yet, the pressure will all land on the teacher whose class is being tested."

"Often, teachers may find themselves ill equipped to deal with the emotional and psycho-social issues that come into the classroom," Feffer said.

"What worked for a teacher last year may not work this year," Ferguson said.

For whatever the reason, when inappropriate teaching techniques are applied, there can be varying effects on the children, said Otto Weininger, a psychologist and professor of educational theory at OISE at the University of Toronto.

Some children may respond to a teacher's behaviour by beginning to feel that school is just a waste of time, Weininger said. Other children may change their behaviour in a way that may seem inappropriate – but really is appropriate for that child's age group.

"It is then up to teachers to realize that something is going on in the environment – an environment that they control – that has to change.

"Unfortunately, in many cases, we're not teaching teachers this way. We're giving them didactic lectures, we're giving them textbooks to read, but we seem to be oblivious of the fact that these things that they're teaching are human beings, they're not little rocks."

Weininger believes teachers should not be judged solely on their ability to complete a curriculum.

"It is unfair to both the teachers and the children when they're not given other forms of training," Weininger said.

"There are some teachers who have a great deal of difficulty handling their frustrations and anger, or the threat of being accused of not being good teachers, or of being criticized," Ferguson said.

And in today's world, teachers do face continuous cynicism and criticism in their public and private lives, as parents become unsettled by continuous strikes and job actions.

"Teachers often feel that no matter what they say, they aren't going to be understood, that there's not going to be any understanding of some of the difficulties they're dealing with, that they are not valued and that they are essentially failures," Ferguson said.

When all this piles up, it is important for the principal and vice-principal to recognize signs of problems that may emerge in classrooms.

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We are Israel's defenders

Two items in the news last week reinforced the absurdity and, alas, the sadness surrounding Israel's plight in the Middle East, and indeed, in the West as well.

In Tehran, representatives from more than 30 Muslim countries, including representatives from the Palestine Authority, met for two days to reaffirm their rejection of the Jewish State, although few, if any of the attendees would deign to pronounce the name Israel. They still prefer to use the coded epithet "Zionist entity."

The gathering was a kind of celebration of hatred, with each speaker ratcheting slightly higher than the previous, the level of animosity and vitriol toward the Jewish State.

Ha'aretz reported that the leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah guerrillas, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, "warned Israel to expect surprise attacks from Palestinian extremists."

The warning won applause from the assembly, which included Khaled Meshal, a leader of the Hamas movement, the target of the failed assassination attempt by the Mossad in Jordan two years ago, and Abdullah Ramadan Shalah, head of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, *Ha'aretz* reported, opened the conference by declaring "combat, not dialogue, was the language Israel understood."

"Supporting the Palestinian people is one of our important Islamic duties," Khamenei said. He also offered the opinion that Zionists had exaggerated the Holocaust to justify crimes against the Palestinians.

"There are documents at hand that show... that the numbers of the Jewish Holocaust were exaggerated to solicit international sympathy and lay the grounds for the occupation of Palestine and justify the atrocities of the Zionists."

Iran's President Mohammad Khatami, referred to by commentators and journalists in the West as a moderate, also weighed in against Israel.

"The oppressed people of Palestine, whether those who dwell in that bloodstained holy land or those who continue to bear the brunt of hardship and displacement worldwide, are all the victims of Zionist discrimination and aggression," Khatami said.

In the same issue of *Ha'aretz* another article began, "Israel is facing the possibility of punitive measures from the European Union because of hardening and widening opposition to its policies towards the Palestinians.

"EU member states are now actively debating a change in their approach to Israel, the British daily *The Guardian* reported, with decisions expected at two key foreign ministers' meetings next month.

"In the past, Israel has been defended in the EU by traditional friends such as the Netherlands, Sweden and Britain, *but it now has few defenders left.*"

The words left me cold and angry.

Israel "now has few defenders left."

Where have we arrived? Does truth no longer matter in the resolution of disputes?

In the same week that the tyrants, despots, dictators and military rulers of the Middle East incited themselves and their populations to further detestation of and violence against the Jewish state – and indeed, of Jews too – the representatives of the European democracies were lending the despots a form of vindication for their incitement.

The EU have simply fallen in line with the Palestinian piper, Yasser Arafat. He plays the tune and calls the shots.

How absurd that the EU could find the moral resolve to condemn Israel but not the various tyrannies attending the Tehran conference who took such obvious and effervescent delight in pronouncing death and destruction upon Israel!

Far more poignant and precious than the fact that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East is the undeniable fact that Israel is the only Jewish State anywhere on this planet.

Israel's defenders will arise from those people on earth who seek true peace and justice in the Middle East. Last week, on Yom Ha'atzmaut, Prof. Gil Troy of McGill University published the following words. We must all follow his example.

"On this Israel Independence Day, Jews should reaffirm their faith and pride in Zionism, while the world should marvel at its achievements. Zionists must not allow their enemies to define and slander the movement. No nationalism is pure, no movement is perfect, no state ideal, but today Zionism remains legitimate, inspiring, relevant, to me and to most Jews. A century ago, Zionism revived pride in the label 'Jew'; today, Jews must revive pride in the label 'Zionist.'

"I am a Zionist because I am an idealist, and just as a century ago, the notion of a strong, independent, viable, sovereign Jewish state was an impossible dream – yet absolutely worth fighting for – so, too, today, the notion of a strong, independent, viable, sovereign Jewish state living in true peace and harmony with its neighbors appears to be an impossible dream – yet absolutely worth striving for.

"I am a Zionist because I am a romantic, and the vision of the Jews rebuilding their homeland, reclaiming the desert, renewing themselves, was one of the greatest stories of the twentieth century, just as the vision of the Jews maintaining their homeland, reconciling with the Arab world, renewing themselves, and serving as a light to others, a model nation state, could be one of the greatest stories of the twenty-first century."

We are Israel's defenders, "few" as we may be.

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO FELL: Rabbi Yossi Sapirman of Beth Torah Congregation (right) is joined by Jerry Rosenberg, (second from right), president of Canadian Veterans of Israel Machal 1948, at last week's memorial service held to commemorate the 11 Canadians who died fighting in Israel's War of Independence. The service, attended by remaining members of Toronto Machal (foreign volunteers in the 1948 war) was held at the cenotaph at Mount Sinai Cemetery. The names of 49 former Machalniks who have since died were also read aloud. [Ron Csillag photo]

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JA seeks to 'connect' Diaspora, Israeli Jews

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Connection," as in establishing links between Diaspora Jews and their Israeli counterparts, is a buzzword being bandied about these days in upper echelons of Jewish communal organizations.

"Relevance" might be another way of looking at it and "tikkun olam" (repairing the world) might be the means of achieving it.

These are exciting times for senior officials of the Jewish Agency, who are struggling to balance the traditional mandate of the organization – promoting aliyah and absorption – with its new strategic plan of fostering connections among world Jewry.

Ilan Rubin, the Toronto-born secretary-general of the Jewish Agency, believes the creation of a world Jewish "peace corps" might be just the ticket to broaden the agency's relevance to young people who are seeking an outlet for their idealism. Breaking the cycle of poverty in Israel, particularly among 70,000 Ethiopian olim, might be another.

The peace corps, Rubin envisions, would bring together Jews from the Diaspora and Israel to work on humanitarian projects in the Third World, in Israel and wherever Jewish communities are at risk. The volunteers would help revitalize these communities, while creating new connections.

"We could have an explosion of Jewish creativity," he predicted. "What the Jewish Agency is looking to get out of it would be to increase the bonds between Jews in Israel and Jews abroad."

Helping Ethiopian Jews could be another program with Jewish Agency input, Rubin said. The Agency envisions a US $600 million investment over five years in poverty relief. The funding would be evenly divided between Diaspora communities and the government of Israel, and would focus on education, training and a social component to help Ethiopian Jews overcome the technological deficit they experienced coming from an agrarian society.

"This is something that's groundbreaking in world terms," he said.

Rubin, who was in Toronto recently on a family visit, pointed out that the Jewish Agency adopted a new strategic plan in June 2000 that is designed to reposition the organization to address world Jewry's contemporary concerns.

The Jewish Agency is changing from its historic role as a "quasi-governmental organization…to become a catalyst, facilitator, enabler – an organization that makes alliances with other groups," Rubin said.

The strategic plan "identified the most important need of the Jewish people today as connection," he said. "In a world in which Israel and Jews in the Diaspora are increasingly in danger of mutual indifference, the Jewish Agency sees one of its major goals as strengthening the connection and revitalizing that bridge – looking for all sorts of people to people partnerships."

Despite the shift to new areas of concern, the Jewish Agency's primary function remains aliyah and absorption. More than 70 percent of its US $350 million annual budget is allocated to that task.

But even as the Jewish Agency moves in new directions, Rubin, 53, has the skills to adapt to changing conditions.

He studied political science at the University of Toronto and in 1969, made aliyah along with his future wife, Cynthia Kohn, who he met at Hillel.

"I had always felt that if I had one life to live, I wanted to live it at the centre of the world. I am a Jewish patriot," he said.

In Israel, Rubin studied business administration, planning to continue in his father, Alex's, footsteps and become involved in real estate development.

An epiphany changed the direction of his career. A long time activist for Soviet Jewry, Rubin was asked to undertake a task that he still prefers to keep secret. Suffice to say, it whetted his appetite for community service.

Rubin left the private sector and secured a job with Israel's Ministry of Housing. From there, he moved to the Jewish Agency, advancing steadily through the organization's senior ranks.

Ilan Rubin, secretary-general of Jewish Agency.

His ascent was punctuated with a break at the Kennedy School of Government, where he earned an MA in public policy. In 1988, he was named deputy to the secretary general of the Jewish Agency, with responsibility for policy to the Soviet Union. In 1997, he was named secretary general, in charge of relations with the Agency's governing institutions, its executive, board of governors, committees and its annual assembly.

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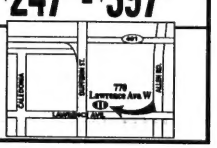

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JACS' name causes legal flap

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Legal pressure has persuaded a group of controversial rabbis to stop using the name of a well-known organization for Jewish recovering alcoholics and drug addicts.

Telephone calls and a letter from an Ottawa lawyer have convinced Toronto rabbis David Cooper and Aaron Zimmerman to stop using the name JACS to tout their conversion classes.

In recent weeks, signs along Bathurst Street between Sheppard and Steeles avenues have advertised the Jewish Adoption & Conversion School (JACS), and a telephone number.

The conversion classes take place at a storefront synagogue, Beth Meyer Congregation, located in a strip mall at 848 Sheppard Ave. W.

But JACS is also the name of Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others, a highly successful self-help group that has attracted hundreds of recovering Jewish addicts since it was set up in Toronto last year.

It also maintains JACS Place at 858 Sheppard West, just a few feet from the congregation. Since opening last summer, JACS Place has been attracting hundreds of newcomers who hear about 12-step programs for Jewish addicts.

Officials with the self-help group feared there would be confusion with the other JACS, especially since the two are so close to each other. But the rabbis countered they were using the name long before the other group came to town.

However, the rabbis backed down last week after calls and a letter from Ottawa lawyer Chuck Rotenberg.

"I don't have a whole arsenal of lawyers who have nothing better to do than to defend my small service here," Rabbi Cooper told *The CJN*. "I want to spend my time teaching Torah.

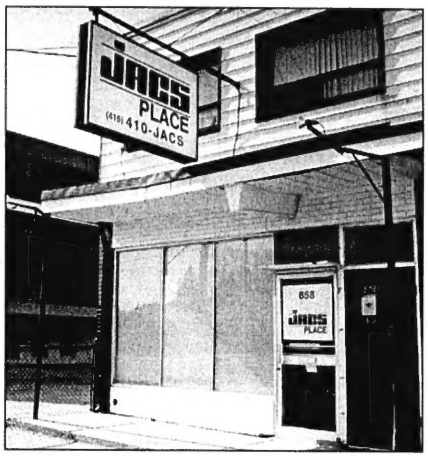
Sign for Jewish Adoption & Conversion School.

"I didn't realize it would tick them off that much, but obviously it has."

He said his choices for a new name for his service are either JAC (Jewish Adoption & Conversion) or HACS (Hebrew Adoption & Conversion School). The latter, he said, "is probably the more religious or traditional term for my type of work."

Both names will be submitted to JACS for approval.

Rotenberg declined to reveal the contents of his letter to the rabbis. It "suggested a way to solve this," he said.



Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others. **[Ron Csillag photos]**

The name of the self-help group is registered in the United States, where JACS was founded, but not in Canada, Rotenberg conceded. However, a name may be legally protected through usage, which entitles it to trademark rights, he explained.

JACS "will probably" register its name in Canada soon, he added.

Rabbi Cooper said he began calling his classes JACS in the fall of 1999. "We were here first. If they didn't object to it last year, why are they objecting this year?"

Neither Rabbi Cooper nor Rabbi Zimmerman belong to the Vaad Harabanim or the Toronto Board of Rabbis. Rabbi Cooper said he, Rabbi Zimmerman and others are members of the "Association of Independent Rabbis." He said they perform about two dozen conversions a year.

They also offer bar mitzvah lessons and marriage preparation classes. A sign outside the congregation says, "Marriage chapel, all faiths."

The term "adoption" in the group's name does not mean it is associated with the adoption of children, he said.

"Some of the rabbis perform inter-marriages, and the non-Jewish partner may not go through with a conversion process. So in fact, they are adopting Judaism."

Asked why he and his colleagues perform conversions that are not recognized as valid by the overwhelming majority of rabbis in the city, Rabbi Cooper said, "I welcome it. I don't want [them] recognized by the Orthodox establishment."

Told that his conversions are considered suspect by other rabbis too, he said, "That is something I make perfectly clear to all people who come to me, and I tell them that when they want to become Jewish, this is perhaps one step of the way toward their inclusion into a Jewish way of living."

For those who "can't take on [the] huge step" of converting through the established religious movements, "this is like a half-step, and I won't turn them away."

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The community's rampart

Our ancient sage Rabbi Shimon well understood the utter indispensability of community for Jewish survival when he told his colleagues that "the community is Israel's rampart." Throughout the ages of Jewish life, community has been the sustaining framework enabling families to pass on traditions and values from parents to children.

Throughout the modern age of Canada, it is no overstatement to point out that the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has been a rampart for the Jews of Canada. From its founding in 1919, through the rescue work of the dark period of World War II, the social activism that followed that war and the political activism that followed the Six Day War, CJC has been part of the deep sinew of Jewish peoplehood, resilience and resolve binding Canadian Jews from one coast to the other and representing our community to legislators, decision-makers and the public at large.

Over the past two decades, however, as the Jewish community in Canada has grown and affiliations have evolved into a rich diversity of interests and choice, that sinew has been made even stronger by the maturing of the local federation system and the addition of other voices to the sometimes harmonic, sometimes cacophonic, communal chorus. The CJC has had to change, even as the times and our community have changed.

On May 6 and 7, in Toronto, many of those changes will be on display and others will be debated as the CJC holds its 26th Plenary Assembly.

President-designate Keith Landy has indicated one of the new, changing directions for CJC. "As time moves on... I believe CJC should be moving towards an agenda with the main purpose of advocacy on social issues," Landy told *The CJN* last week.

As Landy wisely implies, it is imperative that CJC respond to the pressing needs of the day. Those needs are not fewer than yesteryear; they are simply different. The recent protests in Quebec City are perhaps both a foreshadowing and an expression of some of those needs.

Sixty years ago, when the public's needs arose from vastly more sinister circumstances, A.M. Klein wrote that Congress must help Canadian Jews "live up to the urgencies of the hour."

That is still the role of Congress today. "Canadian Jewry must play the part which both its Canadianism and its Judaism demand," Klein wrote. It falls to the CJC, therefore, as one of Canadian Jewry's important and influential agencies, to fashion an instrument from the double forge of our Canadianism and our Judaism, both of which share core fundamental values: human dignity, equality, respect for law and freedom. What an instrument that could be, wielded in justice and only for good – for the peoples of Canada and the world!

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Israel must not submit to bullies

I am writing to voice my support of Israel at this critical time when the Palestinians are resorting to violence and treachery to attain what they could not attain peacefully at the negotiating table. I am 94 years old. I have written 70 letters to the media in Israel's support. This is my 71st letter and I hope I will not have cause to write again.

Many people blame Israel for the intifadah. Why don't they condemn the Palestinians who send their young children with slingshots against Israeli soldiers? Predictably, the Israeli Defence Forces do only what they are supposed to do: defend the State. Meanwhile, the Palestinians continue to feed their children a steady diet of hate propaganda against Israel and the Jews. It's amazing that the UN casts a blind eye on Yasser Arafat and his terrorist attacks. If the Palestinians would only desist from violence, they would continue to be free to work in Israel.

Tragically, some 20,000 Israeli soldiers have fallen in armed combat since 1948. I have immense respect and gratitude for the IDF soldiers who risk their lives to defend the State. By doing so, they also defend the Jewish people all over the world.

When I see what is happening now, when I read the lives lost through terrorism, my heart breaks. I feel compelled to show my solidarity. I do so knowing that some of my previous letters have led anti-Semites to pester me and my late wife Terry with hateful phone messages morning, noon and night, for more than a year. It is a sign of how much Terry believed in the importance of standing up to bullies that she insisted we would not change our telephone number as the police recommended.

Israel must not give in to bullies. The Jewish State deserves our support.

Alex Beder
Toronto

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Reader bugged

At the risk of being accused of wanting the last word and that lawyers always try for that, Canadian Alliance Party's communications director, Ezra Levant's description of me as a gadfly and a gnat (in recent *CJN* and *Globe and Mail* articles) confirms my belief that his party and all those associated with it bug me.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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Spiritual Passover in Israel

Further to Bruce Elman's article "Sharing History, Sharing Destiny" (*CJN*, April 19), I would like to inform your readers of the following.

On April 3, my wife, daughter, 2½-year-old granddaughter and I flew to Israel for Passover.

We travelled throughout the country by car, which I drove, and we had a wonderful time, enjoying every minute of our stay. We met Torontonians in Tiberias and Jerusalem who told us that they and their families were also having great vacations.

Despite higher airfare costs to Israel than to Florida, in total, it was less expensive to spend the Passover holiday in the finest hotels in Israel than in Florida, and certainly spiritually far more rewarding.

At no time did we feel either afraid or threatened.

We hope to return to Israel soon, and hope that your readers will travel there in the near future.

David Freudmann
Toronto

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Readers should face truth

Re: Letters to the editor (*CJN*, April 26): Sadly, it seems that while even the most left-leaning peacenik in Israel has come to realize that we can no longer turn a blind eye to the incitement and the indoctrination of anti-Semitism that takes place under the auspices of the Palestinian Authority, some of us in North America would prefer to be politically correct than to face the truth about the conflict in the Middle East.

The fact of the matter is that while Israelis still mourn their dead with tears and Kaddish, Palestinians continue to mourn their dead in riotous mobs, uttering racial slurs and death threats to Israel and burning Israeli and American flags and firing shots into the air.

I only hope that the readers of *The CJN* can find the moral courage to face the truth of the situation rather than to oppose any attempt at honestly showing what is going on in our homeland.

Mark Sidloi
Cote St. Luc, Que.

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Western, Mideast values are different

Contrary to what those readers whose letters were published in *The CJN* April 29 believe, the Israelis and the Palestinians do not share common values and cultures. It is a problem that many in the Western world, and many Jews, impose their own values upon others in the Mideast. That is why they cannot understand the situation there clearly and are blind to the key issues.

Palestinians do not mourn in the same way that Israelis do. The Kfar Saba suicide bomber's mother said she was "pleased" with her son's actions, and believes that all Palestinian youth must follow in his path. The Mufti of Jerusalem, Sheik Ikrima Sabir, emphasizes the importance of martyrdom. Some Palestinian mothers say their martyred sons have brought great honour to their families. Some even go so far as to say that they bear their sons precisely for this purpose!

Cindy Yacowar-Sweeney
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Perspectives

Playoffs at Passover hold special memories

Prayers answered in exciting Leafs victory

I remember this confrontation as if it were yesterday. In fact, it took place 23 years ago. The Paikin family needed to have a serious summit which, at the time, seemed every bit as momentous as anything Richard Nixon and Leonid Brezhnev could have pulled together.

Steve Paikin

The issue wasn't nuclear deterrence. It was more important than that. Would two teenagers from Hamilton be allowed to attend a National Hockey League Stanley Cup playoff game between the heavily favoured New York Islanders and the Toronto Maple Leafs?

The teenagers had done their research and they knew going to the game would be a tough sell. Tickets would be expensive and hard to get. It was a "school night," and by the time the game and the return trip to Hamilton were over, it would likely be past midnight.

And there was another problem. It was Passover. We had to have our seder. We always did. Of course, there had never been a conflict like this to worry about in past years. The Leafs were always terrible. Playoffs? During our formative years as Leaf fans, the team never made the playoffs, so it wasn't something we ever had to worry about.

But 1978 was different. The team was led by its dynamic captain, Darryl Sittler. Lanny McDonald and his big bushy moustache were regularly popping in goals from the right wing. Borje Salming, who blazed a trail from Sweden to the NHL, and Ian Turnbull, anchored the defence. Tiger Williams gave the team grit. And Mike Palmateer was a goaltender of unprecedented flamboyance between the pipes.

My brother Jeff and I loved the Leafs. Absolutely loved them. Which made attending this summit fraught with potential pitfalls. Still, we hoped for the best.

"You don't think they're going to forbid us from going to the game?" my brother asked me.

"Nah," I told him confidently. "I mean, of course, we'll just have to hold the seder early, then hit the road by 6:30 p.m. so we can get to the game on time."

What about the prohibition on seeking other forms of entertainment after the seder?

"Oh, for goodness sakes," I told him, "The Leafs are in the playoffs! They'll understand."

Jeff and I attended the summit, cautiously optimistic that a reasonable solution could be found. But we made a classic negotiating mistake. We underestimated our opponents' unwillingness to compromise.

"I know you guys very much want to go to the game," our mother Marnie, the summit chair, argued. "But we're not just Leaf fans in this family. We're also Jews, who need to remember that, if not for the miracles of thousands of years ago, we'd all still be slaves."

"I agree," I said, trying to stay calm. "But the beauty of this situation is that we can do both. Do the seder, then go to the game."

"It's not going to happen," she said. "As much as we all want to go to the game, it's just not appropriate on the night of a seder."

My brother and I started to go ballistic. (Maybe we needed some of those Nixon-Brezhnev negotiators alongside after all). "What's not appropriate is to abandon our team when they need us most," I said, feeling ever more desperate and prepared to try any line, no matter how far-fetched it sounded.

"Sorry, guys," my mother said firmly and finally. "It's just not going to happen." Talking to Marnie was obviously futile. Then we noticed our father Larry hadn't said anything to this point. Maybe the united parental front wasn't so united after all? We tried to exploit this possibility.

Unfortunately, we discovered his silence didn't mean that he agreed with us. It meant he was trying to avoid being the target of our profanity. Some things are better left to the mother, right?

We never did get to the game that seder night. The only compromise our parents made was to allow us to watch some of it on television after the seder was over. Shortly thereafter, my brother and I came to understand that our parents made the only decision they could have made.

The series turned out magnificently for the Leafs. They staged one of the great upsets in playoff history. Our family watched it on TV and literally jumped for joy when Lanny McDonald potted the winner in overtime of Game 7.

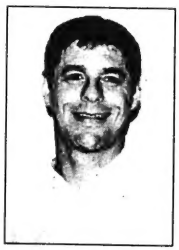
It was something for which the Paikin boys prayed very hard. Could it be those prayers went answered because of our devoted observance in holding that seder?

There's no doubt about it.

Steve Paikin is co-host of TV Ontario's Studio 2 *and host of TVO's* Diplomatic Immunity.

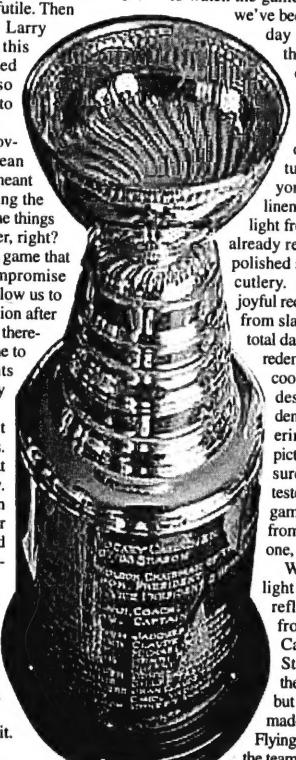
Greatest Habs 'Cup' win a real miracle

As a lifelong Canadiens fan, I've often been asked, "What was the best Canadiens' playoff series ever?" As a Jewish Canadiens fan, I usually discuss it with my family at the Passover seder table, around playoff time, when we discuss some other important questions as well. Sometimes we mix the questions together. And as so often happens, we answer a question with another one.



Andrew Fainer

For example, for me to say which is the best Canadiens' playoff, I have to start with a more basic question: Why did we Montreal Jews, with 3,000 years of beginning the Passover seder with just four questions, add this fifth one from the 1950s onward: "On this night, which is different from all other nights, are we going to watch the game – which is something we've been doing every Wednesday and Saturday night for the last six months but is different now because it's the playoffs and really important?"



Consider that Mom's dining room was a sanctuary, entered only on yontif. The starched white linen tablecloth reflected the light from the glass chandelier already reflecting off the highly polished silver candlesticks and cutlery. So, why, after Dad's joyful recitation of how we went from slavery to freedom, from total darkness to God's light of redemption and my mother's cooking, would we want to descend into a darkened den to watch a small, flickering black and white picture tube – even if it was sure to be a fiercely contested Stanley Cup playoff game? Who chooses to go from light to darkness? No one, which is my point.

We wanted to have the light from the Stanley Cup reflect off us. Given that from 1956 to 1979 the Canadiens won the Stanley Cup 15 times, there'd be light reflecting, but how so upon us? What made the Canadiens, "The Flying Frenchmen," our team, the team for Montreal Jews? To answer, let me offer a simple story.

In 1969, I was in Grade 7 and was asked to join two other kids on the CBC show *Tween Set* to interview Jean Béliveau, captain of the Canadiens since 1961, winners of four Cups in the last five years. I was too excited to think of what to ask – don't worry, my good Jewish family gave me questions. (Should helmets be mandatory? Was college hockey rather than junior hockey an option?)

After weeks of anticipation, the taping was over all too quickly. But as I was about to leave the studio, I saw the show's starry-eyed producer, also Jewish, chatting with my hero. I ignored the good manners taught to me about interrupting adults and sidled over to talk to him some more. The producer finally realized it was more appropriate to let the kid be the fan and I had him all to myself. I can still feel the cramp in my neck from looking straight up at someone so tall, so close up, for so long. If it wasn't for a blushing mom, who had stayed at a distance until a half hour had passed, saying, "I'm sure Mr. Béliveau has other things he has to do now," he'd have talked to me until training camp.

"What did you ask him? What did you talk about?" Mom asked.

"I didn't ask him anything. He just kept asking me questions!"

Imagine such a true gentleman like him leading the Canadiens for over a decade – that's why they were our team too.

So the best playoff ever for our team? I asked the Montrealers around the seder table that question (almost a full week before the playoffs started). Amazingly, there was no argument. It was the time we went from the greatest darkness to the greatest light – the 1971 Cup, and coincidentally the last of Jean Béliveau's 20 seasons.

The previous year, we had not even made the playoffs. We ended the 1970-71 season 24 points behind the Big Bad Bruins of Orr, Esposito and Cheevers. Ken Dryden, who had played only six regular season games, stood them on their head as we defeated them in seven games. We won a tough series against Minnesota. Then, in the seventh game of the finals against Chicago, we came from behind in the second period to win, with goals from Henri Richard, who had been in the coach's doghouse earlier in the series. You see, when we asked at the start of the playoffs what would it take to win – we had all replied, "a miracle."

And is this not what seders are about? How could we ever beat those Egyptians? It took a miracle. Ten miracles, actually. Still, there are questions. If it took ten miracles in Egypt, how many at the Red Sea… and how many for the Canadiens to make the playoffs next year?

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Remembering Nordhausen

A few weeks ago, I received in the mail a photocopy of an old German newspaper, probably from the 1850s. It was sent to me by a namesake in California, who was attracted by the headline which read, "Jacob and Moritz Plaut: Honorary Citizens of the City of Nordhausen."

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

I read the article with great interest because that city holds a special place in my memory. It was on April 12, 1945 when our U.S. army division arrived there.

That day I wrote to my wife, "This afternoon I saw a sight that I won't forget as long as I live. Nearby was a German concentration camp [Dora] – for Russians, Poles, Jews and political unreliables. When our first American troops came, there were about 4,000 dead lying around and 400 scarcely alive – if 'alive' they could be called. Death for the others had come mostly through starvation, a fearful sight indeed. Our troops were out in numbers staring at the incredible scene. There were many who for the first time in their lives were convinced – because they couldn't help seeing what they saw – that what they had heard about the Germans wasn't all propaganda."

I did not know then that Dora-Nordhausen was the first concentration camp to be liberated. In the scale of camps it was a "minor" installation – except for those who perished there. For me, it produced a shock of major proportions, because the reality was far more inhuman and ghastly than I had imagined. Nordhausen breached my protective shell as nothing else had done.

With our arrival at the camp, the entire sentiment of our division changed. It was one thing to see displaced persons crowding the road, but the sight of Nordhausen was something altogether different. There we were confronted by the true nature of Nazism – and that without even seeing the ovens of Auschwitz.

A day or so later, General Dwight D. Eisenhower arrived. He looked briefly at the sight, shook his head and said, "I would not have believed it." Apparently, Dora-Nordhausen was his first acquaintance with what the Nazis had done.

Now the above-noted newspaper copy informed me that 100 years before, two Plauts had donated huge amounts of money to the city and that they represented the continuation of 600 years of honourable presence in Nordhausen. But in 1945, all that was forgotten. The memory of the honorary citizens of Jewish birth was erased along with the lives of so many others of their co-religionists.

Nordhausen was my first physical contact with the Holocaust, and what I saw there shaped my mind and outlook forever after.

A festering sore

Last week, two of the police officers involved in the "October events" last year were promoted by Uzi Landau, minister of internal security. His action went unnoticed by most Israelis. Those who were aware of the move have found it difficult to make any comment while the headlines rage with news of violent confrontations with the Palestinians and terrorist attacks on innocent civilians.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

But perhaps this is all the more reason to take note of the Orr Commission and its deliberations, which are presently underway. First, some clarification: The "October events" refer to the killing of a dozen Israeli Arab citizens by Israeli police during violent demonstrations last fall. The Orr Commission is the national commission of inquiry set up by then-prime minister Ehud Barak to review the background of the events and their bloody conclusion.

Barak's initial inclination had been to appoint a simple committee of inquiry. Subsequent public pressure forced him to elevate its status to that of a national commission of inquiry. While not formally binding, the recommendations of such commissions have always been accepted by the government of the day. In fact, this was one of the reasons for Barak's reluctance to appoint the commission in the first place.

Even in their early stage, the Orr Commission's deliberations have already reflected the problematic, polarized nature of Jewish-Arab relations inside Israel. The Arab community has unrealistic, excessive expectations, and is unlikely to accept anything short of unequivocal condemnation of the conduct of the police involved. The police have already criticized the process because it raises questions about their policy and practice. And the violent outbursts by families of the victims during the meetings have further poisoned an already charged atmosphere.

To the surprise of the police, the Arab community was well organized and prepared for the hearings. Adala, the leading Arab human rights organization, collected victim and witness testimonies that have been used by the commission. A sophisticated communications strategy was used to brief the media. The result was favourable press commentary from the start.

The history of similar commissions is instructive. In 1993, the Agranat Commission inquiry into the intelligence failure preceding the Yom Kippur War was given a limited mandate to investigate only the professional military echelon. Subsequent public pressure forced the ultimate resignation of prime minister Golda Meir, demonstrating that the impact of a commission can go beyond its actual findings.

The Landau Commission inquiry into torture of security prisoners resulted in permission for limited physical pressure in cases where national security was at stake. This provision was later struck down by the Israeli Supreme Court in a ruling that rendered Landau's provision illegal, thereby effectively negating its impact.

The Kahan Commission inquiry into the Sabra and Shatila massacres in 1982 resulted in the resignation of then-minister of defence Ariel Sharon, but its broader impact on the public debate following the controversial Lebanon War had far-reaching implications.

The Orr Commission was conceived in pressure and confrontation, rather than as an attempt to reconcile the two sides to the conflict. For the most part, the Israeli Jewish public is less sensitive to the situation of Israel's Arab minority as a result of last October's violence.

Furthermore, recent public opinion polls show a hardening of attitudes towards Israeli Arabs throughout the latest Palestinian intifadah, demonstrating once again that Israelis make little distinction between Arabs on either side of the Green Line. There is little likelihood of significant public pressure to encourage the government to act as a result of any recommendations made by the commission.

It isn't always easy to draw the line between freedom of expression and public order. Israeli Arab violence last October required a tough response.

But the police apparently responded with a double standard that came naturally to them. By now, it seems clear that they were woefully unprepared for the nature of the demonstrations, and unskilled in the use of alternative measures to suppress the violent crowds. They used live bullets virtually indiscriminately, killing 12 demonstrators in the process. The Orr Commission may tell that like it was, but it will likely highlight – rather than resolve – the deep-seated tension between the two communities.

Jewish identities: hard to categorize

Jewish identity is a slippery concept. It's hard to define, and even harder to measure. This is certainly true for the current generation of young Jews, particularly those in the United States.

Morton Weinfeld in Montreal

Identity is not the same thing as behaviour. There are many behaviours that we associate with being Jewish, and that we assume are an expression of Jewish identity. The more of these any Jews carry out, the greater their Jewish identity. Studying these sorts of bahaviours means that any researcher does not have to delve deeply into the meaning and attitudes these Jews hold about being Jewish.

Observing Shabbat and Jewish holidays, keeping kosher, attending synagogue, belonging to Jewish organizations, having Jewish friends, dating and marrying Jews, attending Jewish schools or summer camps, sending one's children to Jewish schools or summer camps, visiting or worrying about Israel, contributing to Jewish charities, reading Jewish books or enjoying Jewish cultural creations – all these are "the usual suspects" used to measure degrees of Jewishness.

But are these measures still as valid as they once were? I confess I have what sociologists call a behaviourist bias – that is, I prefer to measure actions rather than attitudes as indicators of identity. But of late, I have become more open to alternate views.

Imagine people who declare themselves to be very athletic, but never exercise or play sports. At one level, we can and should dismiss their claim. But at another level, we might want to explore their claim more deeply, trying to understand what it means for them, and why they feel obliged to make it.

In other words, behaviours are not the only indicators of people's identities. Some people define behaviours differently. Moreover, we should not always expect behaviours to be consistent. And certainly, behaviours and attitudes can differ.

Recently, I have been exploring some of these issues with a small sample of American Jewish students in the northeast. Because of their age, their Jewish identities, like their general identities, are in flux. But some of the older assumptions are clearly challenged, even within this group, which is made up of people with a non-Orthodox background but with above average levels of Jewish exposure and affiliation.

Keeping kosher or observing Shabbat, for example, means many things for this group. Indeed, these students have their own personal recipe for Jewish life. This includes those who are in fact involved with conventional Jewish life, some seeking to build careers in Jewish communal service.

Many feel very Jewish but will date non-Jews. Most prefer to marry a Jew. Ironically, many in this group were reluctant to consider marrying a non-Jew who would convert to Judaism. At the same time, a handful said they would not rule out marrying a non-Jew, while maintaining a meaningful Jewish identity.

Some report a wavering in the degree of their support for, or personal bond with, Israel. Except for a few baalei tshuvah, most would not consider Jewish day schools for their children even as they insisted they would build a very Jewish home on other dimensions. For many, Judaism is a search and a journey, rather than a fixed destination. Some are spiritual seekers, for whom Judaism may have some but not all of the answers. A few were wrestling with basic questions about belief in God, or about Jewish spirituality. One student noted that she found not only Jewish services rewarding, but also gospel and Islamic services. Another reported the need to withdraw from intense Jewish involvement in order to develop other interests and aspects of his personality.

This group is not a representative sample. And readers will note that examples of inconsistency are not new in Judaic thought and Jewish folklore. But it seems that now, these non-linear forms of Jewishness are more the rule than the exception.

The Jews I studied all identify strongly and positively as Jews, and will do so in the future. But their type of Jewishness will be more difficult to categorize. Simple religious categories like Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, and even looser terms like traditional, conservadox, secular, will continue to lose their usefulness. Over time, others will emerge to take their place.

The Kirshner File

At 86, Saul Bellow still at the top of his form

Nobel Prize laureate Saul Bellow is clearly a formidable force in American literature, having written such masterful novels as *Herzog*, *The Adventures of Augie March*, *Mr. Sammler's Planet* and *Humboldt's Gift*.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Despite his fame, Bellow has proven to be an elusive figure insofar as his actual life is concerned. James Atlas, a New York writer, has come along to fill in the gaps with a monumental biography that leaves little room for further speculation.

Bellow (Random House), weighing in at a hefty 636 pages, takes the story from Bellow's birth in Montreal to the publication of his latest novel, *Ravelstein*, which Atlas describes as "a startling achievement, the most compelling book Bellow has written in years."

Bellow, it should be said right at the outset, does not fall under the category of hagiography. Although Atlas admires the man, he gives readers a balanced portrait.

We learn that Bellow was guided by the belief that he was destined to be a novelist; that his father, a merchant from Russia, was contemptuous of his son's literary ambition; that his manuscripts were regularly rejected by journals before he finally hit paydirt; that *Time* magazine, in its infinite wisdom, turned him down for a writing job; that he was still struggling to make ends meet in his mid-40s; that *Herzog* made him rich; and that he identifies with the fate of the Jews, even though he has always insisted he is not strictly a "Jewish" novelist.

Bellow's father, Abraham Belo of the Pale of Settlement, was an importer of Turkish figs and Egyptian onions and once a rabbinical student in Lithuania. In 1913, he brought his family to Canada, where his sister Rose and her husband had settled. Thanks to a Halifax customs official's haphazard transliteration of his surname, Belo became Bellow.

Two years after their arrival in the Montreal working-class suburb of Lachine, Abraham Bellow's wife, Lescha (Liza), gave birth to her fourth child, Solomon, first known as Shloime and later as Saul. In 1918, the Bellows moved to Saint Dominique Street, in the heart of Montreal's Jewish ghetto. But being unable to make a steady living, he joined his brother – a baker – in Chicago in 1924.

This is where Saul Bellow honed his talents and where he became a natural storyteller, pouring his imagination into stories, poems and essays. In his bones, Bellow felt he would be a writer. Abraham Bellow, now a coal merchant, was not impressed by his flights of fancy. "You write, and then you erase," he said derisively. "You call that a profession?"

Bellow, nevertheless, persisted. In 1938, after graduating from Northwestern University, he applied for an editorial job in the Hearst publishing empire. His interviewer summarily informed him he had no aptitude for writing. Thus dismissed, he landed a part-time post at a local teachers college teaching anthropology and English composition.

In the meantime, he submitted stories to national magazines that they rejected. But in 1941, *Partisan Review* published his first story, *Two Morning Monologues*, which Atlas claims were "competent if undistinguished."

At the height of World War II, Bellow applied for a staff writing job at *Time*. The editor in charge of personnel wanted to hire him, but Whittaker Chambers, who edited the arts pages, did not take a yen to him.

While he was waiting to be called up for military service, Bellow wrote his first published novel, *Dangling Man*, which appeared in 1944. Edmund Wilson, the critic, praised it as "well written and never dull." The novel did not improve his hand-to-mouth financial situation, however. What sustained him, he wrote years later, was "my painful freedom to think and feel."

Bellow, who has had five wives, was immensely attractive to women. Indeed, he was a philanderer whose infidelities were renowned. But since he had "a detestation for solitude," Bellow could not resist marriage. His fifth wife, Janis Friedman of Toronto, is 44 years his junior.

The Victim, his second published novel, was a mild critical success but a commercial flop, having sold 2,257 copies, only about 700 more than *Dangling Man*. As he approached 40, Bellow, with a wife and a child to support, depended on freelance writing assignments, teaching jobs at universities and handouts from his two brothers in the real estate business.

Having measured himself against modern giants like Sherwood Anderson and D.H. Lawrence, he finally found his form in 1953 with *The Adventures of Augie March*, which made him famous. Observes Atlas: "The struggle to achieve a more natural idiom required innumerable false starts and discarded manuscripts."

But even as *Augie* catapulted him to stardom, Bellow wallowed in insolvency. "He's not getting rich on writing, that's evident," noted a Ford Foundation official who examined his grant application. Bellow's inability to achieve fiscal stability, though painful, did not dampen his exuberance for the craft, says Atlas.

In 1962, Bellow was offered a five-year contract to teach at the University of Chicago, and he accepted with alacrity. It was to be his "intellectual shelter" for almost three decades.

Herzog, published in 1964 to rave reviews, spent 42 weeks on the bestseller list and sold 142,000 copies in hardcover. The paperback rights were bought for the then astonishing sum of $371,000, making Bellow relatively wealthy.

Mr. Sammler's Planet (1970) garnered a mixed reception, but it elevated Bellow's reputation beyond the realm of literature. One critic gushed that he was "a cultural frame of reference," and *Esquire* included him in its feature, *The 100 Most Important People in the World Today*.

By this juncture, Bellow was widely considered a pivotal figure on the Jewish American scene. Yet the appellation did not appeal to him. Bellow, striving for universality, did not want to be identified solely as a Jewish writer. "We had no sooner arrived and begun publishing books – first [Bernard] Malamud and I, later on [Philip] Roth – than we were tagged as Jewish writers," Bellow mused. "We thought of ourselves as belonging to the mainstream. We were Americans of Jewish origin."

Saul Bellow in 1963.

In Atlas' view, there was "an element of snobbery" in his reluctance to affiliate himself with Jewish writers. And yet, as he quickly adds, Bellow's work is profoundly rooted in his identity as a Jew. As he puts it: "His characters... were unmistakably Jewish in their sensibilities and the intonations of their speech. The moral complexity of his style, its introspective heroes, and its vernacular language belong to the storytelling tradition that goes back to the Haggadah."

Bellow's identification with Jews was such that on the eve of the 1967 Six Day War, when Israel seemed besieged by the Arab world, he offered his services as a correspondent to a number of magazines. *Newsday* accepted, and off he went to Israel.

In closing, Atlas recounts a conversation with Bellow he had as he was finishing this biography. "When I remarked... what an interesting life he'd had, he responded dryly, 'I'm glad I haven't lived in vain.'"

Indeed. Bellow is still at the top of his form: *Ravelstein*, his latest novel, has been successful, and his wife, in 1999, gave birth to his first daughter, Naomi Rose. Not bad for a man of 86.

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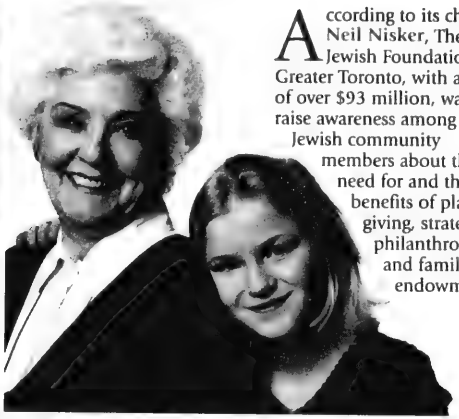

According to its chair, Neil Nisker, The Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, with assets of over $93 million, wants to raise awareness among Jewish community members about the need for and the benefits of planned giving, strategic philanthropy and family endowments.

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Nisker sees the Jewish Foundation as "the gate-keeper of our community's financial future," with a mandate to think creatively about "how to address the challenges imposed by an increasingly complex global economy and shrinking government support. "

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Taking experience to new heights

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"My career wasn't just fundraising," Helfenbaum explains. "Working with Bequest and Endowment contributors makes us enablers. We facilitate dreams and act as agents to make a difference and sustain our future, helping donors recognize they are divinely assigned stewards of assets provided for sharing."

Have the results been rewarding? Absolutely. "If I could pass along an observation from what I have seen and learned, it would be a reminder that no one has ever become impoverished by sharing. The dividends are immeasurable, all appetites are satisfied and the long-term yields bring us that much closer to fulfilling tikkun olam (healing the world)."

ALL IN THE FAMILY

The Family Philanthropy Forum is yet another expression of how UJA FEDERATION is working to make tzedakah an inclusive, family affair. Chaired by Michael Shulman and operating under the auspices of The Jewish Foundation, The Forum is an educational resource, dedicated to providing Toronto's leading charitable families with information on today's most effective and forward thinking philanthropic practices.

On May 22nd 2001, The Forum will hold its second program, featuring guest lecturer Lee Meyerhoff Hendler who will be dealing with issues of wealth transfer. The topic: An *Intergenerational Conversation on Family Philanthropy*, followed by discussion and working groups on the *Do's and Don'ts of Intergenerational Philanthropy*. For more information, contact Maxine Bessin at 416-631-5827.

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"A Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) is a powerful statement of commitment with enormous impact on our community", says LOJE Chair Debbie Kimel. For more information about LOJE, contact Maxine Bessin at 416-631-5827.

Debbie Kimel left and Lesley Binstock Offman

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Neil Nisker

The Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto is being guided by some of the best and brightest among Toronto's communal, business and financial leaders. Chair Neil Nisker calls the professional credentials of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and Investment Committee "mind-boggling." He adds, "what further distinguishes them is their unified devotion to protecting and preserving the Jewish community's future wellbeing."

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Israel's fallen soldiers remembered at ceremony

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Among the records kept by Israel, perhaps the most significant statistic is the number of young men and women who have died defending their tiny country, said Rabbi Howard Morrison at last week's Yom Hazikaron service at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

About 19,000 Israeli soldiers have fought and died for Israel in the 53 years following the nation's establishment in 1948.

"We have fulfilled our dream of being a free people in our own land," he said. "Now we must push forward with new dreams."

"We hope there will be peace from beyond the borders, and peace from within the borders. We hope that all Israel embraces one another in a spirit of co-operation. We hope that Israel will be a light for the nations of the world and for each of us," he said.

On Sunday, Rabbi Morrison announced he and 15 colleagues from the Toronto Board of Rabbis would be flying to Israel for five days "with the hope of enhancing the bridge that connects and unites Jews in Israel with Jews in the Diaspora."

The service was run jointly by Israel's consulate and the Jewish Agency, represented respectively by Vice-Consul Zehavit Ben Hillel and Offer Isseroff, regional director of Toronto's Israel Aliyah Centre.

Meir Romem, consul general of Israel, noted that it was "the most difficult day, the saddest day of the year.

"Tonight we remember with sorrow and pride our sons and daughters who gave their lives for our independence and the survival and security of the State of Israel," he said.

The past year has been difficult, noted Romem. "The Palestinian Authority began to perform acts of terror and violence. Precious human lives were lost. We have lost our trust in the Palestinians and we doubt whether they are sincerely ready to make peace with us," he said.

Israel is a strong, democratic and peace-loving state, Romem asserted. "Israel will do its best to achieve peace."

The service also included a number of poignant songs and readings. A memorial candle was lit by Tsipi Erez, who lost a father, an uncle and her husband. Dozens more were lit on a table set up outside the sanctuary before the service.

Kaddish was chanted by Holocaust survivor David Arzem, who lost his brother, the only other surviving member of his family, in Israel's War of Independence. Other participants included Beth Emeth's Cantor Aaron Bensoussan, who sang K'El Maleh Rachamim.

Toronto teenager Dror David, right, helps out behind a table of memorial candles before last week's Yom Hazikaron service at Beth Emeth. [Frances Kraft photo]

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Program moves from Israel's saddest to most joyous

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel has not fought six wars since its establishment as a state in 1948; it has fought one war, in which the sole objective of its enemies has been to drive Israel and its population into the sea, says Rabbi Moshe Shulman.

Rabbi Shulman, spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim congregation, was speaking at the annual Yom Hazikaron/ Yom Ha'Atzmaut program at the synagogue. The event was sponsored by Mizrachi Organization of Canada, Emunah Women, Bnei Akiva and Yavneh Olami.

While dealing with a situation that saw 90,000 Israel soldiers killed in battle, Rabbi Shulman said, Israel has managed to grow from a population of 600,000 to six million, while absorbing three million immigrants.

"It has managed to do what no other free nation has done – bring blacks from Africa to be freed, not to be enslaved."

He listed the paradoxes of the Jewish state – the phenomenal economic growth, while dealing at the same time with terrorism and war; the ingathering of the exiles and the difficulties in absorbing them; the glory of having a state; plus "the internal strife that shames us."

"We believe in the justice of our cause. We stand behind Israel. We affirm that support tonight," he said.

Meir Romem, consul general of Israel, said it is difficult to move from Yom Hazikaron, "the saddest day of the year," to Yom Ha'atzmaut, "the most joyous."

This has been a difficult year, he acknowledged, but Israel stands "firm, strong, and proud of its achievements."

Romem said that visiting Israel is a sign of brotherhood and solidarity with the state. "If you don't go, it means that our enemies have been successful."

The screech of an air raid siren hauntingly accompanied the moment of silence, the darkened sanctuary only adding to the emotional effect of the lone memorial candle on the bimah.

K'El Maaleh Rachamim was sung by Shaarei Shomayim assistant chazzan Shlomo Sufrin. Mordechai Mashlai, Jewish Agency shaliach to the Board of Jewish Education, read a prayer for the Israeli soldiers missing in action.

A video shown at different parts of the Yom Hazikaron service alternated pictures of war and military activities, daily life and reminiscences by former soldiers of the IDF who now live in Toronto.

The Yom Ha'atzmaut part of the evening began with a flag ceremony, called Degel, performed by girls of Bnei Akiva. Degel used to be a fixture of the event, but has not been performed for several years.

Boys and girls of Bnei Akiva presented a humorous skit portraying different Israelis all claiming to be "the typical Israeli," ranging from haredi to secular, from a kibbutznik to a city girl, from a herbalist to a hesder yeshiva boy, and from the owner of a flower shop to a Russian immigrant.

A highlight of the evening was a performance by the Netivot Hatorah Day School Choir, led by Ruth Zimberg. Marsha Kaputstin, a member of the steering committee, said that Zimberg, who has been a fixture in Jewish music education for some time, is making aliyah shortly.

The evening concluded with a special service for Yom Ha'atzmaut, the blowing of the shofar, and *Hatikvah*.

An innovation at this year's program was the Aura Men's Acappella Choir, comprised of Ezra Feintuch, Zevi Rosenzweig, Ilan Scolnick, Yonatan Shlagbaum and Zev Steinfeld.

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Jewish Life

A celebration of life

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

In this week's Torah portion, we read a small phrase that becomes central to the Jewish consciousness. In talking of a person's observance of the commandments, the Torah says, "and you should live by them." At first glance, it appears that the phrase only refers to daily practices, that is, governing life by the commandments. However, the Talmud defines this phrase as meaning the extraordinary moments in life rather than just the routine.

According to the Talmud, "you should live by them and not die by them."

In other words, the Torah is instructing us to use the commandments to frame our lives but to recognize the limitations of those commandments.

One should suspend fulfilling a commandment when the question of preserving a life is at issue. For example, one should not hold the laws of observing the Sabbath above the necessity to save a human life.

There are three exceptions to this rule. The first is the unjustified taking of a life, the second involves any sexual crime and the third is idolatry. Although it appears that these three circumstances stand outside the recognition of the importance of life, they are in fact the exceptions that prove the rule. Clearly, to unjustifiably take a life is to treat life casually and undervalue it. To engage in a sexual crime is to distort the act through which we create life, and to worship an idol is to deny God as the source of life. In other words, laying down your own life to preserve these three rules means you are sacrificing your physical existence in order to insure that the concept of life is not in jeopardy.

The beauty of this concept becomes clear when we realize that the Torah has just defined the purpose of the commandments. The rules and regulations set out in covenant are not only the Jewish frame by which we must live but they are also the skills necessary to fill that frame. The commandments must always be life affirming; they are the means through which we enrich our routines.

The goal is a positive life and we must never lose sight of that goal and become sidetracked by the means. The commandments must never be weapons that we use to attack one another and they must never gain focus as the end in themselves. All too often we meet people who are meticulous in their observance of the commandments but remain shortsighted. They do not see past the ritual frame, and are blind to the inherent value present in the people they encounter. To such a person the commandment has become opaque and is no longer a tool but an end unto itself.

As Shavuot approaches and we celebrate receiving the Torah, our text that teaches us life skills, we should pause for a moment and think of the commandments contained within the document. They are the tools that serve us we must never serve them. We must live by them and learn to use them as the mechanisms of opening windows to deeper meanings, deeper understandings.

The commandments help us celebrate life and should never become the blindfold that limits our view. The Midrash in Kohelet reminds us: "There are hypocrites of learning. It is supposed by people that they are Biblical and Talmudic scholars, but they are not. They wrap their Tallit about them and have their Tefillin on their head, but they behold the tears of the victims and they give no comfort."

Guest Voice

Tzrifin 2001: Faces of Love

By DONIA B. CLENMAN

It has been 10 years since our initiation into Sar-El. In February 1991, while Iraqi scuds were falling on Israel and Purim was approaching, my husband, Martin, and I volunteered our services with the army and were taken to Camp Naftali, near Tiberias, where in its Spartan surroundings, we learned about the paradox of "normalcy" of Israel, and the wages of love.

In the sad déjà vu of our history, only Haman's name changes, Saddam becoming Arafat, spurring us once again to volunteer. This time, we worked at Tzrifin, in the Tel Aviv area, a large military camp with an old and distinguished history, where parts of machinery, from tanks to air conditioners, are restored, packaged and repaired.

Discounting our history, what shall I say about the sweet normalcy of Tzrifin? That again we proudly wore army uniforms. That we took our day's duties from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seriously. That we were treated with care and respect, that once the work was adapted to our abilities, it was still valued. That we fostered deep relationships and telescoped time in the close quarters of shared dormitories and communal living. That every day at 7:30 p.m. we learned about the many faces of Israel when two 19-year-old madrichot planned further talks and trips. That on weekends we were taken on trips to see the riches of this special little country. That we learned from each other, Israelis from volunteers – soldiers from civilians and vice versa – about different and shared values, expectations, Judaism, Israel, respect, friendship.

Donia and Martin Clenman

What shall I say about my 79-year-old husband who reflected pleasantly on his busy day and rejoiced in his fatigue at 4 p.m., proof of his service devotion? And what shall I say about my "boss," rejoicing in my Hebrew when, sorting through papers, I discovered a subtle error? And where can I, in so short a time, meet, speak, discuss, debate and carry back lasting memories of a universe?

The universe includes, among others: A Bulgarian truck driver talking about literature while waiting for shipment; a Frenchman from the south of France; a religious Jew, toiling, all tact and kindness, responding with affection for all his people; a not-so-young man from Wyoming, who has been here only 79 times and is affectionately referred by the locals as "General"; a Christian policeman from Saskatoon; a divinity teacher and choral director from Winnipeg; an unusual woman and a man devoted to Sar-El from Montreal; an Israeli colonel extolling our contributions, both emotional and economic; an artist who cannot do the assigned work because of a broken finger on his right hand, gladly painting a mural using only his left hand; a Protestant woman from South Africa, paying her own fare to serve at Sar-El, hungering for knowledge about the people who gave the world eternal dreams and visions.

And last but not least, the universe includes my 19-year-old madrichot in whose young faces I see my children yet, on parting, I tell them, "Here you were also our mothers," and we both have tears in our eyes as they ask me to "Please, come again."

Only in this setting can you meet so diverse a world and part in peace – no, friendship – as we did.

Donia Clenman is a writer living in Toronto.

Jewish Life

Fonts and your browser

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Today I conclude my series on Hebrew and the Internet with a look at how to write and read in Hebrew on your computer. Visit these sites to download fonts so that you can create a sign in Hebrew or even learn how you can surf the best that the Hebrew Net has to offer.

Please note that there are different kinds of Hebrew fonts and things can get a bit complicated. Some are true word processing fonts that work with a Hebrew keyboard and operating system such as the ones used in Israel. Other fonts mimic the English keyboard so that if you press the D, you'll get a *dalet*. And there are fonts that enable you to read Hebrew on your Web browser. In this article, I am concentrating on fonts and programs that are free or are shareware. Of course, there are many fine commercial products that you can purchase if you intend to do extensive work in Hebrew.

Surfing the Net in Hebrew requires a bit of preparation but it is well worth the effort. You will need to do three things: download a special Hebrew/ English font, install it onto your computer and then tell your browser to use that font. Here are three sites that detail the procedure for downloading and installing Hebrew fonts: Tapuz **[www. tapuz.co.il/hebrew.htm]**, Stanford **[www.stanford.edu/~nadav/hebrew. html]** and Brijnet **[www.brijnet.org/ivrit/webheb.htm]**.

Once your browser speaks Hebrew, where should you go? You can find links to most major Hebrew search engines at the Internet Hebrew Guide **[www.internet-guide.co.il/engines.html]**.

If you are looking for Hebrew fonts, then take a look at Hebrew Font Source **[www.webjunkie.co.il/hfs/]** and Kesher **[keshernet.com/download.htm]**. There are many fonts you can download and use in a word processor. Also check out the comprehensive links to other free and commercial Hebrew fonts available on the Web **[www.webjunkie.co.il/hfs/otherfonts2.htm]** and Hebrew Font Links **[jeff.cs.mcgill.ca/~luc/hebrew.html]**.

The Hebrew Font Source provides fonts for Windows only. If you have a Macintosh, then you'll find a selection at the University of Oregon's Yamada Language Center **[babel.uoregon.edu/yamada/fonts/hebrew.html]**. Mac users will also love the shareware program Hebrew Pad **[ftp://ftp.nilenet.com/pub/users/gweisz/macheb.sea.hqx]**. Hebrew Pad allows you to type from right to left and even insert the nekudot (vocalization). When done, just paste your work into a standard word processor. If you know of a comparable freeware or shareware program for Windows, please e-mail me.

For anyone who has grown up used to the English language QWERTY keyboard and wants to learn to type in Hebrew, I highly recommend ZigZag's Hebrew Keyboard Tutor **[www.zigzagworld.com/HKTutor/]**. This free, on-line "applet" takes quite a long time to load but it's worth the wait. On your screen, you'll see a miniature Hebrew keyboard – A, S, D, F become *shin, dalet, gimel, kaf*. As the giraffe hangs Hebrew letters on a clothesline, you are prompted to tap the corresponding key. There are five levels and the program keeps track of your accuracy and speed.

I have found two free Hebrew-English dictionaries that you can download and run on Windows computers. With Davar, you type the first few letters of a word and the corresponding word in the other language appears on your screen **[members.nbci.com/freedavar/]**. Davar is created by what seem to be very dedicated scholars in Czechoslovakia.

Babylon is an interactive program that provides you with instant translation in several languages including English into Hebrew and Yiddish **[www.babylon.com]**. This Israeli-based program has a free version (with an advertising window). Once it is loaded, you can click on an English word in any program and a window will open with the Hebrew translation. If you want to look up a word, open the Babylon window by clicking on a blank part of your screen, type in your word and the translation will follow. Unfortunately this ingenious program does not translate words *from* Hebrew.

Last week, I looked at some sites that will help you learn Hebrew online. A special thanks to Mosh Pearl haLevi who has alerted me to the Foundation Stone interactive Hebrew learning program **[foundationstone.com.au/]**. "I been using it for over a month, learning grammar and doing Torah vocabulary word drills using its biblical Hebrew filter and I'm seeing great progress."

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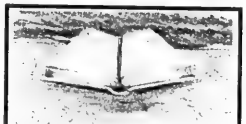
Lions and Leviticus

By RABBI JOHN MOSCOWITZ



I normally watch little television. Yet, when the Discovery Channel yields a look into the marvellous and exotic animal world so foreign to our own, then, somehow, the small screen grows large as life. And I watch.

I'm keen to watch animals hunting other animals. Likewise, an animal mother giving birth to her children literally fascinates me, as do all animals acting as they're supposed to in their own habitat. Actually, I stare at it all – unable to take my eyes off the mélange of lions and tigers, elephants, gorillas, crocodiles and the rest. While most of television is banal and corrupting, the Discovery Channel and National Geographic Explorer are exhilarating and expand our knowledge of the world. I liken this experience to that of the absorbing experience of Jewish text learning and ideas: gravitating toward this animal kingdom, we lose a sense of time as well as the narrowness of our own particular world. We gain a greater understanding of larger matters.

I suspect that I have a fair bit of company among fellow humans. We who live so far from the animal world of which we were once an intimate part are fascinated and often horrified by the stark reality revealed on the Discovery Channel. Our contemporary experience yields little knowledge about this animal reality. Perhaps, though, by virtue of our ancient collective memory residing in us still, we know more than we think.

I think this is why, for me anyway, when say, I watch a lion charge and tackle and then strangle and slowly consume a zebra, I'm both repulsed and fascinated. I cannot take my eyes off the television screen. What I'm staring at is so foreign and yet so entirely familiar.

I don't think it is a stretch to suggest that much of the book of Leviticus – our current synagogue reading – is the Jewish version of this exotic and primitive animal world. The Bible, Leviticus in particular, affords a rather unadulterated look at a "foreign" reality of animal sacrifices, "defiled" people, mothers in childbirth and even an Israelite God every bit as vengeful and wrathful as He is kind and forgiving. Our initial response to Leviticus is akin to our natural response to the Discovery Channel: emotional distancing and even repulsion at times. Yet, if we allow our eyes to stay on the text and its commentaries, intellectual fascination and attachment are likely to follow. This is because the text makes sense of the context: life and death and how God wants us to act in regard to each.

Both the animal world exposed on the Discovery Channel and the world of sacrifices and blood and birth and defilement native to Leviticus graphically and unapologetically show how close life and death are to one another. We learn in both instances that, without an understanding of the final necessity of death, there can be no appreciation and respect for the beauty and purposes of life.

Being confronted with the intimate relationship between life and death on television and in our texts is profoundly shocking and utterly compelling; shock at how easily we fool ourselves that we may escape the natural cycle of life, and the sense of being compelled at the realization of how fortunate we are to be included in it.

Rabbi Moscowitz, the spiritual leader of Holy Blossom Temple, is a member of the Toronto Board of Rabbis.

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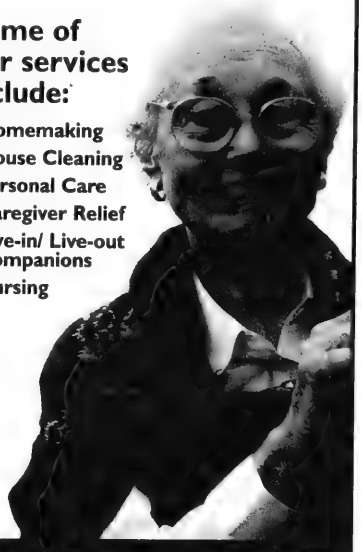

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ISRAEL'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

Members of more than 50 Jewish organizations and youth groups turned out last week to celebrate Israel's 53rd birthday. The celebration, sponsored by UJA FEDERATION, began at Earl Bales Park, where the more than 1,500 participants gathered for an Israel Solidarity March. The procession ended at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, where marchers gathered for readings, dancing and singing, as well as addresses by Israel's Consul General Meir Romem in Toronto, and Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon via video. [Carolyn Blackman photos]

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May 13 at 7:30pm	Internationally-acclaimed violinist **Shlomo Mintz** in concert with Maestro Fabio Mastrangelo and Virtuosi di Toronto at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts.
June 6	The Canadian Jewish Book Awards: Recognizing and celebrating excellence in Canadian writing with Jewish themes.
June 21 - August 19	**Babel:** Tom Bendtsen & Simone Jones, The Koffler Gallery. An exhibition of new sculptural installations and kinetic artworks. Opening June 21, 7-9pm; Artists talk 6pm.
July 26 at 8pm	Informal Jazz concert featuring, "The Fern Lindzon Jazz Quartet", Leah Posluns Theatre.
Sept. 6 - Oct. 28	Rafael Goldchain: **Familial Ground**, The Koffler Gallery. A multi-media exhibit that examines memory and the reconstructive process. Opening September 6, 7-9pm; Artist talk 6pm.
Sept. 30 - Oct. 28	**Assignment Rescue**: The Story of Varian Fry and the Emergency Rescue Committee of World War II. An exhibit coming directly from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., Koffler Loggia.
November 1-11	**The 25th Annual Jewish Book Fair:** Featuring books, authors, original plays, films and much more. Opening guest speaker: November 1st, 8pm: Edwin Black, author of "IBM and the Holocaust: The Strategic Alliance Between Nazi Germany and America's Most Powerful Corporation".

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Am Echad—
Shaping an agenda

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:00 a.m. Registration opens

9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
Session 1: **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- Appointments of Honorary President and Board of Governors' Chair

9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
Session 2: **SCHOOL FUNDING**
Moderator: Dr. Seymour Epstein, *Executive Vice-President, Toronto Board of Jewish Education*
Speaker: Dr. Bernard Shapiro, *Principal, McGill University*
Respondents: Michael Bryant, MPP; Tina Molinari, MPP; Ed Morgan, *incoming CJC Ontario Region Chair*

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Session 3: **JEWISH ADVOCACY IN CANADA**
Facilitator: Jim Carr, *journalist*
Speakers: Stanley Hartt, *former Chief of Staff, PMO*; Allan Kaufman, *former campaign manager for Minister of National Defence*; Michele Landsberg, *Toronto Star*
Respondent: Art Hagopian, *President, Canadian Ethnocultural Council*

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Box lunch
1) **HOLOCAUST RESTITUTION ISSUES**
Moderator: Rabbi Dr. Gunther Plaut, *C.C., Holy Blossom Temple*
Speakers: Neal Sher, *Chief of Staff, International Commission on Holocaust-Era Insurance Claims*; Elan Steinberg, *Executive Director, World Jewish Congress*

2) **CHILD POVERTY**
Moderator: Dr. Elaine Todres, *consultant, Elaine Todres and Associates*
Speakers: Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld, *Temple Emanu-El*; June Callwood, *C.C., noted author*; Teri Kay, *Director, Family and Community Service*; Claire Morris, *Deputy Minister, Human Resources Development Canada*

3) **ISSUES FACING JEWISH STUDENTS ON CAMPUS**
Facilitator: Zac Kaye, *Executive Director, Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto*
Panelists: Michael Jankelowitz, *Liaison to Foreign Press & Media, Jewish Agency for Israel*; university students

4) **REGIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITES OF ONTARIO**
Advisory Council Meeting

2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Session 4: **THE MIDDLE EAST/JERUSALEM**
Greetings: H.E. Haim Divon, *Israel's Ambassador to Canada*
Facilitator: Steve Paikin, *host, TVO*
Speakers: H.E. Rabbi Michael Melchior, *Deputy Foreign Minister, Israel*; Irwin Cotler, O.C., M.P.; Rabbi Israel Singer, *Secretary General, World Jewish Congress*

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Session 5: **MEDIA ISSUES**
Facilitator: Mordechai Ben-Dat, *Editor, Canadian Jewish News*
Speakers: Michel C. Auger, *Journal de Montréal*; Marcus Gee, *Globe and Mail*; Tom Rose, *Publisher, Jerusalem Post*; Isabel Vincent, *National Post*

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Session 6:
CELEBRATION OF JEWISH STUDENT LIFE
Birthright Israel, Tikun Olam, Campus involvement

7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. **GALA DINNER**
- Tribute to Al Waxman
  Host: Peter Mansbridge, *CBC anchor*
  Tributes: Richard Monette, *Artistic Director, Stratford Festival*; Fiona Reid, *actor*
  Response: Sara Waxman
- Canadian Jewish Congress video
- Outgoing president's address: Moshe Ronen
- Remarks: Hon. Art Eggleton, *P.C., M.P., Minister of National Defence*
- Presentation of Samuel Bronfman Medal to Prof. Irving Abella, C.M.

MONDAY, MAY 7

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Session 7: **RESOLUTIONS**

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Speaker: Stockwell Day
- Presentation of Brian A. Finestone Memorial Award to David Shapiro & Monroe Abbey Award to Stefani Balinsky

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Session 8:
CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM: ANALYZING THE PHENOMENON, COUNTERING THE THREAT
Moderator: Prof. Irving Abella, *C.M., York University*
Speakers: H.E. Rabbi Michael Melchior; Warren Kinsella, *noted author*; Dr. Daniel Pipes, *Director, Middle East Forum*; Elan Steinberg, *Executive Director, World Jewish Congress*

12:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
PREMIER'S LUNCHEON
- Premier's greetings: Ontario Premier Mike Harris
- Incoming president's address: Keith M. Landy
- Keynote address: Edgar M. Bronfman, *President, World Jewish Congress*
- Presentation of Saul Hayes Human Rights Award to Edgar M. Bronfman

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Outreach organization moves into new quarters

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Nishma, an educational outreach organization, has just moved into new quarters at 322 Wilson Ave., just west of Bathurst.

A chanukat habayit, or housewarming, which is to be held May 6, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., will include discussions, socializing, refreshments, divrei Torah and a video presentation for children.

In the evening, at 8 p.m., Nishma's founding director, Rabbi Benjamin Hecht, will give the inaugural lecture, The Ethic of Halachah.

The new spacious quarters, which are wheelchair accessible and include offices, a library and a large room for meetings and classes, will enable Nishma to expand its services not just locally, but nationally and internationally as well.

The organization has a presence outside Toronto, Rabbi Hecht said, noting rather ruefully that "in many ways, we are more recognized internationally [as opposed to locally] in terms of Torah study."

Subscribers to their website and their publications are found all over Canada, and the United States, Israel, France, Germany, Argentina, Australia and even South Korea.

Not only do these subscribers cover the whole spectrum of Jewish observance and knowledge, but some of them aren't even Jewish, Rabbi Hecht said.

When he and his wife, Naomi, founded Nishma in the early 1980s, they thought that they would mainly be giving classes. It was only later that they realized "the challenge of using various print media could increase the audience potential."

Robert Robinson, who is the president of Nishma and a member of Adath Israel, a Conservative congregation, became involved with Nishma after attending a class taught by Rabbi Hecht.

"I found his teaching style and methodology appealing," Robinson said. "He was not dogmatic."

"I give the whole spectrum of opinion on issues," Rabbi Hecht said. "I prod people to think, analyse and investigate. I tell them what different sources say, for instance about abortion, and get them to question."

Dogmatism has always bothered him, the rabbi said. Jews should accept the fact, he said, that people, even rabbis, disagree. The point is for disagreement to be respectful, he said, as were the arguments between the talmudic schools of Hillel and Shammai, which were both accepted as being "the words of the living God."

Robinson appreciates the rabbi's open approach to learning. "Conflicts of ideas erupt all the time," he said. Nevertheless, Robinson recognizes that "although we think of him as a liberal thinker, we know that he is strict about halachah."

The object of the Torah, the rabbi said, is not to divide, but to bring Jews closer together.

"The Torah isn't black and white. If you think like that, you are limiting the beauty of Torah."

Rabbi Hecht is careful to include in his teachings beliefs from non-Orthodox streams of Judaism. "The more people know the philosophical and theological differences that there are, the better it will be for Jewish unity."

Nishma classes and publications deal with very real issues in today's world, such as business and medical ethics, homosexuality, women's place in Judaism, charity, conflict in the Jewish world and spirituality.

Besides classes and courses, Nishma produces a weekly bulletin, called *Insight*, which deals with philosophical issues arising from current events or the weekly Torah reading, as well as *Nishma Junior*, a publication for youngsters that includes quizes, book reviews, biographies of Torah personalities and cartoons, and a monthly publication called *Introspection*, which offers short articles on issues in the community.

"One article talked about how extra stringencies in kashrut observance leads to a breakdown of Jewish community feeling," Rabbi Hecht said.

There are also plans to start a scholarly journal in the next few months, which will come out once or twice a year.

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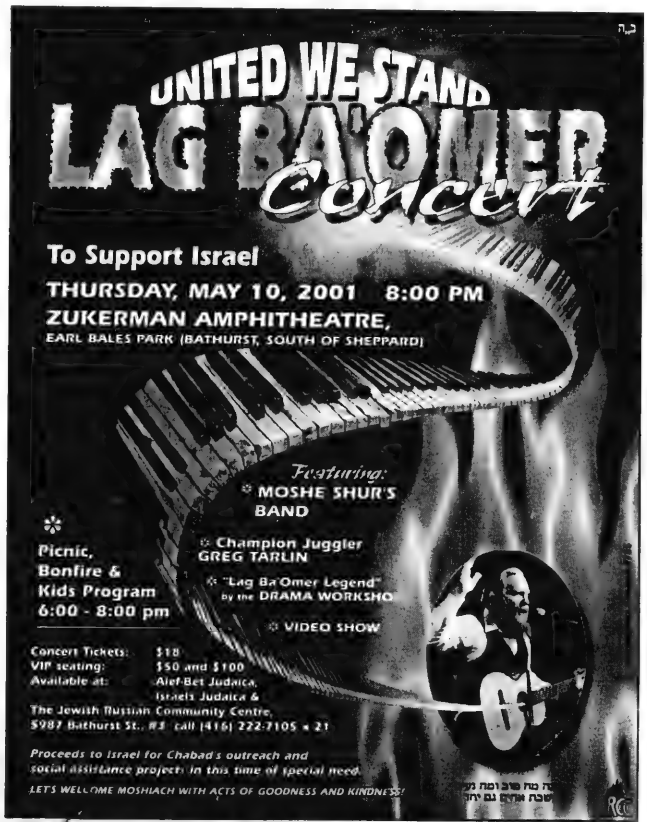
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Law professor pursues community advocacy path

Hopes for increased choices in education system

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — To Ed Morgan, outgoing honorary legal counsel for Canadian Jewish Congress, community legal advocacy work is a fulfilling part of his professional experience.

Morgan, 46, a University of Toronto law professor, has been acclaimed chair of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region. He will now be part of the new national officers committee, which will be constituted after CJC's 26th Plenary Assembly to be held here on May 6 and 7.

He has held an official position with CJC for seven years, serving 1½ terms as Ontario legal counsel – he took over John Laskin's term when Laskin was appointed a judge – and his current term as honorary legal counsel.

Morgan, a native of Philadelphia, Pa. and his wife Anna, a reporter at *The CJN*, have three children.

At U of T, he is the director of the test case litigation program which teaches students how to do constitutional litigation and public interest advocacy.

"I got into Jewish community legal advocacy because it so nicely coincides with the interests I already had; the two go hand in hand.

"My work with CJC fulfills my two ambitions – giving back to the community and pursuing my general academic and policy interests," he says.

Much of the work in his past term, in which he dealt with federal legal matters, was concentrated on legal battles in Canadian courts regarding the prosecution and deportation of Nazi war criminals, and Israel oriented advocacy.

"That advocacy has become so prominent for CJC on a national level that it has filled a huge role in the life of all the national officers in the past few years," he says.

Morgan was also involved in an ongoing case against the Canadian Armed Forces, regarding Jews being excluded from important positions during the Persian Gulf campaign.

Currently, Morgan, who was legal counsel for parents who went to the Supreme Court regarding the denominational school funding case, sees regional issues and those that engage the provincial government, as being the most prominent issues. "These include social policy, eldercare and school funding, which remains the most prominent issue in Ontario," he says.

He is not "naively optimistic" about obtaining school funding for private religious schools, "but at least the Harris government has embraced the idea of choice as a philosophical approach to education.

"I am hoping that with increased lobbying and with continuing pressure on the provincial government, choices will be expanded to include private religious school as well as the public system."

Those within CJC Ontario region have to work hard to make the government understand the needs and desires of the Canadian Jewish community, says Morgan. "These include not only Jewish day schools, but the education policy generally. We have a large sector of our community that is concerned about what is going on in public education."

It is also important, he says, to focus on outreach to other communities in Ontario. "Ontario is the most multicultural of the provinces; that is what makes life rich for us here," he says.

Morgan was recently involved in a year-long legal battle with the Ontario government regarding black community nursing homes. "The African Canadian community is very concerned about eldercare. These kind of alliances between the Jewish community and other communities in Ontario are very important.

"I am taking that attitude with me to Congress, that we work in alliance with other communities when we approach the government on social issues," he says.

Congress needs to study how small communities across the province can best be served, says Morgan. "We have to make sure that these communities do not feel cut off from the larger centres of Jewish life.

"It is particularly important to reach out to young people in smaller communities. Congress in Ontario has been doing that, but we have to figure out ways to continue that work and strengthen it. It is very easy for Jewish students on university campuses to lose their Jewish identity, and we have to be pro-active in making sure there are programs in place to make sure that will not happen," he says.

It is especially important in times like this, he says, "when pro-Israel groups are under pressure on campuses. Jewish students sometimes feel lost in this kind of environment and we have to make sure they have strong support and a good network to strengthen Jewish identity."

Morgan notes he has a lot of issues to tackle, but with this year away from teaching, "I will have a substantial amount of time to devote to them."

Ed Morgan

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Bukharan Jew traces roots back 250 years

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

One of many photos on Jeffrey Mammon's website.

TORONTO — For many Jews, the community is either Ashkenazi or Sephardi.

However, ask Jeffrey Mammon about his background and he will answer that he is Bukharan – not Ashkenazi and not Sephardi.

"Growing up in Toronto, it was always difficult to explain my heritage," Mammon said in an interview. "It became my goal to learn about and share the Bukharan Jewish experience with the rest of the community."

While attending the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, a Grade 9 project into his family lineage led Mammon to Bukhara, an area which includes Jews from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and other Central Asian republics.

Since then, with the help of his father Emmanuel and his uncle David, Jeffrey has managed to trace his genealogy back 250 years over 12 generations – back to Rabbi Yosef Maman, who travelled to Bukhara from Safed, Israel in 1742.

The Bukharan Jews believe that they were once a part of the Babylonian Jewish community that somehow settled in Central Asia, Mammon explained. Because they never travelled through Spain, they are not Sephardi.

Over the years, many Jews fled from Muslim oppression in Iran and settled in the area. Immigrants also arrived from Afghanistan and then, because Bukhara was on the Silk Road, from India.

Jewish ethnic groups came from all over, including recent immigrants from Russia and Poland, and they all blended into the Judeo-Persian milieu – becoming Bukharan Jews.

When Rabbi Maman al-Maghrebi, who was born in Tetuan, Morocco, arrived in Bukhara in the 18th century, the community had been politically separated from other Jewish cultural centres.

"Rabbi Maman found that many of the Jews were lacking in their observance of religious customs and Jewish law," Mammon said.

"He decided to stay and assist the community and became their Chief Rabbi. His teachings would later influence many Bukharan Jews to make aliyah to Israel.

"When they arrived in Israel at the turn of the century, the community established their own society and institutions.

"My own family travelled by foot in a caravan through Afghanistan, Iran, Syria and Lebanon to Israel. In 1896, they arrived in Jerusalem and settled in the Bukharan Quarter," Mammon said.

"Many more Bukharan Jews would later arrive in Jerusalem just before the onset of the Russian Communist invasion of Bukhara, Samarkand and Tashkent in the 1920s."

"My branch of the Mammons immigrated to Canada and the United States in the early 1960s. Over the years, the spelling of the name evolved."

Until 1991, very little was known about Bukharan Jews, Mammon pointed out. At that time, "the republic of Uzbekistan obtained its independence and the majority of Bukharan Jews left for Israel and New York under Operation Exodus."

During the last 10 years, about 150,000 Jews of Bukharan origin have departed from the newly formed republics of the former Soviet Union and moved to Israel or the United States, Mammon said.

As a result, a renaissance of Bukharan language and culture has emerged in parts of Israel and in Queens, New York, Mammon noted, where there are two or three Bukharan synagogues and several kosher Bukharan restaurants.

"In Toronto, there are about 150 families who meet at the Jewish Russian Community Centre," said Rabbi Yosef Zaltzman, spiritual leader of the centre.

"They are very organized, with a committee and a president."

Right now, Rabbi Zaltsman said, we are looking to bring a Bukharan rabbi to look after the community, someone who is familiar with the Judeo-Tajiki language and culture.

Bukharan traditions – the music, food, dancing, headdresses and robes – are all still an important part of our celebrations, Mammon said.

"It is important for our older relatives to see our traditions stay alive."

Greater Toronto Area

Jews and the census: our origins are important

By JACK JEDWAB
Special to The CJN

Once every five years, the Census takes a detailed look at the Canadian population, providing us with a wealth of demographic, social and economic information about the people in our country.

Census Day in Canada is May 15. During the first two weeks of May, more than 11.8 million households will receive census questionnaires. This year, there has been some controversy in the preparation of the Census regarding the question of ethnic origin and ancestry. At issue is the high number of persons who indicate that their ethnic origins and ancestry are Canadian. Some legitimately believe that this answer reflects a presence in the country over several generations. Yet others, who encourage all citizens to respond this way, wrongly believe that they are strengthening national identity. As a result of the confusion that was created around the ethnicity question, there was some talk of removing it altogether from the forthcoming Census. Fortunately for the Jewish community of Canada and for many other groups, this was not the case.

Over the course of the twentieth century, each Census reflected the profound changes to Canadian society, due in large part to immigration. During the last forty years, the Census has become an invaluable tool, particularly in determining the changing needs of Jewish communities. People can identify themselves as Jewish on either the basis of the question on ethnic origins or on religion (the latter question is asked only every ten years). In most parts of the country, however, the religion question does not capture all those who define themselves as Jewish. Both questions are therefore essential if we are to properly respond to the needs of those throughout the country who define themselves as Jewish on the basis of their ethnic origins and ancestry.

Questions about ancestry bring up the issue of the relationship between our ethnic origins and our citizenship. Some view these as synonymous, in that they are both presumably rooted in national identities. Others see them as contradictory and contend that declaring ethnic origins or ancestries detracts from Canadian citizenship and national identity. But surely one can possess a strong national identity and continue to have many different origins. An Angus Reid poll reported that some 95 percent of Canadians agreed that "you can be proud of being Canadian and be proud of your ancestry at the same time." Nor is there any contradiction between being Canadian and being Jewish.

By and large, members of the Jewish community understand the importance of their origins. They also value societies that support ethnic and religious pluralism. Canadian Jewry has been at the forefront in the defence of diversity and multicultural policies. Questions on ethnic origin and ancestry have a long history in Canada and have been included in the Census since 1871. Today, collecting information on ethnic origins is critical to strengthening Canada's multicultural character. By consequence, this information gathered by Statistics Canada remains as relevant as ever.

When the ethnicity question appears on the census, those who are of Jewish ancestry should respond accordingly. They should not presume that their attachment to Canada is being tested. In the month of May, to be counted amongst the population requires completing the Census questionnaire. Its success depends on the participation of everyone who lives in this country. In so doing, we strengthen our society and our communities. It is a privilege of which we all should take advantage.

Jack Jedwab is executive director of the Association for Canadian Studies in Montreal.

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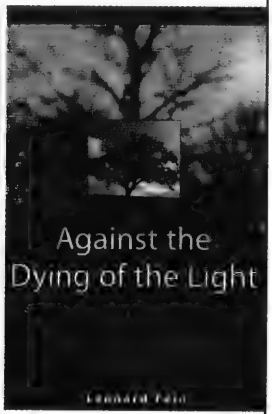

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BJE rewards innovative teaching

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Shortly after assuming the position of executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, Seymour Epstein introduced a program to encourage creative and dynamic teachers.

Called *Etgar* (Hebrew for challenge), the program, which is now in its second year, encourages teachers to participate in the creation of an innovative curriculum. Teams of three teachers or more from day and/or supplementary schools apply for funding and other means of assistance for projects pertaining to Jewish education.

"Dr. Epstein felt there was a need for teachers to express their creativity," said Anne Glickman, the BJE's director of early childhood and Jewish family education.

Glickman and BJE education consultant Silvia Eilath, the spokespersons for the project, also staff the committee that reviews the proposals.

They explained that Etgar was part of Midrash, a mechanism for educational change recently initiated by the BJE.

Etgar offers support – financial, technical and mentoring – to the projects that are approved. Recipients are eligible for grants of $500 to $5,000 and they are hooked up with mentors drawn from the educational community.

Teams of teachers, from the same or different schools, submit proposals to the BJE to explore any area of Jewish education, such as curriculum design and teaching strategies. The review committee, which includes Epstein, Pearl Goldberg, Aaron Nussbaum, Martin Sable and Hesh Troper, evaluates the submissions.

So far, they have been kept busy by applicants, Eilath said. "We're thrilled with the response."

But not all projects get the green light, Glickman said. "We received many project submissions. The committee worked hard to choose projects that served our community best."

By winter of 2000, the first three projects were accepted and work on them began shortly after. One of them, a CD-ROM for trees and ecology in the Jewish tradition, was submitted by a number of schools, Glickman said.

The teachers working on the CD-ROM have been in contact with an environmental group in Israel, Eilath added.

Another project from last winter, which also involves teachers from multiple schools, is the development of a Canadian Jewish history curriculum to be used by junior high students, Glickman said.

"It will be linked to the existing curriculum at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto [CHAT] where a course in Canadian history is currently being offered.

"The [elementary] day schools will have a common curriculum on Canadian Jewish history that will prepare their students for a higher level of the course at CHAT."

The third project accepted was the development of a curriculum with material on Sephardi Jews, Eilath said. The team and their mentor, all Sephardi educators, are putting together a unit on the holiday cycles, she said.

"They are trying to enhance the existing curriculum throughout the Jewish day schools," Glickman said. "We are making sure that the students are exposed to all the cultures and traditions of the different ethnic groups in Judaism."

Glickman said that the team is putting together a "multidimensional kit" with video demonstrations of lessons on the various units which will include prayers and minhagim, music and recipes.

In the second year, six new projects were approved. One of the projects was submitted by a supplementary school; the team put together a curriculum based on multiple intelligence principles and managed to implement a unit at Chanukah, Eilath said. "They did it very successfully."

Another project recently approved, called Firsts for Jewish Women, was put together by a team from a day and supplementary school.

They are developing a curriculum that will give students a deeper understanding of the role Jewish women played in history, Eilath said. The first women rabbis and women from the Bible, as well as more modern historical figures such as Golda Meir, are among those to be featured.

Glickman stressed that these projects are all being done on the teachers' own time.

"It has been extremely gratifying to receive projects from teams who have joined forces from different schools and even some projects that include both day and supplementary teachers," Glickman and Eilath said.

Proposals are now being accepted by the BJE for the academic year 2001-2002. For information call 416-633-7770 ext. 238.

Stress in the classroom

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"Class management and student behaviour is usually the first sign that something is not right," Ferguson said.

Then, it is up to the administration to intervene in a positive way.

Administrators should be discussing lesson and curriculum planning, class control and class management with the affected teacher, Ferguson said.

While it is sometimes useful to role model effective teaching, Weininger said, "it isn't sufficient."

"The problem is that there is no reinforcement, so that over a period of time, teachers gradually go back to their own styles.

"When parents begin to notice changes in their children's behaviour, it may be time to intervene."

However, parents do face the real danger that the teacher's frustrations will be taken out on their child, Weininger said.

And that is why it is important for parents to work together with several people in the school – from the phys-ed teacher, to consultants, to principals in order to support their child, Weininger said.

Jewish Family & Child Service and Jewish Vocational Services offer some assistance for students and teachers.

Joy Koplowitz, a psychoeducational consultant with JVS said that services are available to help evaluate students, and sometimes strategies are suggested to help teachers cope.

In some situations, simply cutting down instruction time can improve things. In other cases, remedial staff can be added in the classrooms to help teachers, Koplowitz said.

One of the many programs JF&CS has provided for teachers is a group that deals specifically with stress.

"In one school, there is a group of teachers who come in weekly – on their own time – for 35 or 45 minutes for 6 to 8 weeks. We do stress management, relaxation and visualization," Feffer said.

"In all situations, we encourage parents to see schools as being partners and not adversaries," Feffer said.

"It is important that parents and schools communicate with each other in order to achieve the best for their children."

Parents need to realize that there are other issues in schools – unions and administrative levels that have been in place for a long time and have to be dealt with, she said.

But parents shouldn't give up. They need to get involved in school councils and Parent Teacher Associations in order to make their voices heard.

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The Airline of the Jewish People

Israel's first female rabbi lives out her dream

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Kinneret Shiryon, Israel's first female rabbi and founder of Kehillat Yozma, a Reform community in Modi'in, is living out a dream.

Growing up in California, the New York native lived among non-Jews and often found herself in the position of explaining Judaism.

"The more I explained, the more I wanted to explain, and the more I wanted to learn," said Rabbi Shiryon on a recent visit to Toronto under the auspices of ARZA/World Union, the Zionist arm of Reform Judaism.

Rabbi Kinneret Shiryon

"The synagogue was my home away from home. I loved leading services at junior congregation; I was a know-it-all and a wisecrack at Hebrew school."

Her parents were among the founders of a small congregation in California, she said, and as a teenager she was given the task of teaching youngsters.

"I loved teaching and by the time I was 15, even though I had no role models, I saw myself as a rabbi."

By the time she was ordained by Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion in New York – there were 12 women in her class – there were 22 female rabbis in the world. "I used to know every one. I am happy to say that today it is impossible to know them all. We have made great strides."

She moved to Israel, she said, "because I felt that the way to live out the most authentic Jewish life would be to live there. It just made sense to me; I felt that I wanted to go home, and home was Israel.

"I had always seen myself as a rabbi in Israel. I believed that Israelis should learn about the richness, diversity and wealth of Jewish expression that have been developed in the Diaspora. I felt I had a role.

"I found myself being seriously tested, but I think I have made inroads in terms of my goal. In my own small way, I feel that I have changed the face of Israeli society."

It is not easy, however, she admits. "Every day I am hitting my head against a brick wall, because I am female, because I am Reform, and because of the societal bias towards Orthodoxy as the only legitimate form of Judaism. I must have a hard head.

"Things are different, however, because [the Reform movement] has been functioning and growing, and people are aware of who we are. We've waged battles for religious rights and we have brought Reform in Israel to people's consciousness. Despite the odds, we have managed to inculcate [our philosophy] into the minds of secular Israelis."

There is still a long way to go, she said, "but we are on a wave that will only get larger. Eventually, we will bring Israelis closer to the mindset of Diaspora, where all Jews are on equal footing.

"In Israel, we have never been on equal footing. The Orthodox have always gotten institutional funding and institutional recognition, where we have not. They are not willing to give that up so quickly."

Eventually, she said, that mindset will break down. "Orthodoxy will be important, but it will not have a monopoly over the lives of the Jewish people."

Many people are threatened by Reform Judaism, she said, because it gives people a choice. "Freedom, however, is having choices, and taking responsibility for the choices that we make. Reform Judaism, Conservative Judaism and any form of liberal Judaism allow people to make choices. That is what we are all about."

She is less a celebrity than when she arrived in Israel, she said, but she was recently presented with the Career Woman of the Year Award by Modi'in. "That was a tremendous vote of confidence for me. I carry the briefcase I won with a sense of pride that they have recognized me."

She is also grateful to the Canadian Reform Jewish community, she said, "which has recognized the importance of our work in Israel and has worked hard to build bridges between us by supporting, both spiritually and financially, our pilot project in Modi'in.

"The Canadian community is helping us to strive towards a religious expression that they have always had."

Although Kehillat Yozma now operates out of a prefabricated building, the city of Modi'in has allocated land to the congregation, which plans to build a permanent home there.

"I believe that once we have the physical facilities, we will grow by leaps and bounds. It will give us presence in Modi'in, and it will reflect the communal aspect of who we are.

"I still have a vision, and I am still working hard to achieve it," she said.

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Saturday, May 5

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Sunday, May 6

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The Jewish War Veterans of Canada (Toronto Post) commemoration parade and service. Assembly 9:30 a.m. outside Earl Bales Community Centre for parade to Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue for the service. Family and friends should be at the synagogue by 10:15 a.m. JWVC 416-663-8307 or Parade Marshal **Ernie Stein** 416-423-2794.

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Monday, May 7

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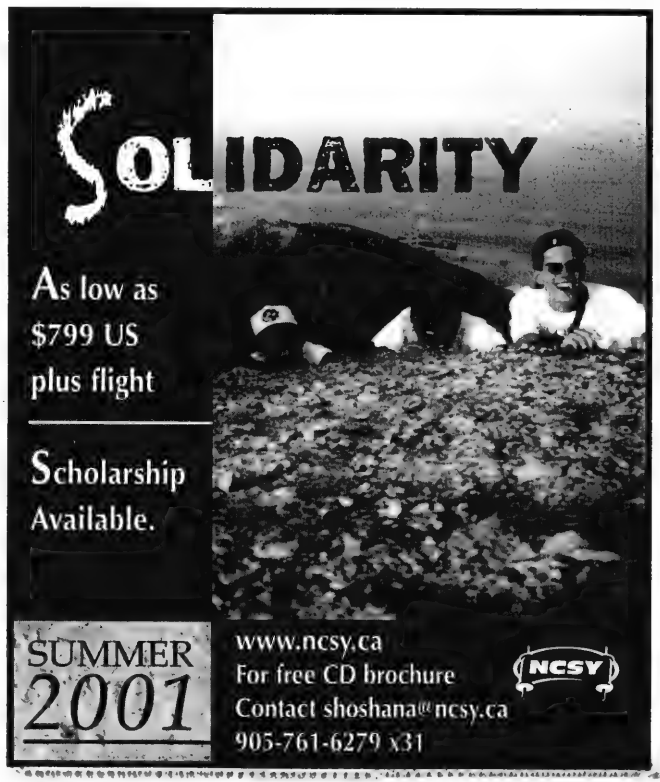

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Tuesday, May 8

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Beth Tzedec Book Club review of **Philip Roth's** new novel *Human Stain*, by **Prof. Ruby Newman** of York University, 7:30 p.m.

AUDITIONS

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Na'amat Canada annual Sharon Cole Memorial Evening speaker **Prof. Rachael Turkienicz** Topic Biblical In-Laws, 8 p.m., Temple Sinai. Sponsored by Cole Family and Club Dayan. 416-636-5425.

WOMEN AT THE WALL

Documentary followed by discussion with **Rabbi Sharon Sobel,** 7:45 p.m., Temple Har Zion. 905-889-2252.

SANDWICH GENERATION

Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary symposium on Women and Health with author **David Foot** addressing the stresses of the Sandwich Generation. 416-586-8290.

WELLNESS LECTURE

Nadine Walman, personal eye care consultant, discusses Protecting Your Eye from the Sun, 1:15 p.m., Bernard Betel Centre.

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Shaarei Shomayim Congregation 3rd Great Weekend with **Rabbi Jonathan Sacks**, chief rabbi of United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth. May 10-12.

Thursday, May 10, 8 p.m., community lecture on the Jewish People in the 21st Century; Friday, May 11, 7 p.m. services, dvar Torah, dinner (register); 9:30 p.m. oneg Shabbat; May 12, following Shacharit, lecture on Jewish Time, lunch (register), 6:30 p.m., refreshments, 7 p.m. shiur by Rabbi Sacks, services.

THE JEWISH HOME

A lecture for women only by **Rebbitzen Zahava Braunstein** on Tapestries... Uniqueness of the Jewish Home, sponsored by Toronto Mikvah Committee on Sunday, May 13, 8 p.m. at the Inn on the Park. Tickets 416-410-0372.

UNUSUAL ART EXHIBIT

An exhibit of new paintings by Toronto artist **Tutzi Haspel Seguin,** Nostalgia: Images of Romanian Gypsies by the Black Sea, runs May 6-31 at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre. It opens Sunday, May 6, 3-6 p.m. 416-783-0781.

JEWISH HEALTH ALLIANCE

Jewish Health Alliance, network for health care professionals and the adult education program of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation present a talk by **Rabbi Michael Skobac** on Understanding Human Nature: A Jewish Perspective for Health and Healing, Monday, May 14. Networking 7:30 p.m., lecture, 8 p.m. RSVP 416-208-0610.

ACCENT ON YOUTH

As part of Temple Sinai's Our Musical Legacy series, on Friday, May 11, the Religious School Choir will provide choral music and cantorial solos for the service. At the oneg Shabbat following the Religious School performance, dancing and art displays will be featured.

ISRAELI SIMCHA DANCING

Adath Israel Sisterhood's Israeli Simcha Dancing runs Thursdays at 8 p.m. May 10, 17, 31 and June 7. **Marcia Pinchefsky** 416-782-6693.

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Annual membership dinner and meeting, Thursday, May17, 6:30 p.m., at Lipa Green Building, UJA FEDERATION, Room 419-420. RSVP for dinner by May 11. **Sandy** 416-736-8073.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

Adath Sholom Sisterhood annual Mother's Day Dinner Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. Full-course dinner, entertainment by Mel Lastman Players, and bingo. Reserve 416-635-0131.

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The Challenge of Anger for Women, 6 sessions starts May 3, 7:30-9 p.m.; One Family: Two Homes, 3-session group program for families experiencing separation and divorce, starts May 30, 6:30-8:30.

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Join a Temple Sinai Social Club trip to the Atlantic provinces July 9-22. Information meeting Tuesday, May 15, 7 p.m. at the temple. **Reta** 416-221-6375.

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Combined meeting of **Beth Tzedec Seniors Haverim** and **Holy Blossom Temple Lunch & Learn in Retirement**, An Afternoon of Music, with Chai Singers directed by **Varda Hall Bernstein**, accompanied by **Galia Shaked**, 1:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 3, bingo; May 10, Israeli movie; May 17, Israeli supper celebrating Jerusalem Day, members only. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

LZA Seniors Mother's Day Luncheon Wednesday, May 9, 11:30 a.m. Tickets for *West Side Story* and *Sound of Music* at luncheon. Dance classes Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Seniors Cultural Club Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. **Libby** 416-782-2059 or 416-630-9444.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club.: Casino Rama, May 23; Dances May 6, 20; *West Side Story* May 16; Trip to Phantom Hosiery May 22; Casino Niagara June 21. 416-395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors is having a trip to the Catskills this summer. Details to follow. **Helen** 416-635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

Understanding Art series with **Edith Altschuler**, The Movement to Modern Art: Pop Art to Abstract Impressionism, Tuesday, May 8, 10-11:30 a.m.

Hearing Aid Checkup, **Barry Katz** Tuesday, May 8, 12:15 p.m.

Parkinson's Support Group, **Ruth Cohen** presents How to Prevent Accidents in the Home: A Senior Safety Guide, Tuesday, May 8, 1:15 p.m.

Healthy Cooking, dietician/nutritionist **Andrea Sturk**, Tuesday, May 8, 2 p.m.

The Triumph of Religion with **Hugh Innis,** Tuesdays May 15-June 26, 10 a.m. **Bookie**, ext. 116.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew-speaking persons meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. May 8, political lecture by **Jaen Vered**, Jewish National Fund; May 15, concert with **Joshua Hoffman**; May 22, Jerusalem Day party. **Anna**, ext. 110.

Movie, *The Godfather,* Part 1, Sunday, May 6, 2:30 p.m.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880.

Shlomo Mintz concert Sunday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. at Toronto Centre for the Arts, George Weston Hall. **Adrienne Cohen**, ext. 228, or Ticketmaster 416-870-8000.

Wednesday, May 16 8-9:30 p.m., Advice, Tools and Strategies on How to be a Successful Parent, hosted by **Andrea Shulman**, as seen on Canadian Living Television, and **Sarah Chana Radcliffe** College of Psychologists of Ontario. Ext. 351.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave., 416-924-6211.

Israel Fair 2001, Sunday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For adults and children, Presented by Bloor JCC, Downtown Jewish Community Council and Downtown Jewish Community School.

Lunch & Learn: **Rabbi Ed Elkin** of First Narayever Congregation speaks on Israel: A Jewish State or a State for the Jews? Thursday, May 3, noon to 1 p.m. Co-sponsored by Downtown Jewish Learning Council and the Michael Bernstein Chapel of the Bloor JCC.

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Last year 8,000 Funwalkers and runners raised $200,000 for UJA FEDERATION.

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"This is an especially important year for us to demonstrate our solidarity with Israel," notes **Elyza Litwin Polsky**, who is chairing **ISRAEL FUNWALK 2001** with **Abe Glowinsky**.

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SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY

Thousands walking as one. That's how Toronto's Jewish community will send a message to the world on **Monday, May 21**, Yom Yerushalayim. Israel is not alone.

"The **FUNWALK** has always been about celebrating our bond with Israel," explains **Abe Glowinsky** who is co-chairing the event with **Elyza Litwin Polsky**. "But this year it's more important than ever, in light of Israel's difficult situation and unfair criticism it receives daily. This year it is more crucial than ever that we demonstrate our support for our Jewish homeland and the Jewish people," adds **Glowinsky**.

Participants will also be able to show their support for Israel by signing a petition which will be circulated at the **FUNWALK**, calling on various political leaders to intervene on behalf of Israelis kidnapped by the terrorist Hizbullah organization.

"Just by being at the **FUNWALK**, you'll be demonstrating support for Israel at a very difficult time," stresses **Litwin Polsky**. "Participating in the **FUNWALK** takes little effort, but it makes a major statement about solidarity with Israel."

RIBBONS TO REMEMBER

As a visible expression of partnership with Israel, **UJA FEDERATION FUNWALK** participants will be wearing blue ribbons on **Monday, May 21**.

The Blue Ribbon Campaign is a response to the kidnapping last fall of three Israeli soldiers and one Israeli citizen by Hizbullah terrorists. No word has been heard yet on the fate of Benny Avraham, 21, Adi Avitan 21, Omar Souad, 26 and 54 year-old Elchanan Tanenbaum since last October.

Blue ribbons have become a symbol representing Jewish solidarity as Israel continues its struggle for security amid violence and tension.

"We're anticipating a sea of blue," explains **Abe Glowinsky**. "But we need all the help we can get to make sure everyone who wants to wear a ribbon has one."

Community members, 13 years and older, are invited to help FUNWALK volunteers prepare thousands of blue ribbons at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street, on **Sunday, May 6** from **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

To register please call Donna Draycott at **416-635-2883 ext. 320** or via e-mail at **ddraycott@ujafed.org.**

STUDENTS STAND BY ISRAEL

Hundreds of students are going the extra mile at this year's **ISRAEL FUNWALK** by participating in special school projects that involve decorating solidarity items, some of them for Yom Yerushalayim. The students will then wear and display their works which include hats, buttons and murals at the **FUNWALK**.

"These projects offer students a way to feel even more connected to the cause," explains **Sherry Zweig**, who is chairing the initiative. "Although kids think of the Walk, first and foremost, as something fun, this year especially, we want to instill in them a sense of responsibility for their brothers and sisters in Israel and Jews everywhere."

"Our kids understand the importance of standing by and protecting Israel," notes **Brenda Goldstein**, Supervisor at **Associated Hebrew Schools**, Kamin branch. "This is another great opportunity to demonstrate our oneness with Israel," adds **Zita Gardner**, Director of **Leo Baeck Day School**, which is also participating in the special solidarity projects.

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POGO helps kids survive

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Vanessa Yakobson, a survivor of Hodgkins disease, and her young son, Noah.
[Photo Hudson Taylor]

TORONTO — Sometimes in the glitz and excitement of charity events, those involved lose sight of their true purpose.

Vanessa Yakobson, organizer of an event called Party for POGO (Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario) and founder of the organization's young leadership campaign, can't do that.

Yakobson, 29, works in corporate marketing. She is the mother of 18-month-old Noah and is expecting another child in the fall.

But when she was 13, on vacation in South Africa, she discovered a lump on her neck. Back home, she was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease, a cancer of the lymph nodes and bone marrow.

For six months, she told *The CJN*, she underwent chemotherapy at the Hospital for Sick Children. Luckily, she was able to take it as an outpatient, and so missed only one day of school for each treatment.

When her lungs became inflamed and scarred as a reaction to the chemotherapy, it was decided that the therapy had been effective enough to stop it and concentrate on healing her lungs. She started high school, eventually earned a BA in drama at the University of Toronto and an MBA at the Kellogg School at Northwestern university in Chicago, and went to work in the corporate world.

Although she goes for annual checkups, she is considered cured.

The whole experience, she said, changed her fundamentally. "It gave me an appreciation for life and all life has to offer. It made me realize how fragile life is." Even more, she feels that "it was an experience I was given to learn from – to realize the importance of giving back to the community and making a positive impact on others."

With her father Anthony Melman, a senior vice-president and partner at Toronto-based Onyx Corporation, she decided to help establish the POGO chair-in childhood cancer control for the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario, which aims to co-ordinate research and care services for children with cancer and acts as an adviser to the Ministry of Health on pediatric cancer care.

While Melman went the corporate route, contacting business colleagues and affluent friends, Yakobson decided to target younger people, those "just starting to make decisions about which charity to be involved with."

The idea, she said, is that over the years, they will become bigger givers.

She is now organizing the second Party for POGO, which last year raised $30,000. The event, which will be held May 4 at the Capitol Event Theatre, will feature the band The Travoltas, a silent auction, '70s music and a raffle.

Corin Greenberg, the executive director of POGO, said in an interview that the organization began as a grassroots drive in the 1980s, when health professionals realized that a study on cancer in the province had nothing about children. For several years, it operated with very little funding, moving from place to place as space became available.

Now, however, it has government funding and offices at the Princess Margaret Hospital.

One of its most important accomplishments, she feels, is a database, unique in the world, that has information on children with cancer and can track them over time.

Cancer treatment for children in Ontario is centred at five locations: the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario in London, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa, Children's Hospital at the Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation, Kingston General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

POGO, which takes a multidisciplinary approach, including doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, nutritionists, pharmacists, child care workers, and data managers, suggested the setting up of satellite programs, so that children need not always go to the main centres for treatment.

"Children may be in treatment for four years," Greenberg said. The impact on all aspects of family life is enormous.

The satellite centres, located in Orillia, Kitchener-Waterloo, Sudbury, Toronto and Windsor, offer some chemotherapy, and treatment for fevers and leukopenia, a severe drop in white blood cell count. Staff receives specialized training and has a close relationship with experts in the main treatment centres.

Mark Greenberg, medical director of POGO, said one of its unique characteristics is that "it is not an institution, but a group of people, including patients and their families, who can determine how treatment for childhood cancer fits into larger social and health domains."

The social implications of the disease are important, he said. "How can we help children return to normal life after being sick? What are the implications of changing treatments? What is the cost of a cure, not just in dollars, but on the quality of life for the child and his or her family? How can we deliver care that is cost efficient and least costly to parents?"

Ontario is lucky, he said, in that because all care is paid for by one entity, "long term effects can be tracked five years to 40 years down the line."

In most places, he said, children "disappear" into the adult population, and it may not be recognized that an adult's illness or condition has its roots in treatment for chemotherapy given as a youngster.

The purpose of creating a chair in childhood cancer control, which will be established with a $5-million endowment fund, according to Mark Greenberg, is to "bring together pragmatics with methodology, so that there will be a better understanding of the bigger picture of childhood cancer."

On Campus

Real, not fake protests in Quebec City

By SARAH ZELCER
Special to The CJN

When I announced at my family's Passover seder that I intended to go to Quebec City to attend the protests related to the Summit of the Americas, the reaction was part fear and part confusion. The fear was for my safety, and because of all the intense coverage of potentially violent groups of protesters who most certainly would behave like animals and obliterate everything and everyone who came in their way. The confusion was because no one could quite figure out why a nice girl like me would possibly want to go protesting in Quebec City.

I got this response from a number of people before I left, people who bought all the hype in the media and believed that the street protesters would congregate for no other reason than to cause trouble. When it came down to it, no one believed that the thousands of individuals heading there, placards, costumes, and slogans in hand, had any real political agenda, solidarity or authenticity. The "real" protesters, ranging from angry anti-globalization student groups to labour unions, were seen as the relative minority – the ones who were part of political movements, and whose opposition to the FTAA and its social, economic, and political implications was connected to their ideological roots in those movements. The "fake" protesters were seen as the masses that arrived in Quebec City as cultural voyeurs who attended the protests because they thought that it was going to be another Woodstock. Most people believed that the "real" and "fake" protesters would simply cancel each other out, and would emerge from the weekend with nothing legitimate to show from it.

Many people who support this way of thinking wouldn't qualify me as a "real" protester. After all, even on the bus on the way to Quebec, I hadn't yet made up my mind about the FTAA or its implications concerning corporate power, indigenous rights or the environment. I was going to Quebec City to learn more, and to engage with the communities of people who were gathering there. I saw the Summit and the subsequent protests as an incredible opportunity to gain understanding about the issues being debated by the 34 leaders comfortably housed behind the "Wall of Shame."

It is now post-Summit, and I have returned from Quebec City relatively unscathed. Having witnessed the events of last weekend, it has become clear to me why the concept of "fake" protesting just doesn't exist. The individuals who participated in last weekend's Second Peoples Summit, the peace rally and direct-action protests were there because they identified with the struggle that was taking place. No matter who they were, what their views, where they had come from or why they were there, the people that surrounded me had an absolutely authentic, legitimate right to be there. There was no one view or political statement expressed in solidarity from the mass assembly – rather, everyone added their own piece, forming a collection of colourful, intelligent and thoughtful folks who just wanted their voices to be heard. From the wonderful Raging Grannies, with their flamboyant flower hats and unquenchable spirits, to those who were able to retain their senses of joy and irreverence despite the oppressive police presence and the clouds of tear-gas that engulfed them, through drumming circles, street theatre, resource-sharing, storytelling, workshops and animated exchanges.

I'm grateful that I went to Quebec City, and was able to witness what was really going on. As a result, I was able to see beyond the breathless newspaper coverage and uncovered the creative, dynamic, urgent energies that were present amongst the tens of thousands of individuals gathered together.

Sarah Zelcer is a graduate of the equity studies program at the University of Toronto, and currently works as the arts and culture co-ordinator for Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto.

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On Campus

University of British Columbia receives $1-million gift for Jewish law, ethics chair

By MARLANE PRESS
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — A $1-million donation by the Diamond Foundation to the University of British Columbia will be matched by the university, creating a $2-million endowment in perpetuity.

The Diamond gift will establish a chair in Jewish law and ethics. The chair will conduct research and teach Jewish philosophy and history.

The chair will also serve to enlarge the understanding in Jewish and non-Jewish communities of the profound and longstanding Jewish involvement in the development of law and ethics, said university representatives.

Richard Menkis, an associate professor at UBC specializing in modern Jewish studies, believes the creation of the chair recognizes the development and growth in size and significance of Vancouver's Jewish community, the third-largest in Canada.

"The Jewish community is one that I have seen develop and I'm thrilled about this first really secure position," Menkis said.

"It's a real anchor. The position involves teaching and research and explaining the Jewish experience from within – in other words, the classic Judaic sources. But there is also going to be a large community component."

The Diamond Foundation, established in 1984, serves the educational needs of the Jewish community and supports UBC's longstanding commitment to Jewish studies.

'Will provide a unique, essential voice in discussion of social and political issues'

Philip Chown, UBC's senior development officer for the faculty of arts, said the Diamonds were committed to creating a university position that would serve the larger Jewish community's interests.

"[They] asked... how the chair would be involved with the community, in terms of giving lectures or teaching Jewish school teachers, for example," he said.

Over a period of about a year and a half, UBC and the Diamond Foundation developed an outline for the proposed chair. Though the specific functions and mandate have yet to be finalized, Menkis expects that in addition to teaching on campus, the chair will give public lectures and be called upon for expertise in Jewish law and ethics.

"This is an important step at UBC which will have an impact and resonance far beyond campus," said Alan Tully, dean of the university's faculty of arts.

"The chair will provide a unique and essential voice and perspective in discussion of social and political issues at a local, national, and international level."

This past fall, the university was invited to make a formal presentation to the Diamond Foundation, Chown said.

At the presentation, Menkis said, he and his colleagues "enjoyed the privilege of speaking with all three Diamond generations."

"It was really very special that we had all three generations in on it. Perhaps we were the last group to be in that position," he said.

The position will be advertised over the next six months and the successful candidate will occupy the chair during the 2002/2003 academic year.

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NYGH expands long-term care facilities

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — To alleviate a critical shortage of long-term care hospital beds in the city, a new wing has been built in the North York General Hospital's (NYGH) Seniors' Health Centre (SHC), just north of Sheppard on Buchan Court.

"With a rapidly growing number of seniors in our society, the expansion of these services across the province is a vital part of the government's commitment to provide 20,000 new long-term beds by 2004," said Tony Clement, the minister of health and long-term care, who officially opened the new wing.

"We salute North York General for creating a wonderful unit that addresses the community's needs and for expanding its services."

Also at the recent opening, Ken Morrison, chair of the hospital's board of governors, announced plans to develop a new 151-bed, long-term care facility in north-central Toronto. The proposed location is the former McNicoll Public School on McNicoll Avenue in the Finch Avenue and Don Mills Road area.

NYGH, with sites at Branson and at Leslie Street and Sheppard Avenue, is affiliated with the University of Toronto. The area served by the hospital has one of the oldest populations in the city. There are more than 2,000 people waiting for a long-term care bed in the former City of North York – and some will wait for months or years for the services they need.

The SHC is evolving and expanding to meet the mandate of Ontario's Health Services Restructuring Commission and the changing health care needs of the community, Morrison said.

"NYGH is a recognized leader in providing long-term care and specialized geriatric services to seniors in the community."

He pointed out that the centre's fourth floor, 32-bed wing, which was completed last fall, was designed to ensure that the needs of the elderly and their family members for comfortable and personalized space are met in a dignified way.

Each resident room contains custom-built and installed armoires, shelves and bedside tables. The dining room, lounges, terraces and activity rooms are conveniently located on the same floor.

Residents can put personal memorabilia in memory boxes outside each room and are encouraged to decorate their own rooms with items from home.

Dianne Anderson, vice-president of NYGH, said, "Our new unit surpasses government standards for creating a homelike environment and improving the quality of life for seniors."

NYGH offers a range of specialized geriatric day and long-term care services. This continuum of care, says Anderson, is co-ordinated through the SHC, part of the Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto.

Some of the services available to seniors through the SHC include the Elders' Clinic – for specialized assessments by geriatricians and other health professionals; the Acute Geriatric Unit – an inpatient unit at the Leslie site for complex problems; and the psychogeriatric service-in-home assessments for physical and mental health problems associated with aging; as well as facilities for osteoporosis and Parkinson's, and fall clinics.

An Ambulatory Care Centre will also be developed at the Branson Division site in 2002-03. This facility will focus on seniors with a wide range of health problems and offer specialized geriatric services – an integrated system of health care for seniors in the community, Anderson said.

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For Better or Worse cartoonist delights audience

By JULIA KOLLEK
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Lynn Johnston, creator of *For Better or Worse*, delighted her audience with her cartoons and stories at the recent Na'amat Author's Luncheon.

With a sense of humour, and her felt pen drawing furiously on an overhead projector, she talked about her unhappy first marriage, her struggle as a single mother, and the creation of her highly successful comic strip that now appears in more than 2000 papers in Canada, the United States, and 23 other countries around the world.

The luncheon, which was the 17th-annual fund-raising event for the two Hamilton chapters of Na'amat, attracted a crowd of almost 400. Na'amat is a women's movement that works to provide support such as legal counselling and homes for abused women and children in Israel, regardless of their religion.

Johnston, whose work is translated into eight languages, was the first cartoonist to be awarded the Media Human Rights Special Award by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith. She was honoured for "the outstanding diversity of issues in her comic strip," including multiculturalism, sexual orientation, disabilities and aging.

Although she was born in Collingwood, Ont., and is not herself Jewish, Johnston nevertheless has a strong connection with Hamilton and with the city's Jewish community. When she and her then husband moved here in 1969, she was unable to find work in her chosen field of animation, so she took a job as a medical artist at McMaster University. It was there she met Marjorie Baskin and her husband Rabbi Bernard Baskin from Temple Anshe Sholom. She and the Baskin family became close friends – she describes the couple as her "surrogate parents."

The beginning of Johnston's career as a cartoonist coincided with the pregnancy of her first child, Aaron. During pregnancy check-ups, her obstetrician, Dr. Murray Enkin, asked her to make some drawings for the ceilings above his examining tables. Over eight months' worth of visits, she produced more than 80 comic drawings.

Lynn Johnston

Marjorie Baskin then encouraged her to have the drawings published in a book, and the collection became *David, We're Pregnant*. To date, the book has sold over 300,000 copies.

Shortly after it was published, Johnston was divorced. These were difficult times, she said, but she assured the audience, "I'm not a quitter."

She set up a studio in a greenhouse, and found work designing anything – leaflets, cereal boxes and book illustrations. More of her cartoons were published, and she also met and married Rod Johnston, then a dental student. (Rabbi Baskin married the couple in a civil ceremony.)

For Better or Worse – a series based on her own family – began simply as *The Johnstons* when Universal Press Syndicate asked if she was interested in doing a daily comic strip. Fearing a rejection, she sent off 20 samples of her humorous, down-to-earth look at parenting. She was asked to sign up for a 20-year contract.

The continuing story of Elly (named after a close friend who had passed away) and her family and friends has been running now since 1979.

"People always ask me how I come up with the ideas," Johnston said. "Those are the questions we cartoonists ask each other. I can only say that it's like wakeful dreaming.

"You become the character you are writing about. If Elly is angry and my husband Rod walks into the room, I shout at him!

"I feel I am living on another plane. It is also an escape for me. When my father was dying, I sat next to his bed with paper and pen and write and escape into my imaginary life," she said.

Setting down this imaginary world is no doubt demanding. Johnston employs a manager, graphic designer, Web site designer and two assistants to help her answer all her correspondence. She starts work every morning at 8:30 a.m. and works through weekends and holidays to keep ahead of her deadlines. She always begins with a punchline, and works backwards. The talent, she says, is to work with the restriction of only having four boxes to tell your story.

Her readers take her stories seriously. Elly and her family are treated like real people, especially as Johnston has used her cartoon strip to air serious issues. When one of the characters, Lawrence, came out and announced he was gay, Johnston was bombarded with sacks of mail (mostly supportive). The mail also flowed when the cartoon's family dog Farley had a fling and became a father. Angry letters declared Johnston should have had the dog neutered.

For the most part, though, her admirers are dedicated. At the end of the luncheon, they waited patiently in a long line-up for her autograph. Going well over the alloted time, Johnston took the trouble to talk to each person, ask about the dedication and inscribe an original cartoon.

With pen hovering, she pondered the question of what *For Better or For Worse* would be like if it featured a Jewish family.

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Coast to Coast

El Al restructures its Canadian operations

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Manchester, Copenhagen, Vienna, Chicago and Miami, as well as flights originating in Toronto. The airline is expected to compete more heavily on the London, Paris, Amsterdam and Zurich routes.

El Al attributed its losses to the Palestinian uprising, which began in October 2000. "As an immediate result of this...there was a significant fall-off in incoming tourism, widespread cancellation of bookings that were already in the system and also a drop in outgoing tourism...These events have a significant influence on the company's revenues and profits...The aforementioned events are likely to have an effect on the company's business results in 2001 as well," stated a draft report presented to El Al's board of directors.

Other factors affecting El Al's profitability include a drastic rise in fuel prices and the cost of maintaining its Boeing 747-200s. El Al stated it would cut its fleet to 26 aircraft from 31 by selling six of its 747-200s and two Boeing 757s and replacing them with one Boeing 777 and two 747-400 cargo planes. The airline also called on the government of Israel to underwrite its "exceptional" security costs, to the tune of $50 million per year.

The Toronto-Tel Aviv route has been hit hard by the security situation in Israel, with booking in April dropping by 40 percent over the year before, Morais said. Partly empty Tel Aviv-bound flights have been redirected to New York where American passengers are taken on board. The move makes the trans-Atlantic flight more cost-efficient for the airline, but it has added 1.5 hours to each leg of the journey.

Morais was optimistic the new arrangement involving Los Angeles would improve El Al's bottom line in Canada. "If everything goes as planned, it should be to our benefit," he said.

In the past, El Al has complained it was at a disadvantage vis-a-vis Air Canada, its main competitor on the Toronto-Tel Aviv route. The Canadian carrier was using Toronto as a hub, bringing in American passengers and topping up the flight with Canadian travelers.

That situation irked El Al and led to tough negotiations between Israel and Canada on landing rights between the countries. In the last round of talks, Canada, in exchange for obtaining the rights to 21 weekly flights to Israel, agreed to give Israel "fifth freedom" rights, allowing El Al to originate flights elsewhere and fill them in Toronto. But without U.S. approval of the same arrangement, the Canadian rights had no practical effect.

United States-Israel negotiations subsequently gave Israel fifth freedom rights from that country as well, paving the way for adoption of the Los Angeles-Toronto-Tel Aviv route. As an added bonus for the airline, El Al will be able to offer flights to and from Los Angeles, without any ties to an Israeli destination.

Morais said El Al's Canadian passengers will experience several benefits. El Al will be able to offer more weekly flights to Israel, flights that depart in the evening as opposed to mid afternoon, and non-stop flights, instead of being routed through New York.

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Day mutiny will yield aftershocks

Often, violent, stormy weather or other natural phenomena are so forceful in their raw power they simply leave us breathless. That is pretty much how Ottawa watchers felt as they observed the sudden (except in hindsight) implosion of the Canadian Alliance.

Scene in Ottawa
By G.K. SIMCOE

But just like chaos theory's butterfly in Japan scenario (you know, where the flutter caused by the butterfly in Japan affects the weather in South America), readers can be sure that the aftershocks of the Day Mutiny will be felt by all parties in the House.

A bold prediction: within 18 months, every party represented in the House of Commons will have a new leader – including the reigning Liberals. Here's why.

One can pretty much say goodnight to Day. He was dealt a massive and ultimately fatal blow when party icons like Deborah Grey and Chuck Strahl abandoned ship. His fate was sealed when a plea to Manning for a public endorsement fell on deaf ears. The only reason Day will be around for the next eight to 10 months is that would-be successors have not yet had the time to recruit funding and support for a leadership bid. But they will, including Deborah Grey.

Scrutiny of leaders is contagious. Joe Clark's aggressive attempt to increase his profile while skewering the prime minister has failed. The Tories are adrift and so impotent that they cannot even exploit the troubles plaguing their right-of-centre sister party. Clark's gambit has yielded no results, and those few influential Tories who stave off party bankruptcy have run out of patience. Pressure to recruit a younger, more dynamic leader who can help to truly unite the right and still retain core Tory principles will grow. People like Peter McKay will not stick around forever without reasonable prospects for achieving some success.

Leadership fever is sure to spread to the New Democrats and the Bloc Québécois as well. In the tumult of the Quebec Summit, few noticed the significant number of NDP elite who travelled to that beautiful city. Even if they had noticed, it was only natural that New Democrats would join anti-globalization protests. But for many NDPers, the real reason for their presence in Quebec was to meet quietly with former leader Ed Broadbent to plan a "party renewal" (a universal code word in politics for a leadership change). As for the BQ, everyone is tired of Gilles Duceppe's Marxist-Leninist approach to politics. Now that the BQ has been cemented as a permanent fixture on the federal map (to protect Quebec interests of course), the BQ will want a leader with whom Quebecers can identify.

But the one most shaken by the Day mutiny was Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. It reminded him of how quickly things can change in politics. Expect a "walk in the snow" the next time snow falls in Shawinigan. The prime minister knows that nothing cramps a legacy more than being ousted from power by one's own.

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וי געוואגט, דערויף דער צד שבגבד איך וועלן א שלום. דאס זעט ניט אויס צו זיין דער פאל. אראפאט שטעלט אריס דראסטישע פאדערונגען וועגן ירושלים, בשעת ער וויסט, אז קיין שום רעגירונג, ניט קיין לינקע אן ניט קיין רעכטע, איז מסוגל זיי נאכצוגעבן אן מוחבר זיין אויף מזרח־ירושלים, וואס איז שוין געווען די עיר־הבירה פון ישראל נאך איידער דער אויסלאם איז אנטשטאנען. ירושלים וועט בליבן די הויפטשטאט פון ישראל אן נאר פון ישראל. זייער לעגענדע איבער ירושלים האבן די אראבער געשאפן ערשט אין צוואנ־ציקסטן יאהרהונדערט, פרי אפצוואנען די וועלט.

בי אלעמען ליגט נאך אין זיפרון די צייט, וועו די אראבער האבן דאס געוועלטיקט אן ניט צוגעלאזן קיין יתן צום כחזל מערבי, וועו זיי האבן אים פארשטעלט מיט כלערלי געביידעס, וועו זיי האבן חורב געמאכט די דארטיקע ישיבות, וועו זיי האבן גיפלאסטערט די וועגן מיט די מצבות פון הר־החיזם. אזעלכע בכיוונדיקע פארברעכנס קען מען ניט פארגעסן. אויב אראפאט פאדערט מזרח־ירושלים וויסנדיק, אז ישראל וועט אויף דעם ניט איינגיין, איז דאס א סימן, אז זיין צייל איז ניט צו שליסן שלום, נאר אפצוצווינגן די אנטשהאפטלונגען בי ער וועט זיך פילן בכוח צו דערקלערן מלחמה, וואס זייגע אהעגעריס טוען שוין הייגט, כאטש זיי זייגען נאך ניט געווג באוואפנט. אבער זייערע כוונות באהאלטן זיי ניט. דאך זייגען אין ישראל, ווי אין די גלות־לעדער, פארען מהוגים, וואס הערן אן זעהן ניט די וירקלעכקייט. דאס איז ממש א פארדאס, וואלן עס האנדלט זיך וועגן זייער אייגן לאנד אן וועגן דער שטאט, וואס איז ניט נאר א רעליגיעזער סימבאל, נאר א נאציאנאלער מאנומענט, א זעלטענער זכר פון אמאליקער מלוכהשאפט.

עס וואלפט זיך אין די אויגן די עגלעכקייט, וואס איז פארען צוויישן דעם נאציזם אן דער באזעגנג פון די פאלעסטינער, וואס האבן איבערגענומען דעם יהדן־האס, די פוזה אומצוברענגען ביזן לעצטן יהד. אזוי האט זיך אין דער פראבצוויישער מעלזוויזיע אריסגעדרוקט א 12־יאריק אראבישע יינגל פון די שטחים. זיין טרוים, האט ער נעוואגט, איז אומצוברענגען אלע יהדן. ער האט נעוואגט יהדן, ניט נאר ישראלים. (דרך אגב, האט קיינער דארט ניט געמאלדט די דאזיקע ווערטער, וואס זיינען קענן דעם גזעצלעכן פארבאט צו פראוואצירן מארד). די גדוסע צאל אטשטאטן אן די אנטי־יידישע דעמאנסטראציעס איז פראקטיק אן אין אנדערע לענדער, אריינגערעכנט דעם יהדן־פריינדלעכן דעמארק, וויזן, אז דאס יינגל איז ניט דער אייניציקער טרויעמער.

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Ceasefire, peace talks back on the agenda

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JERUSALEM — The Palestinians offered Israel a ceasefire proposal on Sunday under which diplomatic negotiations would resume four weeks after the ceasefire was declared.

The offer was made through Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who met with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Cairo.

Mubarak announced after the meeting that the ceasefire deal had been accepted, but both Peres and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa later stressed that it had only been discussed.

Peres also told Mubarak of Israel's reservations about a Jordanian-Egyptian proposal to restart Israeli-Palestinian talks. Peres then flew to Jordan to discuss the reservations with King Abdullah. Peres also gave both leaders a letter from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon saying that Israel would like to resume negotiations, but cannot do so while violence continues.

Afterward, Peres said one of the main achievements of the meetings was Mubarak's accepting the principle that there would be no negotiations under fire.

Speaking at their joint press conference, Mubarak noted that the Palestinians are also unwilling to negotiate under fire.

Regarding Israel's reservations about the Jordanian-Egyptian negotiating proposal, Israeli sources said the reception they got was better than they expected. In an interview published in *Al-Hayat* Sunday morning, Jordanian Prime Minister Ali Abu al-Ragheb had expressed complete opposition to any changes in the plan. But an Israeli source said the Jordanians actually accepted many of Israel's reservations.

"We are ready to listen [to proposed changes] if the Israelis mean business and want to change the situation on the ground and take advantage of the opportunity to create the right conditions for a resumption of negotiations," a Jordanian minister added.

However, the Jordanians were apparently unwilling to compromise on what Israel considers one of the most problematic items – a clause stipulating an absolute freeze on construction in the settlements. Israel has said it will not build any new settlements, but insists on the right to accommodate "natural growth" in existing ones.

Mubarak declined to comment publicly on Israel's reservations, saying he needed to discuss them with Jordan first. But Israeli sources said Egypt was more open than Jordan to Jerusalem's suggestions. They noted that Moussa spoke about the need to honour existing agreements between Israel and the Palestinian Authority – the same formula Peres had suggested as a basis for negotiations.

At his meetings with both Mubarak and Abdullah, Peres stressed that Israel is only willing to resume negotiations on the basis of signed agreements. It will not accept a Palestinian demand that talks resume from the point at which they broke off in Taba prior to the Israeli election in February. The understandings reached in Taba, if any, were never formalized into a written document.

Senior Palestinian officials, however, continued to insist Sunday that they would not accept any changes in the Egyptian-Jordanian proposal. And several leading Palestinians also expressed skepticism about any ceasefire proposal. Marwan Barghouti, the head of the Tanzim militias in the West Bank, for instance, said he had not heard of any ceasefire initiative, but that in any case, the intifadah would continue "as long as the occupation of Palestinian lands continues."

Peres also used his joint press conference with Mubarak to announce that Israel would take "unconditional, immediate steps to facilitate the life of the people in the territories in every possible way." One of these steps is an increase in the number of Palestinians permitted to work inside Israel.

After a brief stop in Israel Sunday night to brief Sharon on the result of his talks, Peres flew to the United States, where he will ask the George Bush administration to step up its involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to grant diplomatic and economic backing to efforts to reach a ceasefire.

He will also meet with the president of the World Bank to present his proposal for the economic rehabilitation of the territories and the establishment of economic joint ventures between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Sharon calls transfer of land 'irrevocable'

By DALIA SHEHORI
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Sunday that the lesson to be learned from allowing land to come under full Palestinian control, such as Area A in the territories, is that such transfers are "irrevocable."

Speaking during the weekly cabinet meeting, Sharon said: "My starting point is that we must be very careful when it comes to transferring territory and [before we do so] we must see serious change in the relationship [with the Palestinian Authority] because all the lands [that we transfer to the Palestinians] are lands that are not coming back."

The prime minister made no mention of or direct reference to the mini-invasion of Gaza two weeks ago, an incident that turned into a domestic and international fiasco. However, ministers present at the meeting clearly understood that he was referring to a lesson he had learned from the experience.

Sharon was also responding to criticism from National Infrastructure Minister Avigdor Lieberman (Yisrael Beitenu), who said that "we must bring under our control" every location from which shots are fired at a Jewish town.

Lieberman said the Palestinian neighbourhood of Beit Jala, from which shots are often fired against the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Gilo, "must be liberated."

Sharon emphasized that he was sticking to his policy of refusing to negotiate with the Palestinians under fire. "When there is shooting, there will be no talking and no concessions. When there is no shooting, clearly there will also be talking," he said.

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Western media lack broad Mideast perspective

In his *National Post* article of April 25, in which he described anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric streaming from a two-day Tehran conference in support of the Palestinians, Peter Goodspeed mentioned the fact that Iraq boycotted the meeting as a "protest" over Iran's firing 56 Scud missiles into Iraq a week earlier. Iran's target was the People's Mujahideen Organization, an Iranian opposition group based in Iraq.

Until Goodspeed's mention of this Iran-Iraq incident, it appears that there had been no report of it anywhere in the Canadian media, highlighting a problem: a lack of attention to important events that occur in the Arab/Muslim Middle East unrelated to Israel.

The attack took place on April 18, but a search of the North American media reveals that on April 19 the *Orlando Sentinel* was the only paper to mention it, and then only as a brief news digest item. Not even the *New York Times* saw fit to report on it.

Foreign editors might argue that cross-border attacks between the Mujahideen and Iranian forces are nothing new and therefore not "newsworthy." But 56 Scud missiles in one day? Isn't that newsworthy?

Goodspeed observes that "Despite [Tehran's] angry rhetoric, the conference highlighted deep divisions within the Arab and Muslim communities overMiddle East peace." These divisions are not just over Middle East peace but, beyond the Tehran conference, over the Middle East in general – deep divisions in which the Western media, with few exceptions, seem singularly uninterested. Yet these are divisions that fill out the picture of what is happening in that volatile region, and which deserve and need attention.

Tehran and the Arab world's obsession with Israel bring to mind something the Lebanese-born scholar, Fouad Ajami, wrote in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War: "There is no way of knowing whether the Arabs would have fared brilliantly had they looked at their troubles squarely in the eye. But the Arabs looked away. For there was always that great alibi of modern Arab politics: Israel and the Palestinians."

There is no denying the necessity of finding a solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but at the same time a broader perspective needs to be given by the western media to developments in the region as a whole. Only part of the inattention can be attributed to the issue of access: the absence of a large media presence in many of the closed Arab and Muslim Middle East states, relative to the huge media presence in Israel. A larger part goes to the heart of western cultural attitudes which tend to fixate on all things Jewish and Israeli and to hold Israel to a far higher standard than is applied to the Arab/Muslim world.

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April 23

• Israel and the Palestinian Authority met for security talks sponsored by the United States. Earlier in the day, Palestinian gunmen had fired at Gilo from the nearby town of Beit Jalla. No one was injured.

April 24

• Billionaire terrorist Osama bin Laden is trying to establish a "terrorist" infrastructure among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, according to Ra'anan Gissin, spokesperson for Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Gissin made the charge after Israel arrested a Gaza lawyer suspected of involvement with bin Laden.

April 25

• *Yom Hazikaron.* Sirens wailed in Israel as Israel remembered its war dead. Since 1948, 19,312 Israeli soldiers have died defending the country.

• Minister of Foreign Affairs Shimon Peres was to travel to Egypt and Jordan to discuss Israel's response to their joint initiative aimed at restarting negotiations with the Palestinians and restoring calm to the region.

• Four Fatah activists were killed in an explosion near the Rafiah border crossing with Egypt in the Gaza Strip and six others were injured. PA officials blamed Israel.

April 26

• *Yom Ha'atzmaut.*

April 27

• A labour dispute between Chinese workers, Solel Boneh and a Chinese employment agency ended when Solel Boneh officials paid more than $1 million – almost two years of wages – to 80 Chinese construction workers who then went back to China. Some 300 workers had refused to return to China before receiving their wages for almost two years of work in Israel.

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March of the Living: students encounter Poland's tragic past

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memory of the Jewish victims, on July 10, 2001, 60 years to the day after the massacre," Rabbi Poupko noted.

At the close of the ceremony on the now empty site, the students read from a list of Jedwabne's Jewish victims, and survivor Myer Schondorf recited the Kaddish. The students also placed stones on the site of the massacre, in remembrance of Jedwabne's victims.

"In Judaism, the greatest good you can do for someone else is called 'chesed shel emet' or 'true kindness,' the type of kindness without any compensation or hope of reward from the one you are providing the kindness to," Rabbi Poupko told the group. "This kindness is untainted by selfishness, and is usually associated with our efforts on behalf of the departed.

"You are the first group to visit Jedwabne and to recognize the truth of their deaths," he continued. "You are practising true kindness when you mark the true nature of the deaths."

Speaking with tears in his eyes, Rabbi Poupko discussed the lives of Jedwabne's Jews before the war, so that "we honour their life before we mark their deaths."

He mentioned the custom of Jedwabne's young children, who would gather around the crib of a newborn to recite the Shema shortly after the baby's birth. He told the story of the ba'al agallah (wagon driver) who had saved a Polish pilot from Soviet hands. In return, the perpetrators of the massacre offered to spare his life. The wagon driver refused, saying he did not "want his life given to him by murderers." Before he died, he recited the Shema with Jedwabne's rabbi, then entered the barn where many of Jedwabne's Jews were burned alive.

"But," the rabbi noted, "we come here not to feel anger, but to learn the truth, to educate ourselves, to feel the uniqueness of Jewish life that once existed here and to reinforce our pride in our Jewish identity."

Following the ceremony, local citizens from Jedwabne came to speak to the group. One of them spoke to Jack Dym, the chair of the Montreal group: "Please don't come to Jedwabne in anger. I was born after the war. The people who carried out this atrocity were prosecuted and condemned. Please don't think that all Poles are like that."

"We come to Poland to mourn the loss of so many of our people – the artists, the musicians, the scientists – who would have made enormous contributions to the world. It's not just our loss, it's a loss to humanity," Dym responded.

"We don't come out of hate or bitterness, but to search for the truth, to educate, to build bridges, to create a better world."

The exchange concluded with a handshake between Dym and the resident of Jedwabne.

Eli Rubenstein is the national director of the March of the Living.

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*6. **Slave Labor II Claims*** - If you plausibly demonstrate that you performed slave labor anywhere for a Swiss-run company appearing on a list issued by the Court, you will receive payment. Certain heirs of former slave laborers who died after February 15, 1999 are eligible.

There were also improvements and amendments to the Settlement Agreement, including: artwork looted during the Nazi era may be recovered in certain situations; and a list of names in Swiss Bank files relating to accounts that possibly belonged to victims of Nazi persecution has been published.

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Israel out of Lebanon: One year later

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

Last spring, Israel withdrew from its self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, weary of a grinding military engagement that had cost the lives of more than 1,000 Israeli soldiers since the late 1960s.

With the first anniversary of Israel's May 24 unilateral pullout approaching, southern Lebanon remains what it has been for the past three decades: a tense, potentially explosive tinderbox.

On April 14, Israel's nemesis, Hezbollah, which effectively drove the Israeli army out of Lebanon in a successful guerrilla war, touched off another round of fighting in the disputed Shabaa Farms district (Har Dov), where the borders of Israel, Lebanon and Syria converge.

In line with its campaign to evict Israel from Shabaa Farms, Hezbollah fired Sagger missiles at an Israeli tank, killing an Israeli soldier, the third to fall since Israel's retreat from Lebanon.

By way of response, Israel shelled Hezbollah positions, and, in an unmistakable warning to Syria, Hezbollah's patron, bombed a Syrian radar station in the Bekaa Valley, the first Israeli strike against a Syrian target in five years.

In the wake of the bombing, an uneasy calm settled over Shabaa Farms, a hilly area approximately 17 kilometres in length and two to five kilometres in width. Lying in the scenic foothills of Mt. Hermon, the highest peak in the region, Shabaa Farms was occupied by Israel during the 1967 Six Day War.

Now claimed by Lebanon, Shabaa Farms is, in fact, on the Golan Heights and thus technically part of Syria, according to the United Nations. Before Israel pulled its forces out of Lebanon precipitously in May, thereby complying with UN Resolution 425, the United Nations ruled that the Shabaa Farms dispute should be resolved by Israel and Syria in direct talks.

However, due to the breakdown of Israel's negotiations with Syria 16 months ago, the Shabaa Farms problem has festered, and Hezbollah has taken full advantage of this dangerous situation.

Lebanon, weak and beholden to Syria, would prefer to reclaim Shabaa Farms by diplomatic means. But since the Lebanese government cannot or will not assert its authority in southern Lebanon, Hezbollah, with Syria's tacit approval, has filled the vacuum. Syria regards Hezbollah as a useful surrogate, using it to exert pressure on Israel to relinquish the Golan Heights.

After Israel's sudden withdrawal from its security enclave, Hezbollah encouraged Lebanese civilians, particularly Palestinians from refugee camps, to throw stones and firebombs at Israeli soldiers manning border posts and at farmers working adjacent fields.

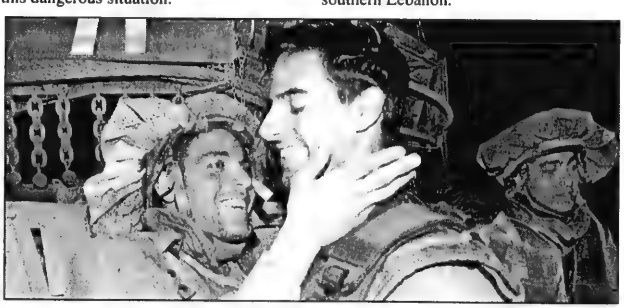
These incidents, though troubling and symptomatic of Lebanon's inability or unwillingness to fulfil its national responsibilities as a government, resulted in the injuries of several Israeli soldiers and civilians.

Israel exercised restraint in reacting to these daily provocations, which more or less petered out toward the close of last summer. By the autumn of 2000, however, Israel faced a far more ominous development – cross-border infiltration probes in Shabaa Farms mounted by radical Palestinian factions and Hezbollah, which is backed by Iran.

In one such incident in October, Hezbollah kidnapped three Israeli soldiers, and then abducted an Israeli businessman in Europe believed to have ties with the Mossad, Israel's external intelligence agency.

Since these abductions, Hezbollah has upped the ante. On Nov. 26, Hezbollah detonated a roadside bomb near the border fence, killing an Israeli soldier, the first to die since Israel's withdrawal. On Feb. 16, an Israeli soldier was mortally wounded when a Hezbollah rocket struck his patrol vehicle.

Israel reacted to these attacks with measured counter-strikes in the immediate vicinity, but when a third Israeli soldier was killed last month, Israel changed the rules by attacking the Syrian radar base. Israel, therefore, has served notice on Syria that it will pay a price if it continues to support Hezbollah operations. It seems clear that Syria can no longer act with impunity in southern Lebanon.



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Crepes, fajitas or wraps — blintzes for Shavuot

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

Later this month, Jews will celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, the time when God gave us the Torah at Mount Sinai. It is also called Chag Habikurim, the holiday of the first fruits. In ancient times, people brought the best of the first harvest to the Temple in Jerusalem.

Shavuot is a very happy festival. One of the best parts is that we get to eat a lot of dairy foods, especially blintzes, which are really yummy.

Many other cultures make something like blintzes. Some call them crepes, or fajitas or wraps, but they are really just fancy names for blintzes, that wonderful concoction of thin pancakes stuffed with sweetened cheese or fruit, and slathered in sour cream.

If you like blintzes (and who doesn't?), you will enjoy a new book that just came out, *A Mountain of Blintzes*, by Barbara Diamond Goldin, with illustrations by Anik McGrory (Harcourt, 2001).

The book is based on an old story about people in the town of Chelm, in Poland, where most of the people were very silly indeed. In *A Mountain of Blintzes*, Sarah and Max worked very hard to run a farm and to raise their family. "They fed the chickens, chopped the wood, planted the fields and took in boarders to earn some extra money."

Unfortunately, "no matter what, Sarah and Max never seemed to have enough," even though the children tried to help all they could.

When Shavuot was coming near, Sarah and Max wanted some blintzes very badly, but they had no money to buy the flour, cheese and other things that they would need. They decided (well, actually Sarah decided and Max went along with it) to do some work for the neighbours, to make extra money.

Max helped Mr. Epstein paint some new bungalows he was building, and Sarah washed Mrs. Grossinger's sheets. The idea was that they would each put the money they earned into a box, and they would soon have enough to make blintzes.

That was all very well until it came time to actually put the money into the box. Sarah was just going to drop her coins in, when "a brilliant idea hit her." She realized that with Max putting his money in, there would be enough for the blintzes, and she could use the money for candles and new clothes for the children.

When Max came home, he too "was struck by an idea such as a genius might have." You guessed it. He figured that if Sarah was putting in her coins, they wouldn't need his money for the blintzes – he could use his money for wine and for new shoes for the children.

Well, what do you think happened? That's right – when they opened the box, there was no money in it at all. Luckily, their children loved blintzes too, and loved helping the family. They also did extra work around town, but they kept all the money and gave it to their parents for blintzes.

Because the family all worked (even if not together), they managed to have mountain of blintzes, together with "a mountain of other good things – candles and wine, not to mention new clothes and shoes for the children."

Just for fun, you might like to make blintzes yourself. Here is an easy, and very tasty, recipe.

FRENCH-TOASTED BLINTZES

1 loaf sliced challah
1½ lbs. cottage cheese (not curd cheese)
salt and pepper to taste
½ cup sugar (or to taste)
⅓ cup sour cream
6 eggs, well beaten
¾ cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla (if you feel like it)

Cut crusts off bread slices. Take a rolling pin, and roll the bread slices until they are very thin and flat.

Mix the cheese, salt and pepper, sugar and sour cream in a small bowl.

Spread about a tablespoon of the cheese mixture thinly on the bread. Fold one side of the bread over the cheese, and bring the opposite side on top. Press down so that the package sticks.

Dip the cheese and bread packages first into the milk and then into the eggs. Melt margarine in a large skillet and fry the packages until they are golden brown. Put them in a large foil pan in neat rows. Spoon a little sour cream in thin lines over the blintzes.

If you are going to serve them right away, put them in the oven at 350 and heat them up for about 10 minutes. Take them out carefully (the pan will be hot). Serve with more sour cream.

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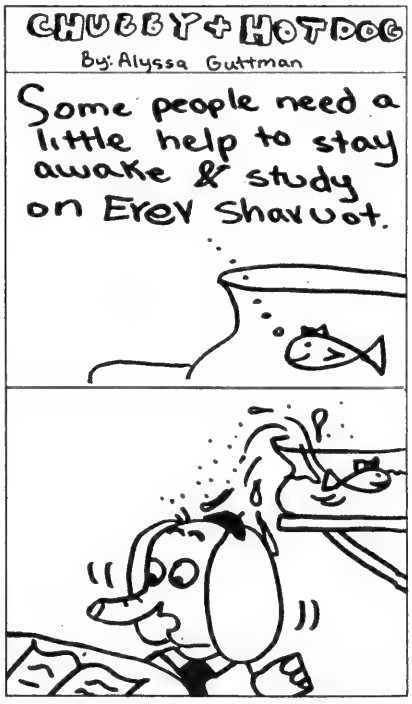

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A New King

Based on I Samuel 16:1-16:13 and the Midrash

Samuel the prophet walked along the dusty road to Bethlehem. In his hand he carried a hollowed out ram's horn filled with oil. Saul, the present king of Israel, had disobeyed God. It was time to choose his successor. God had told Samuel to find a man named Yishai (Jesse), and ask to see his sons. One of them was destined to be the next king.

But officially Saul was still king, and he and his supporters would be very upset if they found out Samuel was appointing a new king. They might even kill him. So Samuel had to keep his mission secret. Along with the horn of oil, he led a young calf. . . .

As Samuel approached Bethlehem, he glanced at the town gate, where the city's elders judged the people. They looked up, recognized him, and began worriedly whispering among themselves. They got up and quickly approached Samuel, who realized they were afraid he had come to rebuke them.

When they reached him, the chief elder said, "Are you coming on a peaceful mission?"

"Don't worry," replied Samuel. "I come in peace." He stroked the calf and explained, "I have come here to bring a sacrifice to God with Yishai and his sons."

Yishai and his sons were quickly summoned. Samuel looked as the first one, Eliav, came in. Eliav was the oldest son of Yishai, and he was tall and handsome.

"Wow," thought Samuel, "I bet he's the king God chose!" He took the horn of oil, and turned it so that it would pour on Eliav's head (that's how they appointed kings back then), but the oil wouldn't come out!

"Samuel," said God, **"do not merely look at his appearance. He is not fit to be king. Man can only see what's on the outside, but God knows even what's inside of him."**

For Eliav had serious temper problems.

The next son, Avinadav came in. Samuel sized him up. "He seems fit to be king," he thought, and tried to pour the oil. But again it wouldn't come out! Avinadav wasn't God's chosen king either.

Next came Shamah. No success with him either.

Samuel went through all of Yishai's six sons, but the oil remained in the horn. He turned to Yishai. "Are these all the kids you have?"

"Well . . . I have another one, but he's . . . he's not who you're looking for. He's young and impetuous. He takes care of my sheep."

"Bring him to me!"

David, the youngest of all the brothers, was brought before Samuel. Samuel looked at him, and thought, "Yishai was right. This guy looks hotheaded, even violent! He's not the sort of person God wants as king! I'm getting out of here!"

"Yes Samuel, by nature he is a violent man. But he controls himself. He will channel his passion into fighting my enemies. Get up. Anoint him! He is the next king!"

Samuel hesitantly lifted the horn of oil over David's head.

The oil gushed out by itself, flowing over David's head, anointing him as king.

One day, David would rule over Israel and conquer its enemies. His son Solomon would build the holy Temple.

But Saul was still in power. For now, David had to lie low. So did Samuel, who returned to his home in Ramah.

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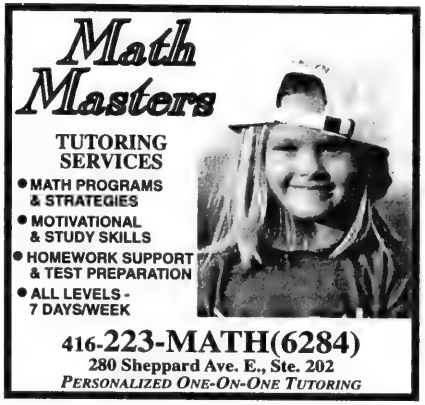
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Business Profile

Forensic accountant finds GAAP in rules

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Back at the height of the market's steep climb, when share valuations were hitting the roof and just about every stock was rated a "strong buy," Al Rosen was sounding a cautious note.

No, make that a resoundingly negative note.

Rosen, a forensic accountant and chair of Veritas Investment Research, never accepted the corporate guidance that promised ever-expanding revenues; nor did he believe financial reports that promoted valuations like EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization), a bogus concept he believes bears no relationship to cash flow but which is employed by investment analysts when touting stocks, as if they were the hot pick at Woodbine.

Enter Veritas, an eight-month-old research boutique that provides clients with a true and unbiased evaluation of TSE companies and serves as an antidote to the corporate cheerleading Rosen believes has become endemic in the world of financial analysis.

From his perspective, a dangerous practice had taken hold in the corporate world where books are commonly cooked to overstate revenues, minimize costs and conjure the rosiest picture to boost a stock's profile.

Directors of major Canadian corporations are complicit in the subterfuge, motivated in part by the lure of options that entitle them to purchase shares at a fixed price, creating a personal benefit from overstating the corporation's financial situation.

Canada's shamefully lax regulatory environment has given directors and those he calls "crooks" virtually a free hand to manipulate a company's books, Rosen says.

Rosen is highly critical of Canada's woefully inadequate GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles), the accounting practices that were supposed to protect investors by accurately describing corporate health. They are so flawed that they prove no impediment to overly optimistic or unscrupulous corporate directors who use them to make their companies look a lot better than they are in reality. Compounding the problem is a Supreme Court of Canada decision on shareholder access to financial reports that Rosen finds "laughable" and which, he says, "allows CFOs to choose the accounting method that makes them look good."

It's that kind of stuff that clearly makes Rosen angry – but also gives Veritas an opening into the world of financial analysis.

Veritas has positioned itself as an independent research boutique that provides its clients with in-depth analysis of the financial health of selected TSE 300 corporations.

Rosen and company president Michael Palmer point out that Veritas is completely independent of the corporations they analyze, unlike brokerages and investment houses whose investment analysts have been criticized for lack of independence from their firms' finance departments.

"We're trying to find that niche of finding real value in companies," Palmer said.

Veritas does not have a trading department and it does not make, buy or sell recommendations, Palmer and Rosen say. Their business model – " a new concept on the street," according to Palmer – sees Veritas compensated for its research when clients execute trades through a specified third party, which in turn, gives a percentage of its commissions to Veritas.

Approximately $600 million a year in commissions are generated by institutional investors trading in the secondary market, Palmer said. "We think we can capture one to two percent of that commission pool."

So far, Veritas has experienced slow going in its bid to turn a profit. The work is often painstaking and time consuming, and "it takes the street time to know what we're doing," Rosen explained. "But they are curious."

Where once Rosen was a lone voice questioning the optimism that catapulted the TSE to near the 11,000 mark, today his approach is grabbing the attention of institutional investors. He's often called upon by the financial media to discuss corporate issues, he writes a regular column for *Canadian Business* magazine and he is an occasional contributor to the *National Post*.

Veritas' research and that of its forerunner, Private Financial Research Corporation, has touched on dozens of well-known TSE companies, including GEAC, Nortel, Seagram, Chapters, Leitch Technology and TLC Laser Eye Centres.

Without accurate analysis of financial statements, investing becomes "like a casino, because no one knows if a company is really profitable," Rosen says.

Al Rosen

U.S. giant Lucent, once a darling of the high-tech world, has seen its share value plummet and it has been forced to restate its books because of shoddy accounting practices, Rosen says.

Canadian corporations do not escape his scorn. They have been exposed for reporting as revenue inventory that was delivered but was unsold and might have been returned, for amortizing goodwill over decades when the benefits usually expired after two or three years and for other questionable practices, he says.

Rosen's advocacy of shareholder rights clearly exposes an idealistic streak that belies his reserved manner.

"What motivates us is that a democratic society only exists if it protects private property," he says. The institutions of society, including the Supreme Court of Canada, securities regulators and the accounting profession (by failing to keep GAAP up to date with current business practices) have let down Canadian investors, Rosen maintains.

Compounding the problem is that accounting students are not being properly taught, so that "the crooks are years ahead of the average auditor. Young people are not being trained to spot these things."

Someone has to protect private property, Rosen adds. Without that protection, investors will sink their money into companies they believe are financially sound but whose books are completely unreliable, he suggests.

The repercussions of that echo through the capital markets, reducing their efficiency and drawing funds to companies that would normally be shunned by investors. That makes the cost of capital higher than it should be, "as capital is going to the scam artists," Rosen says.

Formerly head of forensic accounting at Mintz & Partners, Rosen has worked on more than 300 negligence cases. He has headed the accounting program in York University's MBA program and he has constantly lobbied to improve accounting courses to keep up with changes in business.

Rosen's forensic accounting experience gave him insight into the manipulation of financial statements by crooks and other ne'er do-wells.

Although something of a gadfly in the accounting profession, he and Veritas must be doing something right.

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Creative Ideas in Financial Planning

Two docs by Karen Shopsowitz airing on TV next week

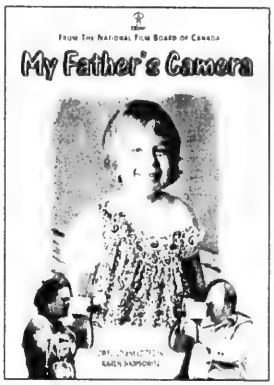
By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Toronto filmmaker Karen Shopsowitz brings her finely-honed talents to two documentaries scheduled to be aired on Vision TV and TVOntario next week.

I Am A Rose: A Father's Journey, a poignant documentary to be broadcast by Vision TV on Thursday, May 10 at 9 p.m., celebrates the life of Stacey Levitt, a budding Toronto poet who died under tragic circumstances in 1995. She was only 18.

Five months after returning from a mountain climbing expedition in Mexico, Stacey was struck by a car and killed while jogging near her home.

In 1996, in an unusually touching and courageous gesture, Stacey's father, Ned, went to Mexico to climb Mt. Ixta. Due to inclement weather, Stacey had been unable to reach the 17,000-foot summit.



The one-hour film, buttressed by excerpts from her journal, poetry and clips from her 1990 bat mitzvah, turns on Ned's ascent of Mt. Ixta, a treacherous peak near Mexico City.

By all accounts, Stacey was a remarkable teenager, a sensitive poet as well as an ardent sportswoman.

Apart from drawing a lively pen portrait of Stacey, *I Am A Rose* focuses on Ned's resolve to honour his late daughter by finishing the climb for her.

"She wanted to climb that mountain more than anything else," says Ned, a lawyer.

Assisted by a guide, Ned and his brother got to the top. Having conquered the mountain on Stacey's behalf, Ned wept like a baby. "She would have loved it up here," he muses. "So beautiful. So peaceful."

On Mt. Ixta, he placed a blue box containing *I Am A Rose*, a book of her poetry, and a journal in which fellow climbers could write comments. Judging by the film, the box has attracted quite a bit of attention from empathetic mountaineers.

Ned's conquest of Mt. Ixta assuaged his grief, but not his pain. Six years after Stacey's fatal accident, her family remains overwhelmed by her passing. *I Am A Rose* may salve the terrible wound.

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On Wednesday, May 9 at 10 p.m., and then again on Sunday, May 13 at midnight, TV Ontario presents Shopsowitz's other film, *My Father's Camera*, which is nostalgic and educational.

Basically a potted history of the home movie – which dates back to the late 19th century – *My Father's Camera* revolves around her late father, Israel Shopsowitz, a noted restaurateur (Shopsy's delicatessen) who had a passion for amateur filmmaking.

He bought his first movie camera as a high school student, and spent the next few decades filming family events and festivities from birthday parties and beach vacations, to a daughter's bat mitzvah.

Describing her father's home movie collection as "one of my greatest treasures," Shopsowitz looks fondly back at her past.

In addition to family clips featuring her parents, grandparents, sister and herself, *My Father's Camera* traces the development of the home movie from its quaint debut in France in 1895, to its mass marketing by George Eastman in the 1920s.

Using Israel's Super 8 camera, she visits a town in Maine with North America's largest collection of home movies. There she interviews academics and film buffs who explain the beloved genre.

Peter Forgacs, an authority she consults, aptly calls the home movie "a gate to time."

The archival footage in *My Father's Camera*, some shot by Israel, is deliciously rich and textured.

Footage includes Hollywood comedian Groucho Marx, minus his walrus mustache, mugging for the camera. Jazz musician and composer Duke Ellington plays the piano. The British royal couple visit Toronto in 1939. Ku Klux Klan members, attired in white robes, march in a parade. News of the 1946 Nuremberg trials in Germany flashes across an electronic billboard in Manhattan.

Home movies, she reminds us, freeze fleeting lives. This, essentially, is the allure of *My Father's Camera*.

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Textile artist Heller takes her show on the road

By RUTH WEINSTOCK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Bedecked in sequins and glitz, Lynne Heller used to win applause across Canadian stages years ago as a dancer with the Ontario Ballet Theatre and other troupes.

An injury brought that career to an end in 1987. But the plaudits haven't stopped. The slender, dark-eyed Torontonian has since become renowned on quite a different stage — the international textile art scene.

The hardworking artist is in high gear, preparing for a May 25 opening in a highly regarded gallery located on Canyon Road in Santa Fe, N.M. The Thirteen Moons gallery has featured the biggest names in textile art. Heller's work will be on exhibit in the centre of Santa Fe's "art alley" until June 21 – quite a coup for any quilter.

Torontonians will be able to preview Heller's solo exhibition before it's shipped southwest. The Rebecca Gallery, 317 Grace St. near Harbord, is showing her work until May 13.

Heller enjoys experimenting with — and departing from — quilting traditions, which she confesses at one time felt like a "straightjacket" to her.

"Quilters can be obsessed with perfecting technique, making straight lines and square corners," she commented. "But you can't deny that fabric moves, puckers, frays and tears, by trying to make it appear straight and square. Instead of doing battle with the material, I let it lead."

The results are softly coloured artworks that suggest human fragility. The textile pieces speak of lives barely held together, of attempts to stitch over the gaps and holes that time and circumstance rend and tear in the fabric of being.

Quilt by Lynne Heller

Not surprisingly for artwork created by a former dancer, the hangings are also animated with movement. Heller piles coloured squares of silk, linen, cotton, wool and synthetics in layers, positioning them so that they caper rhythmically across the surface. Then she cuts open, or parts the layers, to suggest interior depth. Metallic fibres catch and bounce the light, emphasizing activity.

The handstitched textile pieces range in size from 10 by 6 inches to 4 by 6 inches and sell for between $220 and $2,600 (US).

Heller's art career has had many high points. In 1998, one of two exhibitions she did in Havana, Cuba, was opened by the Canadian ambassador. She won acclaim at the "Oscars" of quilting, an international competition, which takes place in Athens, Ohio.

The "Quilt National" jury selected Heller's dramatic red and blue work from a field of 1,230 candidates in May 1995. Heller's winning entry was included in a 20-city tour across the United States and was featured as the frontispiece in the internationally distributed Quilt National book that year.

Recognition came in the summer of 1994 from Japan's fourth International Textile Competition in Kyoto. There, Heller's hand-stitched work was one of 78 finalists selected by Italian, Australian, English and Japanese jurors from 1,159 submissions from 38 countries. After the show, the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo kept one for its permanent collection.

American and English fibre-art magazines have published Heller's articles on using computer-generated designs for textile art and she has been a sought-after workshop leader on both sides of the Canadian-U.S. border.

Heller is also well known in the Toronto textile art community as one of the movers and shakers behind several large collaborative works produced for charity.

As many as 100 needleworkers have volunteered their time to make quilts and banners for such venues as Princess Margaret Hospital's breast cancer clinic, the AIDS hospice, Casey House and Interval House, a shelter for battered women.

Opening night at the Rebecca Gallery is May 3, 6:30 to 9 p.m. 416-537-8213. Open daily except Monday. Or visit the virtual gallery at www.lynneheller.com/found.

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Rich musical trove of the Sephardim

The Sons of Sepharad weave vibrant music.

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Three leading singers of Sephardi music will perform at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue on May 10 at 8 p.m., in a night full of vibrant melodies.

Sons of Sepharad will feature Aaron Bensoussan, Gerard Edery and Alberto Mizrahi. The three musicians will take the audience on a voyage in the Sephardic music genre, with old and new songs in Ladino, Greek,Turkish, Arabic, Hebrew and other languages passed down from the Golden Age of Spain.

Bensoussan, one of the few masters of both Sephardi and Ashkenaz cantorial styles, was born in Morocco. Along with his well-honed tenor voice, he is also a virtuoso player of the oud (Middle Eastern lute) with its invigorating oriental rhythms and improvisations.

Edery, a classical trained baritone was also born in Morocco. With his gifted guitar playing and his immense repertoire of Judeo-Spanish songs, Edery infuses modern harmonies into complex elaborations of traditional music.

Born in Greece, Mizrahi is recognized as one of the world's finest cantors. His background encompases Greek and Turkish liturgy.

A tenor, Mizrahi interweaves intricate countermelodies through the ensemble texture, in tones that evoke sounds of trumpets and flutes.

Renowned oudist George Mgrdichian and percussionist Rex Benincasa will provide the instrumental beats.

"We are delighted to present this unique musical experience that brings together all the cultural elements of the community," says Marty Wolfe, chair of the music committee at Beth Emeth Bais Yehudah Synagogue.

Proceeds from *Sons of Sepharad* will go to The Music Fund, founded in memory of Ruth Kelman. General admission is $25. Donations from patrons to grand benefactors range from $100 to $1,000. For information or tickets call 416-633-3838.

ART SHOW ILLUMINATES 'VISIONS OF THE POETS, PROPHETS AND SAGES'

The Ashkenaz Foundation, which produces the famous Ashkenaz Festival of New Yiddish Culture and other select events with UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto, presents the visual arts exhibition Illuminations: Visions of the Poets, Prophets and Sages, from May 4 to 13 at the Liss Gallery, 978 Eglinton Ave. W.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Curated by **Ian Leventhal**, the show features more than 50 paintings by eight artists who draw upon the 4,000-year-old history of Jewish writings, sacred to secular, for inspiration. The artists are **Dubi Arie**, **Laya Crust**, **Gina Godfrey**, **Ian Leventhal**, **Heather Levine**, **Lisa Rotenberg**, **Judy Singer** and **Pedie Wolfond**.

Various artists are scheduled to be in attendance, Sunday, May 6, 2 to 4 p.m., and Sunday, May 13, 2 to 4 p.m. 416-787-9872.

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Tulchinsky at Israel's: Professor-historian **Gerald Tulchinsky**, author of *Taking Root: The Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community* and *Branching Out: The Transformation of the Canadian Jewish Community*, reads from his works at Israel's Judaica, 897 Eglinton Ave. W. Sunday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. Admission free; refreshments served. 416-256-1010.

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Music & Drama

• Off Centre Music Salon presents *Funtasia*, a concert with mezzo-soprano **Linda Maguire** and two pianists performing works by **Gershwin**, **Milhaud**, **Saint-Saens** and others. $32-$20. Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W. Sunday, May 6, 2:30 p.m. 416-205-5555.

• A cast of 20 sing, dance and bring flashbacks of legendary entertainers such as **Charlie Chaplin**, **Al Jolson**, **Mae West** and **Marlene Dietrich** in The Best of the '20s and '30s, an upbeat revue featuring **Paul Mathew and his Orchestra**. May 26, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. $18. Leah Posluns Theatre. 416-665-3934.

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Author Wins Award: Sydell Waxman, author of *The Rooster Prince* and *My Mannequins*, among other children's books, was recently chosen as the winner of the Frances E. Russell Award for 2000, given by the International Board of Books for Young People. The awards ceremony took place recently at the Osborne Collection, home to the oldest collection of children's books printed in English. Sydell is currently working on a biography of Lillian H. Smith. Web site, sydellwaxman.com.

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At the Galleries

• Cibachromes by **Lorraine Parow** and ceramics by **Cori Sandler** are on view at the Wagner Rosenbaum Gallery, 169 King St. E., now through May 27.

• La Casa del Habano, a photography exhibition by **Beverley Abramson**, is on view at the Koyman Galleries at Eatons 5th floor, Eaton Centre, May 1 to June 2.

• The Beach Studio Tour and Sale runs May 4, 5 and 6 in various homes and studios in the Beaches neighbourhood of east Toronto. Brochures and maps are available at various postings along Queen Street East. For details, phone 416-465-8808.

• Photography by Artists, May 5 to June 2. Lonsdale Gallery, 410 Spadina Rd. 416-487-8733.

• An annual awards ceremony of the **Richmond Hill Group of Artists** occurs May 5, 2 p.m. Public welcome. Mill Pond Art Gallery, 314 Mill St., Richmond Hill. Show runs May 5, 6, 12 and 13, 10 to 4 p.m.

• Willowdale Group of Artists' 54th annual spring show is May 5 to 19. Ceremony and refreshments, Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m. North York YMCA, 567 Sheppard Ave. E. 416-225-7773.

• An exhibition of paintings by **Rivka Laiman** and **Meni Cohen**, sponsored by the Israeli Artists Group of Toronto, is on view at Rachel's Restaurant, Bathurst JCC, May 7 to Sept. 3. Reception with the artists, May 14, 6 to 8 p.m. 416-636-0842.

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Arts Briefs

• **The Incredible Boris**, the Comedywood club's own hypnotist, recently taped a visit to TV's *Montel Williams Show* and was promptly invited back. Boris appears on Much Music on May 7, between 7 and 9 p.m.

•**K-9 Hero:** The New VR is premiering *Chase K-9 Hero*, a one-hour documentary that follows a police dog and his handler, Const. Dave Mounsteven over the period of a year in Durham Region. **Marion Schwarz**, of JAMS Productions, is executive producer. May 7 at 9 p.m.

Ian Leventhal curates Illuminations.

Koffler brings in top violinist

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In one of its biggest projects to date, the Koffler School of Music is presenting violinist Shlomo Mintz in concert at the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

Adrienne Cohen, the director of the music school, said that bringing Mintz and conductor Fabio Mastrangelo together in the upcoming concert will lend tremendous credibility to the school as a serious music centre.

Mintz, an internationally renowned violinist, made his concert debut at age 11 with the Israel Philharmonic. By 16, he had made his Carnegie Hall debut.

After winning numerous awards and establishing himself as a well respected violinist, Mintz also pursued a successful career as a conductor.

From 1989 to 1993, Mintz served as music adviser to the Israel Chamber Orchestra. Under his artistic leadership, the ICO broadened its repertoire, added new concert series and attracted many new players. Mintz also expanded the orchestra's activities outside Israel, leading the ensemble on several tours of Europe and North America.

Shlomo Mintz

His work as a teacher makes him an excellent role model for the Koffler School of Music. Mintz gives master classes in the Manhattan School of Music, the Cleveland Institute and the Paris Conservatory.

He is also patron of the Keshet Eilon International Violin Mastercourse in Israel – an advanced-level summer program for young and talented violinists from all over the world who join together to study music in Israel.

Fabio Mastrangelo will conduct the Virtuosi di Toronto and Mintz in an evening featuring the music of Mendelssohn, Mozart and Tchaikovsky.

Mastrangelo, who is also internationally regarded, has recently performed in Morocco, Japan, France and Russia.

He has worked with the Jewish Community Centre on several projects. This past fall, Mastrangelo was the music director of *Ani Maamin*, based on text by Elie Wiesel and music by Darius Milhaud.

The upcoming concert with Mintz will represent the joining of the Jewish and Italian communities in a cultural arena once again, Cohen said.

"This concert, which allows us to collaborate with other musical groups in the city, reflects the multicultural nature of our city," she said.

"It also establishes Koffler as an important centre for learning and listening to music."

Children from the Suzuki program at the Koffler School of Music will perform in the lobby, and there will be a post-concert dinner sponsored by Dorothy and Irving Shoichet.

For further information about the May 13 Mother's Day concert, call 416-636-1880, ext. 228, or 416-538-9879.

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Foundation fights for cure to Canavan's disease

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's a good day when losing your keys or spilling your coffee makes you frantic, says Ellen Schwartz.

It means putting things in perspective when you are coping with a child with Canavan's disease, a genetic, neurodegenerative disease that most of us haven't heard of.

Nearly four years ago, Ellen and Jeff Schwartz had a son, Jacob. Concerned that he didn't seem to be meeting developmental milestones like lifting his head or tracking people with his eyes, they took him to their pediatrician for tests. An MRI, a CT scan, and blood and urine tests didn't show anything at first, but further urine tests, and finally a DNA test, led to the diagnosis of Canavan's disease.

"It hit us like a bolt out of the blue," Jeff told *The CJN*.

He explained that Canavan is a leukodystrophy, one of a group of progressive disorders that affect the brain, spinal cord and nerves. Children with Canavan have an elevated level of the chemical n-acetylaspartic acid, which affects the production of myelin. Myelin covers the nerve cells, and acts as a conductor of signals between the brain and the nervous system.

"[Canavan's disease] doesn't allow signals from the brain to reach the proper place at the proper time," he said.

Canavan is caused by a recessive gene found in one out of 40 Ashkenazi Jews. Both parents must carry this gene for a child to have the disease.

The symptoms are tragic. Jacob cannot speak, has no trunk control and cannot hold up his head. At first he could eat, but that ability also left him, and he went from eating thick soups and purees to being fed through a gastric tube. He can hear, but his parents question whether he can see.

Until the last couple of months, Jacob was a "happy, responsive little boy," Ellen said. He loved being with people, he loved music, and smiled at funny sounds. Then, last December, he had a seizure that lasted for two hours.

"He hasn't been the same since," she said.

He lies limply in his father's or mother's arms. He cries and seems to be in pain. He seldom smiles any more. In time, Jeff said, no messages at all will get through. Jacob will probably not see his 10th birthday.

The family had two choices, Jeff said – to retreat into themselves or to go public. They decided to embark on a fundraising and educational program, "so that this doesn't happen to anyone else," he said.

At the urging of friends, family and their medical support team, they created a foundation called Jacob's Ladder, with a mandate to "provide funds for research into gene therapy and other endeavours to cure Canavan and other rare pediatric neurodegenerative diseases, and to help provide screening."

In three years, it has raised over $325,000, much of which has gone to fund an annual international research prize. It is also funding a screening study at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

There is a prenatal screening test, although it is not routinely available in Canada. Like Tay-Sachs disease and familial dysautonomia, it is found mainly among Ashkenazi Jews. The Schwartzes were offered screening for Tay-Sachs. They were not offered it for Canavan.

"We want people to be screened for it. To do that, we need to educate doctors, to put information in schools and doctors offices," said Jeff.

Jacob and Ellen Schwartz

There is also a test that can be given during pregnancy, through chorionic villus sampling (CVS). If a positive diagnosis of Canavan is made, the couple can decide whether or not to continue the pregnancy.

(Dor Yeshorim, an organization that offers genetic screening for the haredi community before a shidduch is arranged, does test for Canavan's disease.)

In the meantime, the family does what it can to cope. "We take every day as it comes. We are grateful for the happy days and we cope with the trying ones," Ellen said.

As the interview ended, Jeff rocked Jacob in his arms, kissed him, and sang a simple children's song. Jacob smiled.

This year, Life Beat, an annual variety show put on by the medical community, is supporting Jacob's Ladder. It is being presented at the Premier Dance Theatre on Queen's Quay for four nights, beginning May 9, when there will also be a gala reception. Tickets for the reception are $100.

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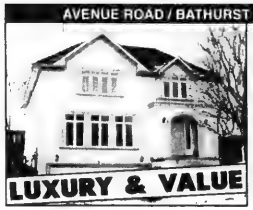

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The Canadian Jewish news

Students meet Israelis, Arabs and Australians on trip

By ELI RUBENSTEIN
Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM — "It was like a dream," Stephanie Ross observed. The Toronto high school student was among 250 Canadian participants in the 2001 March of the Living who were taking part in Israel's 53rd anniversary celebrations on Yom Ha'atzmaut. They had spent the week before in Poland and were now in Israel for a week of intense travel, exploration and learning.

"Yom Ha'atzmaut? It was magical," she said. "You had a sense of something that you will find nowhere else in the world but Israel… The flags, the fireworks, the dancing…"

"It was wonderful to see Jews from around the world come together in Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut," added Torontonain Sam Schnurbach.

However, the trip to Israel was not without its more sombre moments. The Canadian group also attended Yom Hazikaron ceremonies the day earlier in various locations in the country.

The Montreal contingent attended a moving Yom Hazikaron ceremony at a Beersheva high school, where each of the names of those who had attended the school and died in defence of the State was read out to a crowd of relatives and friends.

Following the event, students from Israel and Canada met to discuss their feelings about Israel and the Jewish people.

"As hard as Poland was, in some ways Israel is even harder. The conflict in Poland ended over 50 years ago, but the hard times in Israel still go on today and that really hurts," one Montreal student noted.

"I feel for the parents who had to light a memorial candle for their sons in tonight's ceremony, and for others who lit candles for their brothers. I can't imagine losing my own brother," she continued. "I am so sorry for all this."

"We feel a certain amount of guilt because we don't live in Israel and we don't serve in the army," another Montreal student added.

The Beersheva students were gracious in their response.

"The main thing is that we came together tonight," one Beersheva student responded. "I didn't choose to live in Israel – that is where I was born. And that is why I serve in the army. We are not heroes. If you fulfill your responsibilities, and we fulfill ours, and if we keep on watching out for each other, everything will be alright."

Another Beersheva student agreed with his peer. "When we live in Israel and serve in the army, we are fulfilling the Zionist part of our Jewish identity," he said. "But when you go on your own Jewish path, yet you still support Israel, and you visit Israel, you are also doing an important thing. I hope you know that you can choose how to express your Judaism and your Zionism," he added.

Participants in the Toronto contingent also found Yom Hazikaron especially moving.

"Being in Israel on Yom Hazikaron and hearing the sirens go off instilled an instant feeling of sadness in me. I never knew the people who died, but I realized all those people were somebody's son or daughter, sister or brother. It made me appreciate how lucky I am to be healthy and alive," commented Janice Bader.

"The most amazing experience of being in Israel on Yom Hazikaron is the siren that sounds for a solitary minute," added Rachel Bernstein. "One nation puts aside all conflict for once – Orthodox and secular stand together as one unit, one people, one entity."

Rachel Koffman, left, grandaughter of the late Moe Koffman, legendary jazz musician, and Kim Dresner of Sydney, Australia sing together on Yom Hazikaron. [Photo by Mary Zahran]

"As we commemorated Yom Hazikaron last night, and heard the siren today, I felt amazed to be in a land where people have such love for their country – a country they would die for," Sarah Regos of Australia said. "I love Israel."

The young student from Australia was among a group of approximately 30 Australian students who joined the Toronto 2001 March of the Living delegation.

"This was our first March of the Living program in Australia, so we wanted to join an experienced group," Sue Hampel, one of the leaders of the Australian delegation, said. "We were able to benefit from their knowledge and expertise, so much so that we can now run our own program in the future. We are also thrilled by the friendships that developed between the children."

"They were so friendly. We found that we had so many things in common. It was instant friendship!" an enthused Rachel Koffman of Toronto noted.

"It was an awesome experience. The Canadians welcomed us and made us feel that we were a part of their group," agreed Kim Shakenovsky of Sydney.

"Great friendships have been born!" exclaimed Jackie Cohen of Melbourne.

"We had an 'open-mike' policy on our bus," Avi Ben-Hur, one of the Israeli guides on the trip, said. "On day one, the first Canadian student to speak took the mike and talked about 'how nice it was to be joined by our Ozzie brothers and sisters, how great it was to be with other young Jews from around the world.' From that point on, the kids got along extremely well, and learned how similar they were to each other."

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Knicks guard in foul trouble over comments

By PETER EPHROSS
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — A New York Knicks basketball player has given himself more to worry about than his team's opponent in the NBA playoffs – despite his apology.

The American Jewish Congress is calling on Florida's secretary of state, Katherine Harris, to bench point guard Charlie Ward as the official spokesman for a state reading program after Ward was quoted in the April 22 edition of the *New York Times Magazine*, saying Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus.

In an article on the Knicks, Ward also was quoted as saying that Jews are persecuting Christians "every day."

Ward's "comments are hurtful and he needs to be responsible for them. The state needs to be responsible by not associating with him," said Jack Karako, executive director of the American Jewish Congress' Southeast region.

If Ward is allowed to continue in his role for the Born to Read program, it would be "as if the state is endorsing his comments," Karako added.

Harris, who made headlines during last fall's Florida vote recount battle between Al Gore and George W. Bush, has yet to respond to the call.

After he was publicly reprimanded by NBA Commissioner David Stern, Ward apologized in a statement released by the Knicks.

"I want to truly apologize to everybody who was offended by the *New York Times Magazine* story. I will say again that I would never condemn or criticize any group or religion," the statement said.

Ward also agreed to engage in a dialogue with Yechiel Eckstein, the founder and president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, "in an effort to heal the wounds of the last few days."

Despite the apology, Karako said his group is still calling to have Ward replaced on the state reading program. He added that his group would wait to make its next move until after Ward and Eckstein meet.

After the initial comments were published, Ward told reporters that if they want to know the context for his statements, they should read the Bible. He added that his best friend – Jesus – is Jewish.

He further clarified his comments by saying that when he talked about Jews persecuting Christians, he was referring to Jews who denounce family members who convert to Christianity.

The AJCongress isn't the only Jewish group criticizing Ward.

Ward's published comments revive the "historic myths that have been the source of anti-Semitism for centuries," the Anti-Defamation League said in a statement.

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has invited the entire Knicks team to visit the group's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. The centre is awaiting a response.

In the article, teammate Allan Houston was quoted as defending Ward's statement, while a third teammate suggested the Jewish writer join Jews for Jesus.

Despite the reprimand, Stern said he did not fine Ward – as was done in other incidents in which players, coaches and broadcasters made inappropriate remarks – because the commissioner "did not wish to enhance his sense of martyrdom."

Stern added that Ward "will have to accept the reactions and judgments of fans and all fair-minded people who have been offended."

Knicks fans booed when Ward took the court for a recent playoff game against the Toronto Raptors. But by the end of the game they were cheering Ward, who helped the Knicks win.

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Promoter a real heavyweight

By MICHAEL BELLING
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JOHANNESBURG — A Jewish boxing promoter who credits the local Lebanese community for his success was the force behind the heavyweight title fight that took place recently near Johannesburg.

Promoter Rodney Berman described the Sunday morning match between Lennox Lewis and Hasim Rahman as "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for South Africa."

The program also included the International Boxing Federation's junior welterweight title bout between local champion Lehlohonolo "Hands of Stone" Ledwaba and the Mexican challenger, Carlos Contreras. Ledwaba retained his title.

In the big fight, underdog Rahman knocked Lewis out in the fifth round, one of the biggest boxing upsets since James "Buster" Douglas dethroned Mike Tyson several years ago.

Former president Nelson Mandela phoned after the fight to say, "Thank you for what you have done for South Africa," Berman said.

South Africa is still earning its way back into the international sports arena after being a sports pariah during the apartheid era.

A member of Johannesburg's Sandton Synagogue, Berman also said he had drawn much support for the event from the Jewish community – "probably because I am Jewish."

Rahman has indicated that he wishes to defend his title in South Africa, so Berman could have another major promotion here soon.

Berman has previously promoted several major matches, including world title fights between Brian Mitchell and Tony Lopez in the United States and "Prince" Naseem Hamed and Vuyani Bungu in the United Kingdom.

But none was on the scale of the heavyweight title match here in South Africa.

Berman started in the fight game 25 years ago.

"I owe my whole career to the Lebanese community," he said.

At that time, he was a lawyer – "a very struggling attorney," as he put it.

A business friend instructed him to sue Maurice Toweel, a member of the legendary South African boxing family of Lebanese origin – brother Victor became South Africa's first world champion in 1952, brother Willie fought to a draw with world bantamweight champion Robert Cohen of France, and other family members also fought in the ring.

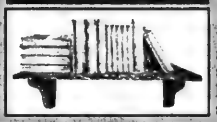
"Maurice and I hit it off immediately," Berman said.

Rather than becoming enemies because of the legal action, "Maurice became my adopted stepfather," Berman said.

At that time, South African boxer Charlie Weir was in Toweel's stable, and Berman promoted several of his fights. He has been a boxing promoter ever since.

KNIGHTS FINISHED SECOND: Yeshivat Or Chaim Knights display the trophy they won at the recent Red Saracheck Basketball Tournament, sponsored by Yeshiva University. The Knights finished second in the tier III division. Kneeling from left are: Zev Vays, Daniel Magder, Yonah Krakowsky and Ilan Ulmer. Standing from left are: Menachem Salmon, Elie Goldberg, Ari Wexler, Ben Herskovitz, Yudi Greenberg, Yehezkel Jesin, coach Michael Blatchford and captain Yossi Slamon. Missing are Yehuda Gelberger, Moshe Klein, Gabriel Leventhal and David Teller.

Recommended Reading



Fiction and Poetry

• **The Wholeness of a Broken Heart,** *by Katie Singer*, Berkley Publishing Group, $20 SC.

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• **Returning Lost Loves,** *by Yehoshua Kenaz*, Steerforth Press, $21.95 SC.

A glimpse of life in a Tel Aviv neighbourhood by one of Israel's leading novelists and member of the editorial staff of the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz*.

• ***More Stories From My Father's Court,*** *by Isaac Basheyis Singer* (translated from Yiddish by Curt Leviant), Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, $37 HC.

These classic stories by the Nobel Prize-winning author were published serially in the *Jewish Daily Forward*. They appear in English for the first time.

• **Dungenessque,** *by Ron Charach*, Signature Editions, $12.95 SC.

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Non-Fiction

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• **On Foreign Soil,** *by Falk Zolf* (translated by Martin Green), Art Bookbinding, $39.95 HC.

After reading this unique translation of a fascinating autobiographical novel by a natural storyteller (father of journalist/commentator Larry Zolf), you might even be able to speak a little Yiddish!

• **Postville: A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America,** *by Stephen G. Bloom*, Harcourt, Inc., $40 HC.

A very interesting journalistic account of the cultural clash in a very small, midwestern, Lutheran town following the arrival of a kosher slaughterhouse run by a group of Lubavitch Chassidim.

• **Neighbors,** *by Jan T. Gross*, Princeton University Press, $33.95 HC.

A shocking and disturbing eyewitness account of the destruction of the Jewish community in Jedwabne, Poland, by willing neighbours. (For the first time, the March of the Living visited Jedwabne this year.)

• **It Wasn't How It Seemed,** *by Yehudis Samet*, Mesorah Publications, $14.99 SC.

These short anecdotes told by Rebbetzin Samet demonstrate how easily we jump to conclusions about others and how wrong we can be. (Also suitable for teens.)

Youth

Ages 4-8

• **A Mountain of Blintzes,** *by Barbara Diamond Goldin*, Harcourt, Inc., $24 HC.

A heartwarming story for the holiday of Shavuot, stressing good values such as sharing and co-operation. With lovely illustrations by Anick McGrory. .

• **The Market Wedding,** *by Cary Fagan*, Tundra Books, $19.99 HC.

The widely acclaimed author has adapted Abraham Cahan's popular story, *A Ghetto Wedding*, and set it in Toronto's Kensington Market. Illustrated by the award-winning Regolo Ricci.

• **The Turkey Prince,** *retold by Izzi Tooinsky*, Viking Press, $23.50 HC.

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Recommended Reading appears monthly. The list is prepared by Atara Beck of Israel's Judaica Centre.

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About Teens

Dear Karilani,

I auditioned for a show at my school whose subject matter is very personal and important to me. I didn't get in, and I'm really upset by it. The same kids get in year after year, and every time I talk to the teachers about it, they say, "Well, we only want the best." I am completely fed up. What should I do?

— Troubled

Dear Troubled,

I'm not going to tell you to keep trying and not to give up, because you've obviously done that already and nothing has changed. I think what you need to do is take this to the administration level. The problem with high schools is that they leave everything to be done by the students. They seem to have completely lost sight of the fact that school performances are meant to be a learning experience for everyone and not just the social and academic elite.

The first thing you should do is call the school and request to speak with the principal, vice-principal, or counsellor (choose someone with whom you have spoken before and found helpful). You'll probably have to leave a message and they will call you back.

Tell the administrator that you would like to discuss the audition process of the school play. Then tell them exactly what you said here – how the subject concerning the play is very important to you and how you've noticed that the same students get in year after year. If they say, "Well, we only want the best," just like your other teachers, tell them that you were under the impression that high school was a learning process and that that learning process should be open to everyone. Creating a "school celebrity" archetype will in turn create a "social royalty ladder." I don't think that any school needs or wants this.

If your speaking to an administrator doesn't work, don't be embarrassed to get your parents involved. Have them, or one of them, go in and speak to the administrator themselves. Let them know that this is a very serious issue for you and that it is something that needs to be addressed immediately. Don't be disappointed, though, if changes don't start happening before the next school play.

I hope you have found these suggestions helpful, and above all, remember that the kids getting into the play are in no way better than you. Good luck!

Dear Karilani is written on a rotating basis by three high school students. The drawing is a composite. We welcome questions from our readers. Please mail, e-mail or fax them to The CJN.

Crossword Puzzle

The Canadian Jewish news

By Matt Gaffney and David Blanco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

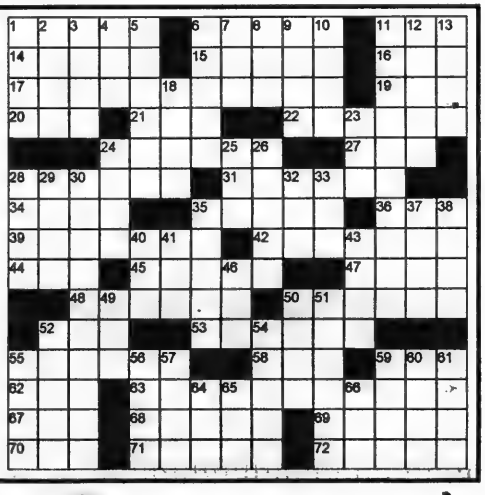
Across

1 Whitewater affairs?
6 Uzi output
11 Jewish-Hungarian communist Bela
14 David lusted after his wife
15 Fuss
16 *Rosemary's Baby* author Levin
17 Inspiration for the Workers of Zion
19 "The ___ Lebowski"
20 Part of a Popeye declaration
21 Egg ___ young
22 Some Talmudists
24 Judah Loeb Gordon, for instance
27 King of Siam portrayer
28 Middle Eastern capital
31 Israeli or American Embassy, sometimes
34 Rebbe ___ (Jewish rock group)
35 Tough nut to crack
36 *Lo ___ Hadereth* (*Ahad Ha'am*)
39 Marx title word
42 Where the Reichmanns started out
44 Drs. organization
45 Horse stoppers
47 Mr. ___ (Elaine's sometime "Seinfeld" boss)
48 *"L'chaim!"* and others
50 They're good with applesauce
52 "___ is this night..."
53 Neil and Paul
55 Like a certain people
58 Tenth in a series
59 Gasteyer of "Saturday Night Live"
62 Miracle liquid, at Chanukah
63 Top T-man
67 Actor Wallach
68 Pertaining to birds
69 Build
70 Carl Levin of Mich., e.g.
71 Native
72 Rabbis Stephen and Isaac Mayer

Down

1 "Who's Sorry Now?" composer Harry
2 Leo Robin's "Diamonds ___ Girl's Best Friend"
3 Jacoby & Meyers, for instance
4 It's picked up at Elaine's
5 It was once used for signaling
6 Sealed the deal
7 *Ad ___*
8 "Wowzers!"
9 He had a magic hammer
10 Stock up on shekels
11 Deganyah resident
12 Literally, "light of god"
13 Won't leave in peace
18 Parks on the bus
23 "Shalom!"
24 West African nation
25 Judge Shapiro argued before
26 Goes a long way
28 "___ silly question..."
29 Linguist Chomsky
30 "Sick fund" of Israel
32 ___ Speedwagon
33 Dreaded sound for the mailman
35 Doctor's and others
37 Feminine ending
38 Have the ___ for (desire)
40 Delta rival
41 Relaxed sounds
43 Makes a decision
46 "___ see it...."
49 Yiddish cries
50 Steal a la *Kristallnacht*
51 Jewish-American Intel founder Grove
52 During
54 Actress Loy
55 Certain Brandeis student
56 Times
57 Sky show
59 Burrows and Fortas
60 ___ Jewish boy
61 Recent Woody Allen film, spelled correctly
64 Baby's wear
65 Hammer home
66 Eerie Geller

(Answers are on page 46.)



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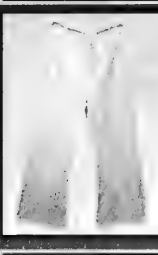

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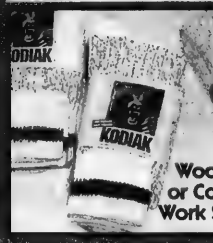

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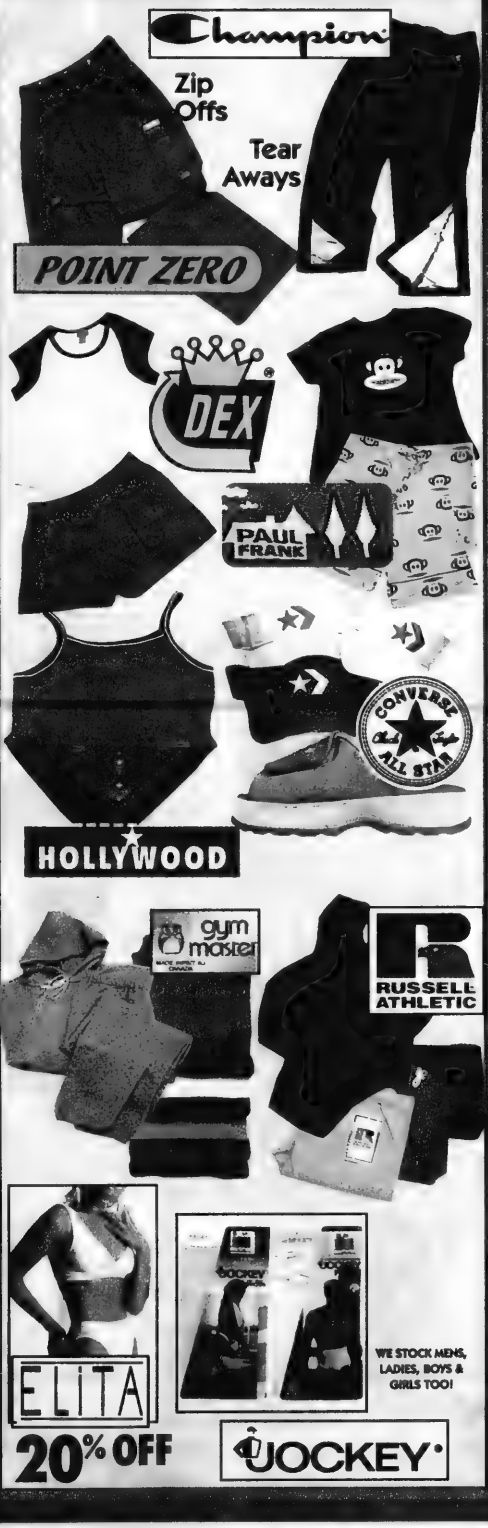

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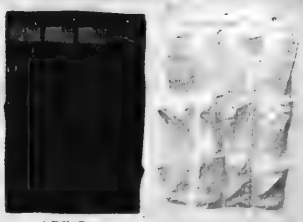

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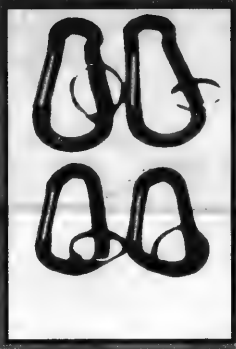

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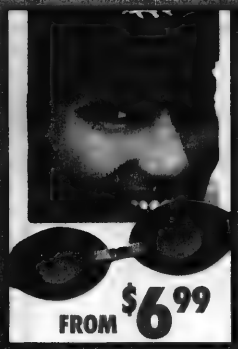

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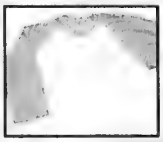

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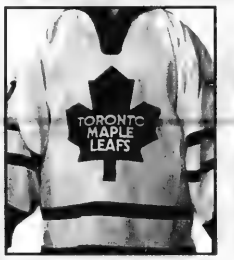

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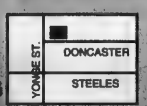

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Rabbis 'blitz' Ottawa

A group of rabbis from communities in Quebec and Ontario last week spent an entire day meeting with parliamentarians and government officials in Ottawa. The 15 rabbis blitzed the Hill and carried a message of support for Israel to more than 60 MPs, senators and officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs. In their discussions, the rabbis affirmed the bonds that tie Canadian Jewry to Israel, the concern within the community about the current violence in the Middle East, and the expectation that Canada will stand firmly with Israel, especially at the UN and other international forums. The initiative was conceived by Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz of Montreal and the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region, and quickly spread to include rabbis from Ottawa, Kingston and Toronto. Rabbi Steinmetz and MP Carolyn Bennett, who hosted a luncheon in the rabbis' honour, both pledged to treat this visit as the first in a series of ongoing consultations. ***Full coverage of the day's meetings will appear in next week's issue.***

Cabinet to hear from Oberlander

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A former Nazi killing squad member will attempt to stave off deportation by presenting to the federal cabinet the reasons he should retain Canadian citizenship.

Helmut Oberlander, a retired builder who lives in Kitchener, Ont., has agreed to respond to the recommendations advanced by Citizenship and Immigration Minister Elinor Caplan, who is expected to urge her cabinet colleagues to strip Oberlander of his citizenship as a prelude to his removal from Canada.

Eric Hafemann, lawyer for Oberlander, said that in addition to responding to Caplan's submissions, he would pursue other legal measures as well.

"In the event they should rule against us, we're off to judicial review, which procedure I've already instituted, perhaps prematurely, but there is already an application pending," Hafemann said.

Fourteen months ago a Federal Court judge ruled that although there was no evidence that Oberlander personally participated in atrocities, he had obtained Canadian citizenship by misrepresenting his wartime role with Einsatzkommando 10A, a notorious killing squad responsible for murdering tens of thousands of Jews.

The court's finding opened the door to Caplan to recommend to the cabinet that Oberlander be stripped of his citizenship.

"Caplan made the morally correct decision, in my view," said Moshe Ronen, outgoing president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Jewish groups had urged that Caplan proceed expeditiously – as they had for the entire war crimes portfolio – but last week, the German-Canadian Congress slammed Caplan for seeking "revenge" against Oberlander, and it suggested that Jewish groups had special access to Ottawa politicians.

The *Globe and Mail* quoted Paul Tuerr, vice-president of the Ontario chapter of the German-Canadian Congress, as saying: "She [Caplan] is not looking for justice, she is looking for revenge."

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CANADA

New BB President

TORONTO — Rochelle Wilner took over as national president of B'nai Brith Canada last week. Wilner has served as a senior vice-president of the fraternal group and as a volunteer in its League for Human Rights and affordable housing program. She becomes the second female president in B'nai Brith Canada's 126-year history.

ISRAEL

Arafat, PA Sued

JERUSALEM — A 20-million shekel lawsuit was filed here last week against Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, the PLO, its Fatah wing and four residents of the PA. The plaintiffs in the suit are the parents of two Tel Aviv cousins, Etgar Zeituni, 23, and Motti Dayan, 35, who were murdered by Palestinians when they accompanied an Israeli-Arab friend to Tul Karm to purchase decorations for the restaurant they had opened together.

Appeal on Wagner

JERUSALEM — Israeli legislators last week appealed to organizers of the Israel Festival to cancel performances of works by the anti-Semitic composer Richard Wagner at the upcoming festival here. The motion passed 17-0 in a special Knesset session. The initiator of the motion, National Religious Party MK Shaul Yahalom, said the Israel Festival is an official, state affair that should not offend Holocaust survivors.

WORLD

Rabbi Carlebach Dies

LONDON — Rabbi Julius Carlebach, who escaped Germany as a child and rose to become a leading scholar, died in England last month at the age of 79. Rabbi Carlebach came to England at the age of 16, while the rest of his family, including his father Rabbi Joseph Carlebach, perished in the Holocaust. After serving in Britain's Royal Navy during the war, he was spiritual leader of the Nairobi Hebrew Congregation. He went on to study at the University of Sussex, where he taught German-Jewish studies for the rest of his life.

Zuckerman Tapped

NEW YORK — As expected, Mortimer Zuckerman has been recommended to serve as the next chair of the influential Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Zuckerman was selected last month over two other finalists. A confirmation vote has yet to be scheduled. Zuckerman is real estate magnate and publisher of *U.S. News & World Report* and the *New York Daily News*.

Gays' Challenge

NEW YORK — Gay medical students plan to challenge Yeshiva University's policy of barring gay couples from its married student housing at a hearing before New York state's highest court next week. The university, which has argued that its policy of requiring a marriage certificate is not discriminatory, won in two lower courts in 1999 and 2000.

Not Guilty Plea

NEW YORK — A rabbi accused of molesting and sexually harassing scores of teenagers in the Orthodox Union's youth group has pleaded not guilty to separate criminal charges that he fondled two teenage students while principal of a New Jersey yeshiva. Rabbi Baruch Lanner, who resigned from the OU last summer, faces up to 40 years in prison and $250,000 in fines if convicted on the charges.

Parents Sue JCC

LOS ANGELES — The parents of a boy wounded by a white supremacist during a shooting rampage at a Jewish community centre in 1999 are suing the centre, charging it did not provide adequate security to prevent hate crimes. Charles and Eleanor Kadish filed the lawsuit last week on behalf of their son Benjamin, who sustained the most critical injuries among the five people shot by Buford Furrow Jr. Benjamin, who was five when the shooting occurred in August 1999, continues to bear both physical and emotional scars from the trauma, the lawsuit claims.

Canada, Israel Co-operate on Drug Busts

Canadian and Israeli police have co-operated in the arrest of at least 10 Israelis suspected of involvement in a four-nation drug smuggling ring.

The year-long investigation uncovered an operation that sent hundreds of thousands of Ecstasy pills from the Netherlands to Israel, Canada and the United States. Among those arrested are haredim from Jerusalem and Canada, and members of an Israeli group that allegedly ran a laboratory in Amsterdam that manufactured the popular drug.

Last December, Toronto RCMP officers seized 150,000 Ecstasy pills at Pearson Airport. Acting on a tip from Israeli police in March, the RCMP seized 32,000 tablets hidden inside a table at Montreal's Dorval airport.

Israeli police said both batches were part of a shipment of 500,000 Ecstasy pills that were manufactured in Holland. Many of them were smuggled into Israel.

According to *Ha'aretz*, the Montreal operation led to the arrest of a haredi man who was supposed to receive the shipment.

The arrests in Israel included five Jerusalem men, one of them a haredi from Mea Shearim who is suspected of organizing the couriers for the drugs.

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Baycrest, Federation launch new partnership

$1 million grant awarded

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — UJA FEDERATION has given a $1-million grant to the Apotex Centre, the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Louis and Leah Posluns Centre for Stroke and Cognition at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The money, according to a joint press release from UJA FEDERATION and Baycrest Centre, is "a key component of a new partnership between the two organizations to address the needs of Toronto's Jewish elderly." It supports Baycrest's new Campaign for Care.

The grant will help offset the $4-million deficit created by cuts to the long-term care system by the provincial government.

Alan Sandler, president of UJA FEDERATION, said there has always been a close relationship between Baycrest and the federation, even though until now Baycrest has operated independently financially.

"We have many common board members, and had many joint meetings together with the government about long-term care issues," Sandler said.

At a recent meeting between federation and executive directors of major Jewish agencies, Sandler said, Baycrest representatives reported that they were going to raise funds to offset the shortfall.

"We came to an agreement," Sandler said. "We told them we didn't think that [an independent fund-raising effort] would be the best way to go."

Federation will earmark $1 million in the next budget for the Jewish Home for the Aged, Sandler said.

Even more important, he said, is that the federation will become involved in Baycrest's plan to establish a site north of Steeles. The problem of how to deal with both the capital cost of a new facility and the ongoing expenses for its maintenance will be the focus of a joint committee of UJA FEDERATION and Baycrest.

This committee, however, will not deal only with short-term considerations. It will also address the issue of long-term care in the Jewish community, which, because of the increasing number of seniors, is going to be a major community concern.

"It is as if there is a train barrelling down the road with no driver and no tracks," Sandler said.

The plan, he said, is to sit down with Baycrest, Bernard Betel, Circle of Care and any other organization providing care for the elderly, and discuss "ways to make life richer for them," not only through physical structures, but through such aspects of life as kashrut, Shabbat observance and chanukiot, and by dealing with more troubling matters such as palliative and hospice care.

At the same time, he said, it is necessary to recognize that "the province doesn't care [about the situation], and the Ministry of Health doesn't have the wherewithal to do anything about it."

One plan is to work with other ethnic communities, especially ones that also have non-English-speaking members. "We want to see what type of route we should take, especially with the lowest possible funding."

Baycrest, Sandler said, is "our premier facility for the aged. We must decide how best to use it and the other agencies," to best serve the aging Jewish population.

Stephen W. Herbert, president and CEO of Baycrest, was not available for comment. However, in a media release, he said that "while we are implementing measures to reduce our operating costs, we are approaching donors of $1,000 or more to help us make up a budget shortfall of $4.5 million, which, thanks to UJA FEDERATION's generous gift, has now been reduced."

The federation's participation is part of its Jewish Toronto Tomorrow initiative, which aims to "create partnerships matching philanthropists with projects that meet community needs," the press release said.

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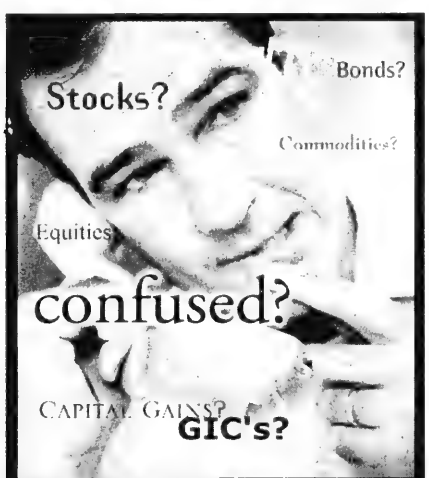

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Arafat's new tactical goal

From the editor's desk

Last July, after Camp David placed him squarely at the historic crossroad of choice, Yasser Arafat chose not to make peace with Israel. In total, abject repudiation of the written commitments he had given to the president of the United States and to two governments of Israel, he unleashed the forces of destruction and violence and launched a "low-level" war against the Jewish State.

Arafat's campaign continues unabated, sophisticated in its cynical, calculated deployment of the instruments of terror and of public relations.

He has known from the outset, indeed, has relied upon the fact that Israel's defensive countermeasures to PA-directed violence would occasion physical and economic suffering for the Palestinian people.

And he has also known, indeed has relied equally on the fact that newspapers and networks throughout the world would bring the graphic details and images of that suffering into the homes of countless readers and viewers.

After eight months, Arafat's campaign is yielding predictable results.

His people are indeed suffering. Hundreds have died; hundreds more have been wounded; the economy is in shambles; the prevailing mood alternates between despair and gloom; and hatred of all authority, including ironically his own, has taken root.

And Israel, once again, finds itself cast as the villain in many capitals of the world, especially in Europe, having to justify why it responds with force against the people who attempt to murder its citizens and strike at its very existence.

In the April 23 edition of *The Jerusalem Report*, the widely-respected commentator on Arab affairs, Ehud Ya'ari, reported that Arafat had formulated a number of new tactical goals after his return from the Arab summit in Amman last month.

One of those goals has direct implications for supporters of the Jewish state outside Israel.

"There is a desire to provide a 'popular cover' for terror acts in the form of violent demonstrations of youths opposite [IDF] army positions," Ya'ari's column reads. "Arafat seeks to present the upswing in terror as a response to an Israeli 'offensive.' The PA is expected to attempt to gain a degree of international legitimization for its 'armed resistance of occupation.'"

> *'We, who care for Israel, must be on guard here.'*

We, who care for Israel, must be on guard here, ready to respond to and oppose the inevitable efforts by local Canadian commentators who attempt to "legitimize" the Palestinian violence.

Increasingly, we read or hear the phrase, "Israeli occupation" used as the explanation for that violence. But the phrase should be challenged.

It is true that Israel has imposed blockades along certain roads in the territories and that Palestinians, in certain areas, cannot move freely wherever they wish. But the blockades have been *a reaction to*, not the cause of, the violence.

Some 90 percent of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza already live under PA rule. They are not subject to the authority of Israel, except when in Israel proper. By no reasonable use of the term can it be said that Israel "occupies" them.

More to the point, however, Israel tried vigorously and earnestly, under the government of Ehud Barak, to relinquish, for all time, all "occupying" control over the lives of any Palestinian. But Barak's efforts were rebuffed by the PA's president, the very man who now leads the chorus of condemnation against Israel for being an "occupier" when he refused to sign an agreement that would have established a Palestinian state on virtually all of the territory of the West Bank and Gaza.

For large numbers in the Arab and Muslim world, the phrase "Israeli occupation" is code. It does not mean there what it means in the West. In the Arab world, it generally means the "occupation" of the entirety of the land on which a Jewish State was established in 1948.

Such a meaning of the phrase must also always be challenged.

In the same article, Ya'ari also writes, the "semi-rapprochement between Arafat and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad may also have military implications. Diplomatic co-ordination [between Syria and the PA] can act as a bridge to a kind of limited partnership between Arafat and Hassan Nasrallah; between the PA and Hezbollah. Hezbollah's TV channel Al-Manar is already focusing on the Palestinian issue. There are the beginnings of a Hezbollah terror network in the territories and their ambition has no bounds."

This "semi-rapprochement" with the PA lends extra urgency to the intemperate, ignorant remarks by the young president when he received the Pope in Damascus last weekend.

Bashar accused Israel of torturing and murdering Palestinians and suggested that Christians and Muslims make "common cause against those who try to kill the principles of all religions with the same mentality with which they betrayed Jesus Christ." Bashar also suggested to the Pope that the Jewish people had unjustly benefitted from exaggerating their past sufferings.

Ultimately, the campaign Arafat let loose in September will harm his own people far more than it will the Jewish people. Such campaigns always do. But the morally inverted language must not be allowed to stand as the false record of the latest round of violence directed against Israel and the Jewish world.

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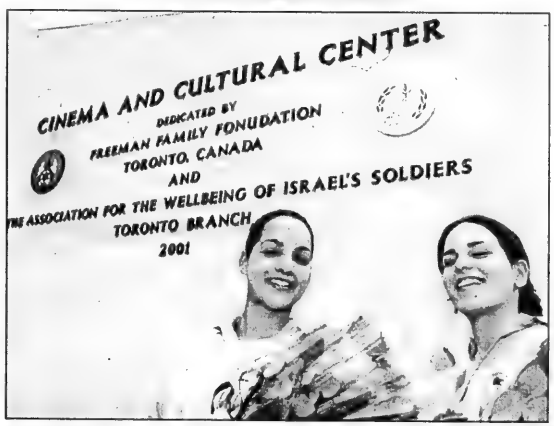

ISRAEL'S OWN "CINEMA PARADISO": The Freeman Family Foundation of Toronto has helped to establish a special cinema center in Hazor for the benefit of the Association of the Welfare of Israel's Soldiers. [Israel Sun photo]

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Toronto teen finishes second in International Bible Contest

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

Eliav Danziger (on screen) in International Bible Contest.

TORONTO — It was the "Prime Minister's Question" that bumped Eliav Danziger up into second place in the finals of the International Bible Contest in Jerusalem.

Danziger, 17, recently won second prize in the Chidon Tanach. He was also named Diaspora youth champion.

"I spent the last eight months studying on my own for two or three hours a day," Danziger said.

"In Israel, we were told that the Israeli contestants spend eight to 10 hours a day preparing for the contest. They don't go to any other classes."

After graduating from Or Chaim Yeshiva this year, Danziger is planning to make aliyah to Israel.

"I'm planning to go to Yeshivat Hesder Yerucham in the Negev for 3½ years and then serve in the army for a year and a half."

The contest's first-prize award was a scholarship for a degree at Bar-Ilan University. At this point, Danziger isn't sure what he wants to study.

Danziger has two brothers, Uri and Itamar who already live in Israel, and a sister, Yiska, studying at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

"I would like to thank my parents, Leif and Ruhama, and Or Chaim for supporting me," Danziger said.

By the way, the clincher that tripped his opponent was a "who said it" question, which was chosen by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

"It was tricky because the same quote is said in two different places, but the words are ordered differently."

On this occasion, it was Yehizkiyahu in Chronicles II (Chapter 31, verse 7), who said to the captains of the people of Israel: "Be strong and courageous, be not afraid or dismayed."

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CJC Plenary attended by close to 1,000 registrants

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Almost 1,000 registrants attended Canadian Jewish Congress' 26th Plenary Assembly, which began here on Sunday.

An annual general meeting opened the day-and-a-half-long plenary, in which Irving Abella, a professor at York University and a past national president and chair of the CJC war crimes committee, was named honorary president of CJC. Later that evening at the gala dinner, he received the Samuel Bronfman Medal for service to Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish community of Canada.

The dinner, hosted by Peter Mansbridge, chief correspondent for *CBC Television News*, was a tribute to the late actor Al Waxman, who was to have been chair of the plenary.

At the plenary's closing luncheon on Monday, attended by Ontario Premier Mike Harris, Edgar Bronfman, president of World Jewish Congress (WJC), was presented with the Saul Hayes Human Rights Award for his outstanding leadership of WJC and the World Jewish Restitution Organization, and his efforts on behalf of Holocaust survivors and the rights of Jews around the world.

Awards were also given to David Shapiro and Stefani Balinski, both from Quebec, who received the Brian A. Finestone Memorial Award and the Monroe Abbey Award, respectively.

On Sunday, the first major plenum session featured a discussion on funding of private religious schools. (Please see sidebar.)

A session on Jewish Advocacy in Canada facilitated by Jim Carr, founding president and CEO of the Business Council of Manitoba, included Stanley Hartt, former chief of staff to Brian Mulroney; Allan Kaufman, former chief of staff to Art Eggleton; and Michele Landsberg, a columnist with the *Toronto Star*. Respondent was Art Hagopian, president of the Canadian Ethnocultural Council.

Landsberg said secular Jews who have not identified with the Jewish community are some of the most effective and passionate advocates.

"We must widen our embrace of the Jewish community so we won't lose these Jews."

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, senior scholar of Holy Blossom Temple and a past president of CJC, moderated a session on Holocaust Restitution.

"The Holocaust is at the forefront of our considerations and concerns, and adequate and just restitution is part of those concerns."

On the panel was Neal Sher, chief of staff of the International Commission on Holocaust-Era Insurance Claims, and Elan Steinberg, executive director of World Jewish Congress.

Concurrent to that session was a panel on child poverty, and a panel about issues facing Jewish students on campus. (Story on student issues will run in a subsequent *CJN* issue.)

The session on child poverty was moderated by Elaine Todres. Speakers were Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld of Temple Emanu-El in Toronto, who organized the Campaign against Child Poverty; social activist June Callwood; Teri Kay of Jewish Family and Child Services; and Claire Morris and Gordon Zeesman of Human Resources Development Canada.

Rabbi Bielfield said that more than 20 percent of Canada's children live in poverty and the "Jewish figures on poverty are virtually identical to the Canadian figures."

School breakfast programs or after-school programs take care of a few children five days a week, Callwood said, but "that is not the answer. The answer is to change public opinion so everyone says, 'Let's take care of our kids.'"

Zeesman said, however, that when children go hungry, it is not usually a food problem; it is that the family is paying too much rent. Affordable housing would help these families, he added.

A discussion on the Middle East and Jerusalem was facilitated by Steve Paikin, co-host of TVOntario's *Studio 2*. Panelists included MP for Mount Royal Irwin Cotler; Rabbi Michael Melchior, Israel's deputy foreign minister and former chief rabbi of Norway; and Rabbi Israel Singer, secretary general of World Jewish Congress.

The reason negotiations in the Middle East failed, said Rabbi Melchior, was that the Palestinians are not ready to make peace with Israel.

Cotler said that at the core of the conflict "has been the unwillingness of Arab states to accept the legitimacy of a Jewish state."

A panel on media issues was hosted by Mordechai Ben-Dat, editor, *The Canadian Jewish News*. Speakers included Michel Auger, a political columnist with *Journal de Montréal*; Marcus Gee of the *Globe and Mail*; Isabel Vincent of the *National Post* and author of *Hitler's Silent Partners: Swiss Banks, Nazi Gold and the Pursuit of Justice*; and Tom Rose, CEO and publisher of the *Jerusalem Post*.

At press time on Monday, a session was held on contemporary anti-Semitism, moderated by Irving Abella. Speakers, were lawyer Warren Kinsella, Rabbi Melchior, Elan Steinberg, and Daniel Pipes, director of the Middle East Forum and columnist for the *Jerusalem Post*.

Also on Monday was a talk by Opposition Leader Stockwell Day, and the debate of 16 resolutions on such topics as Nazi-looted art, poverty in Canada, hate crimes, hate on the Internet and the Lord's Prayer.

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School funding debated

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The cost of a private Jewish education would increase if government funding was secured, educator Bernard Shapiro told the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary last Sunday.

Saying he fully supports public funds for private and independent schools largely as a moral issue, Shapiro, who was speaking as part of a panel, warned nevertheless that fees for Jewish day schools would go up if tax dollars for them were available.

Because they would draw many more children and put added pressure on the system, costs "would far exceed the funding provided," said Shapiro, who headed a provincial Royal Commission into private school funding in 1985.

Shapiro earned applause when he said Ontario is "morally bound" to fund Jewish schools the same way it funds Catholic education.

Panelist Michael Bryant, the Liberal MPP for St. Paul's, said the situation facing private schools in Ontario is the most "self-evident example of discrimination in Canada." The status quo cannot go on, he said. Otherwise, "the tyranny of the majority will prevail."

Tory MPP Tina Molinari said she too is a booster of funding for Jewish day schools, and noted it was her government that has allocated a total of $14.4 million toward health services in private schools, money that should be flowing soon, and made retroactive to last year.Molinari, the MPP for Thornhill, said she met recently with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and Attorney General David Young to discuss a provincial tax credit against private school fees. The idea, she said, was well-received.

Ed Morgan, the newly installed chair of CJC's Ontario region and the lawyer who argued the funding case before the Supreme Court of Canada, called on the community to redouble its efforts, and also called on the province to consider it a priority.

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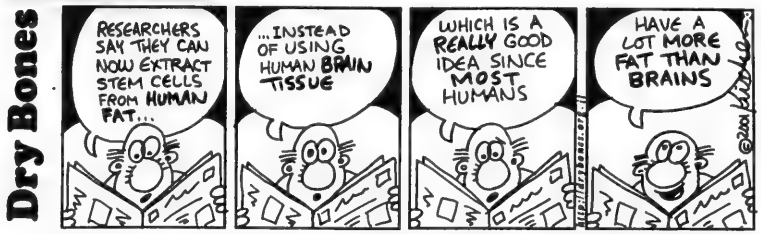
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Justice, not Politics, is the true dossier

It was with great sadness and regret that we read comments last week attributed to an official of the German-Canadian Congress, attacking the integrity of the justice system in Canada, the federal minister of immigration, Elinor Caplan, and the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

In a report published last Friday in the *Globe and Mail*, Paul Tuerr, vice-president of the Ontario chapter of German-Canadian Congress, condemned the decision by the minister of citizenship and immigration to recommend to cabinet the initiation, finally, of procedures against Helmut Oberlander to strip him of his Canadian citizenship and remove him from the country.

But Tuerr's condemnation did not relate to the substance of the case against Oberlander. Rather, he impugned the motives of the minister, attacking her personally. "She is not looking for justice; she is looking for revenge," Tuerr said, according to the *Globe*.

He also impugned the entire adjudicative and administrative process in immigration matters by accusing the government of conferring some sort of special "access" to the CJC that it denies other community organizations. "Where are we as the German Congress? Where is the Ukrainian Congress, the Greek Congress? Nobody has access except the Jewish Congress," Tuerr stated.

The accusations were quickly and harshly criticized as "ill-considered" and "unfortunate" by the Department of Immigration and denied, as false, by the CJC. It was also correctly pointed out by outgoing CJC president Moshe Ronen that "claims that certain groups have special access to the government are destructive to the multicultural harmony of the country."

More than a year ago, after long and careful proceedings in accordance with Canadian law, the Federal Court ruled that Helmut Oberlander had lied about his Nazi past when he originally applied for entry into Canada some years ago. Oberlander had been a member of the Einsatzgruppen, the notorious killing unit of the Nazis that stalked the Eastern European countryside during World War II, murdering Jews and others detested by Hitler's regime. The United States has not allowed and will not allow Oberlander entry there. It is now past time for the government of Canada to remove him from our borders.

The issue is one of justice, morality and conscience, an affirmation of core Canadian values.

Tuerr's diatribe was as offensive as it was regrettable because he attempted to remove the issue from the dossier of Justice and place it, instead, into the dossier of expedience and Politics.

Alas, his allegations will also fit quite neatly into the world view of those people who cling, still, to malevolent, medieval fantasies and conspiracy theories about Jews.

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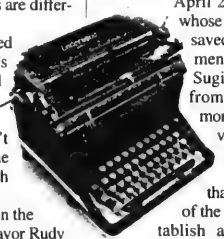
Value systems *are* different

Perhaps your contrasting cover photos (*CJN*, April 12) overstated it a bit, but the point is clear: the value systems of the two societies are different – plain and simple. True, Palestinians have emotions and many feel the terrible pain of the current war. Yet they call dead ones *shaheeds* (martyrs) and their cries are for more dead Jews, not despair at the death of their own.

Why are Palestinian children not in school; why are they advancing towards IDF posts? Because death is not feared or treated in the same way in their society. Ironically, your readers make your point nicely for you. Is *Al-Quds* (the official PA newspaper) filled with letters to the editor? What about the Cairo daily where overt vicious anti-Semitic attacks are published day after day? No. Their pages are silent because the values are different.



The sadness is that Jews are so disillusioned that they want to pin the intifadah on Arafat's "failures" or on a lack of understanding and empathy by Barak. As Daniel Pipes noted recently, one can search for excuses and explanations, but the sad reality is that we don't share the same desire to live together. The majority in the PA still see the conflict with Israel as a zero-sum game.

War is tragic. Israel does make mistakes in the exercise of state power, but as New York's mayor Rudy Giuliani has pointed out, "Israel is a nation of laws." The PA is not.

Benjamin Archibald
Montreal

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Says column a copout

In "From the editor's desk" (*CJN*, April 29), you say that you normally do not respond to letters to the editor. You should have stuck with your policy. Your editorial is a copout! The more you say and write, the more ridiculous it sounds. You sound like an anti-Semite making excuses by suggesting that although they hate Israel, they are not Jew haters. The two pictures were used for a purpose on the front page of *The CJN*: to insult and degrade the Palestinian people. You accomplished this. Your editorial succeeds in putting your foot in your mouth.

L. I. Gaum
Mississauga, Ont.

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Holding Germans to account

Regarding the article "Historic debate underway in Germany" (*CJN*, April 19), it always amazes me that when the Germans want to get off the hook for their notorious behaviour before and during the Holocaust, they always bring in the stereotypical concept of Jews and money: "...demand for compensation...is now all about money and not morality."

The Germans took the Jews' businesses, emptied their bank accounts, stole their valuables and their freedom and shipped them by rail to camps where they worked them to death for free labour and then murdered them. But they didn't stop there. They yanked the gold out of the corpses' mouths.

And now these Germans (Nazis if you like, but they were still Germans) have the temerity and audacity to talk about money. The corruption of their thinking overwhelms me to this day. Will they ever be able to extract the Jew-hating and killing genes from their bodies?

Jules M. Brown
Toronto

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CJC and Senpo Sugihara

Sheldon Kirshner's article on Senpo Sugihara (*CJN*, April 26) sheds important light on a man whose selfless act of courage and humanity saved the lives of more than 6,000 Jewish men, women and children. It is said that Sugihara continued to issue transit visas from his train window up to the very moment of his departure from Kovno, the very image of a man who has found his moment in time!

Readers may be interested to know that Canadian Jewish Congress was one of the first organizations in the world to establish an award in memory of Consul Sugihara's courageous work. In 1993, a tribute dinner was held in his memory under the joint sponsorship of CJC and the National Association of Japanese Canadians. Since then, the Senpo Sugihara Humanitarian Award has been given on three occasions to students between the ages of 13 and 18 who have distinguished themselves through acts of humanitarianism or through significant work in the area of race and ethnic relations.

We hope that Robert Kirk's dpocumentary, *Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness*, will serve to bring additional attention and honour to the memory of this heroic man.

Ellen T. Cole
Chair, Community Relations Committee
Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region
Toronto

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Omsk has a shul too

The article, "Toronto Yeshiva Bocher Helps Run Siberia Seder," (*CJN*, May 3) noted that Irkutsk "is home to the only synagogue in Siberia." In the interests of accuracy, I'm writing to bring to your attention a congregation in Omsk, Siberia, which has been in operation for at least the past five years in a restored synagogue building. The congregation is called Or Chadash.

There may be others as well. This correction in no way diminishes the human interest aspects of the story you printed.

Austin Beutel
Toronto

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Perspectives

Abba Eban: an appreciation

By GIDEON SAGUY

Abba Eban, the former foreign minister of Israel, recently received the coveted Israel Prize, the State's highest honour, given annually on Yom Ha'atzmaut to a select number of distinguished Israeli personalities in public life, academics, literature and the arts.

Eban, a graduate of Cambridge University, became involved in the creation of the State as secretary to the scientist and Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann, who eventually became the State's first president.

Eban defending Israel at the UN in 1967.

Eban made the case for a Jewish State in the contentious debates around the Partition Plan, finally passed by the United Nations on Nov. 29, 1947, and culminating with the admission of Israel to the UN on May 11, 1949.

He was Israel's first representative to the UN, later serving concurrently as its ambassador to the United States. He made his mark with an agile intellectual mind and a felicitous turn of phrase.

At the UN, Eban took Israel's place, in alphabetical order, between Ireland and Italy. This prompted the American representative to ask Eban jokingly if he and his Irish and Italian colleagues were deciding the mayoral election in New York City.

Eban had his hands full at the UN. At the Security Council, he delivered a speech on Nov. 1, 1956, after the Egyptian dictator, Colonel Gamal Nasser, decided to provoke Israel by closing the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping.

"Stretching back far behind the events of this week lies the unique and sombre story of a small people subjected throughout all the years of its national existence to a furious, implacable, comprehensive campaign of hatred and siege for which there is no parallel or precedent in the modern history of nations," he said.

Eban went on to make a case for Israel's position from the days of the Armistice agreements subsequent to the War of Independence in 1948, when Israel was attacked by surrounding Arab states, to the blockades of the Suez Canal and other maritime approaches.

Ending the speech on his usual positive note, he said, "Beyond the moment when fire will cease, the prospect must not be one of unilateral claims by one party against the other. The horizon must be of peace by agreement." His words were praised by then-prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, and many other statesmen.

In 1959, Eban entered the hurly-burly of Israel's politics, joining the Labour party, and getting elected to the Knesset. He held a number of cabinet positions until appointed foreign minister in 1966, a position he held until 1974.

Soon after he was appointed, war clouds gathered again over the Middle East. Nasser had once more imposed a blockade, and the world – in particular, the Jewish world – feared for Israel's existence, with the threat of an onslaught by the Egyptian and Syrian armies.

At the end of May 1967, Eban rushed to the United States to meet with president Lyndon Johnson, who told him, "You are the victims of aggression. I have made that clear to the American people."

The president then handed Eban a note, which said, "Israel will not be alone unless it decides to go it alone."

In the following days, the situation deteriorated further. When the maritime nations did not come to an agreement about the opening of the Suez Canal, the Six Day War ensued.

Eban appeared before the General Assembly of the UN and said, "On the morning of June 5, our country's choice was plain: the choice was to live or perish; to defend the national existence or to forfeit it for all time.

"The exploit of Israel's armies will be told from one generation to another with the deepest pride. The Soviet Union has described our resistance as aggression and sought to have it condemned. We reject this accusation with all our might. Here was armed force employed in a just and righteous cause, as righteous as the defence of freedom at Valley Forge, as just as the expulsion of Hitler's bombers from British skies, as noble as the protection of Stalingrad against the Nazi hordes."

The speech was a masterpiece in statesmanship and rhetoric. Even though it was the middle of the night in Israel, prime minister Levi Eshkol phoned Eban to congratulate him. The following morning, the American press also lauded the speech. The world at large uttered a sigh of relief, the prowess of the Israel army and air force was high, the Sinai Peninsula was again in Israeli hands and Jerusalem was united.

At the same time, Eban pursued his literary bent, writing the books *My Country, My People, An Autobiography*, and *The New Diplomacy: International Affairs in the Modern Age*. With his sometimes caustic style, he gives the reader insights into the conduct of diplomacy. In an early example, he describes his meeting in London in 1947 with Azzam Pasha, then secretary of the Arab league, who made clear the Arabs' resistance to Partition.

"We shall have to try to destroy you," he said. "Won't you have another cup of tea?"

About *New Diplomacy*, Henry Kissinger commented: "Abba Eban approaches international problems with statesmanship, eloquence, balanced judgment and an insight born of distinguished experience. These qualities which have won him renown in the world diplomatic community, are brilliantly reflected in this book."

Eban and Kissinger knew each other well, particularly from the days of Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy after the Six Day War. On one of Kissinger's trips, they passed the Monastery at Latrun, on the way to Jerusalem.

When Kissinger asked Eban what order the monks belong to, Eban explained that the Trappists are an ascetic order of silent monks with only the abbot allowed to speak to the outside world. To this Kissinger responded, "Oh, just like the State Department," and Eban quipped back, "Wish it were so in our foreign office."

This book, like many of his others, was widely translated and received positive reviews. In reference to the last chapter, John Gellner, then the editor of the *Canadian Defence Quarterly*, said, "It should be read with particular attention. Rather surprisingly, albeit convincingly, it takes on a note of optimism."

Indeed, Eban concluded with these words: "Diplomacy must be judged by what it prevents, not only by what it achieves. Much of it is a holding action designed to avoid explosion until the unifying forces of history take humanity into their embrace."

Later in his life, he wrote his most interesting book, *Personal Witness – Israel Through My Eyes*. Of the many important diplomatic episodes he experienced, he wrote extensively about the Yom Kippur War, the most difficult war that Israel had fought. He summed it up in this way: "The Israeli army and air force had been restored beyond their previous strength by the American airlift, yet hardly anyone in Israel spoke of 'victory.' Israel had won the war but there was no mood of celebration. Egypt had lost the war but had not been humiliated. A new psychological balance had been established. It seemed to augur well for negotiations."

A recent photo of Eban. **[Israel Sun]**

These were not words chosen in hindsight. Eban had said at the time, in a private conversation, that the Egyptian army had removed a psychological barrier when they managed to cross the Suez Canal. Indeed, this act eventually led to President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, his speech at the Knesset and the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

Another incident Eban described in his book was a meeting he had with former U.S.S.R. president Mikhail Gorbachev.

"What would I have thought of anyone who would have predicted in early 1990 that within a year I would be attending a dinner in New York organized by a Jewish organization in honour of 'ex-President Mikhail Gorbachev?' Yet here I was shaking his firm hand and furtively contemplating the birthmark on the much photographed bald pate.

"He had spoken lucidly, but without eloquence, against anti-Semitism and had taken due credit for restoring relations with Israel, without giving the impression that he saw this as his most cherished achievement. A flood of rhetoric from his Jewish hosts had exalted him as the victor in an epoch-making struggle against despotism. The tributes, as is usual on such occasions, were repetitive and not excessively brief. Yet they were substantially true. His life had mattered to the world."

Eban finished his book with a tribute, reminding his readers of the State's legacy: "In the end I can only salute the hero of my story – the Jewish people, battered by the tempest of a tragic history but still endowed with an incomparable recuperative power... Most nations exhort their new generations to fix their eyes resolutely on the future. Young Israelis would do well to spare a thought and memory for the poignant early days when our founding fathers put our flag into the winds of history."

Though Eban is no longer active in day-to-day diplomatic activities, his voice retains its power, and he still has the ability to coin a phrase. In a recent interview about the talks with the Palestinians, he said, "They never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity" to come to terms with reality.

There are people who suggest that Eban lives in an intellectual ivory tower. This is certainly removed from the truth. On the rare occasions when he was not preoccupied with affairs of state or of the Jewish people, he could let his hair down, and, with his wife Suzy at his side, talk about films, the theatre, the latest books and good food.

Considering his many contributions and his years of work in the diplomatic arena, there is no doubt that Eban has earned the accolade, "The voice of Israel."

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The other winners of the Israel Prize this year were: Mordechai Ben-Porat, Abba Eban and Yitzhak Shamir (lifetime achievement); Prof. Aviezer Ravitzky (Jewish philosophy); Profs. Gavriel Solomon and Ya'akov Renner (educational research); Profs. Ruth Ben-Israel and Yehoshua Weissman (jurisprudence); Prof. Baruch Chagai (sports); Profs. Zvi Avni, Yehezkel Baron and the late Herzl Shmueli (music); Profs. Marcel Eliyakim, Ruth Arnon and Bracha Ramot (medical sciences); Profs. Yoseph Omri and Shmuel Schtreichmann (physics).

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Gideon Saguy was Israel's former Consul General in Toronto and previously spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of Israel.

Ye Olde Book

During the Pesach week, a friend called me and asked whether I had seen a particular review that had appeared in the *New York Times*. The article he referred to dealt primarily with a book by Benson Bobrick: *The Story of the English Bible and the Revolution it Inspired.*

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

My friend wanted to know the origin of certain quotes found in the Bible. He was interested in three of them:

The first quotation, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge," was from Jeremiah 31:29.

His next enquiry concerned the origin of the words "a broken reed." The translation of the Hebrew *hakaneh haratsutz* is nowadays rendered as "a splintered reed," and is found several times in prophetic writings (see for instance Isaiah 36:6).

Finally, my friend said: "I want to know about the expression 'Like lambs led to slaughter' " – a phrase that comes from Jeremiah 51:40.

The enquiries led me not only to look up the exact sources for these phrases that have become part of the English language, but to the review itself, which I found most entertaining. Not only did it deal with the well-known fact that the English Bible – and especially the King James version of 1611 – had a profound influence on our language, but that it was also the chief vehicle for the democratization of the English populace.

The latter emphasis is important, for it makes it once again clear that Bible reading became widespread from the 18th century on and had a great impact on the development both of English and of North American culture and politics.

"The author's case," says the reviewer, "is that the very warp and woof of popular government was created by the democratization of translated Scripture – that the newly evangelized people obtained from the Bible's teachings a spiritual strength sufficient to help them overcome the tyranny of their arrogant and detached rulers."

This fact may come as a surprise to some of my readers who are unaware of the treasures that the Tanach (the Hebrew Bible) holds for its readers. They know about the Torah, and may have read a good deal of it, but they are hardly aware of the treasures that await them in the rest of the book. We hanker after the latest bestseller, but rarely look at the book that has been the world's bestseller for hundreds of years, and still is to this day. Sad to say, some of you who read these lines probably do not even have a Bible in your homes, and if you do have one, you may not have looked at it for many a moon.

Faulty priorities lead to a bitter aftertaste

Israelis are being killed as Palestinian terrorists blow up buses, Palestinians are firing mortars at Jewish towns, car bombs are exploding in cities, Hezbollah forces in Lebanon are attacking the northern border, Israel's water shortage is more dire than ever, unemployment is worsening and tourists are afraid to visit the country.

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

Recognizing the people's beleaguered state and with a keen sense of national priorities, Israel's exalted interior minister swings into action to rescue the Jewish soul of the nation. Yet for all his actions, he receives little gratitude from his countrymen – but lots of press.

These are indeed tough times for Israel. They're made even tougher by certain members of the government, especially those from Shas. I admit I've never been a great fan of this strictly Orthodox party and its shenanigans – many of which have landed a disproportionately high number of its Knesset members and other party officials in jail.

Unfortunately, it's hard to ignore Shas politicians. Their mix of religious fervour, political extortion and fanatic subservience to their foul-mouthed spiritual leader has become one of the more disturbing aspects of Israel's ungovernable mosaic of ethnic and special interest parties. The actions of Shas often leave me gagging in revulsion.

Take last month's Pesach holiday, for example. It may already be a distant memory, but thanks to Shas, it left a lingering bitter aftertaste.

With the country under siege and in a near-war situation with the Palestinians, the all-powerful Interior Ministry flexed its muscles, taking a page out of the Parti Québécois book of heavy-handed governing.

Interior Minister Eli Yishai, a senior member of Shas, decided it was high time people stopped eating "illegal" food during Passover. To that end, he deployed 13 inspectors throughout the country to uphold an obscure, useless law forbidding the sale or display of leavened products during the week of Passover. No matter that the law had been virtually unenforced since it was passed 15 years ago.

Restaurants were the prime target of Yishai's "Pesach police," who would arrive unannounced to check for bread and other similar "contraband" on the premises. Those found in violation were slapped with a 100-shekel fine. Like the language inspectors used by Quebec's PQ administration to patrol Montreal for illegally large displays of the much-dreaded English language, the "treatment" is far worse than the original "affliction."

News of the Pesach inspections angered many Israelis, especially from the non-Orthodox majority already embittered by previous cases of religious coercion. To see such a law applied when so many far more consequential ones are not only served to aggravate the rift between the secular and the observant.

In his defence, Yishai insisted he was only upholding the law. How noble on his part! If only he had shown the same steadfastness to enforce laws such as those concerning safety in the work place when he was previously labour and social affairs minister.

Such unnecessary government intervention usually backfires, and with good reason. Even an Orthodox MK from the National Religious Party, Shaul Yahalom, voiced his doubts about the law.

"We have so many other struggles for a Jewish State that are really important," Yahalom said. "It is ridiculous when inspectors go and examine people's personal plates. It won't bring a single person to greater observance of Passover."

His secular counterpart from the Shinui party, Yossi Paritzky, was more outraged. "There is no democracy in the world that allows such enforcement of religious laws," he said. "This is a combination of the Taleban and Iran. It's sheer madness."

For the record, I do not eat bread during Pesach. But I certainly resent any government ministry impinging on my personal freedoms by dictating what people can eat due to religious observance. Forcing people to conform to an Orthodox interpretation of a holiday will only breed more resentment against the religion and those who practise it.

The insult is all the more offensive in view of the endless litany of genuinely grave problems facing the nation that successive governments have so flagrantly ignored for years. Sadly, there's nothing to indicate this is about to change in the future.

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Arabs created refugee problem

Every year, while Israelis and the Jewish people celebrate the re-establishment of Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel, the Arabs mark *nakba* ("catastrophe") day. In the Arab mythology (what academics call a "narrative"), the creation of Israel on what they see as exclusively Palestinian land was the result of a Western imperialist conspiracy, led by the British. Even after 53 years, the vast majority of Palestinians are unable to bring themselves to consider the history of the Jewish links with this land.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

Peace, in any meaningful sense, will only come to Israelis, Palestinians and the rest of the Middle East when the Arabs discard these claims. As long as the intellectuals, journalists, political leaders and artists believe and propagate the myths that the Jews are outsiders who have no historic ties or moral rights in Israel, talk of peace is meaningless. The Arab-Israeli conflict will not end until the Palestinians confront the basic facts of history and admit that their own policies and behaviour in rejecting all compromise are responsible for their suffering and "catastrophe."

In the 1930s and after the UN partition resolution of November 1947, the Arabs rejected "the two state solution." At every opportunity, they demanded all of Palestine and exclusive control in Jerusalem. During the Arab occupation between 1948 and 1967, Jewish sites and homes were destroyed and Jews were systematically excluded from this section as part of the effort to rewrite Jewish history.

For 53 years, this basic rejectionism has not changed. As has become totally obvious to even the most enthusiastic supporters, the Oslo agreements were used by the Palestinians to pursue the same old goals. In the Camp David summit that took place last July, Yasser Arafat told Bill Clinton that the First and Second Temples were not in Jerusalem but really near the Dead Sea. Arafat also rejected all proposals to fix the boundaries between Israel and a Palestinian state, in order to preserve the vision of an exclusively Arab state to replace Israel.

The refugee issue, which creates so much support for the Palestinians, is a prime example of the power of this mythology to generate sympathy for the perceived victims. Even in Israel, there are a number of self-styled new historians, who, for various reasons, are also trying to shift the blame to Israel. In 1948, they argue, Israel was not really outnumbered and outgunned, and the forces of the nascent Jewish were actually superior.

Since Israel defeated the five invading Arab armies, it must have done something right, but this effort to change the historical record does not reflect central factors such as motivation and even desperation. The Jews in the Haganah and other defence organizations that united to form the Israel Defence Forces were aware that if they were defeated, this would mark the end of Jewish identity and culture. They were defending their homes and nation, while the Arab armies were invaders with only a distant ideological objective at stake. This was the key factor in explaining the Israeli victory.

The series of wars that the Arabs, including the Palestinians, initiated and waged also created the refugee problem. As in the case of other wars, many civilians fled and others were encouraged to leave by both Israeli and Arab leaders. The details can be debated for many more decades, but the simple (and often ignored) historical fact is that the Arab decision to go to war with the goal of destroying Israel led directly to the flight of the refugees. History cannot be run in reverse, the almost 20,000 Israelis who have died and 80,000 who have been injured in the utterly pointless wars and terrorism cannot be restored to life and health; and the Palestinians must also accept their responsibility for the plight of these refugees.

Until the Palestinians and their supporters acknowledge the Jewish connection with this land, and are willing to listen to our history, there will be no real peace.

The Kirshner File

The gritty world of cartoonist Ben Katchor

Ben Katchor is the master of a fresh literary genre – the literate adult cartoon.

A writer/illustrator whose Yiddish-inflected inkwash comic strips evoke the desperate world of small businessmen in a gritty urban milieu, he is the epitome of eccentricity himself.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Somewhat dishevelled, with the face and eyes of a curious little boy, Katchor enjoys a special relationship with words and pictures.

Syndicated in weekly newspapers and a monthly magazine in the United States, his wry, monochrome comic strips are distinguished by nuanced narratives and delicacy of draftsmanship.

Katchor, 49, is best known for *Julius Knipl: Real Estate Photographer* and *The Jew of New York*, which have appeared in book form under the titles of *The Beauty Supply District*, *The Jew of New York* and *The Cardboard Valise* (Random House).

Heir to a rich American tradition of storytelling popularized by the likes of Julius Pfeiffer, Edward Gorey, Will Eisner and Art Speigelman, he has succeeded in catapulting comics, books of cartoons and graphic novels – call them what you may – to an elevated plane.

Asked in a recent interview how he classifies himself, he observed, "There are all kinds of cartoonists. Where do I sit? I'm definitely not part of the mainstream comic strip world. I'm in some literary end of that spectrum."

The subject of a short documentary called *Pleasures of Urban Decay*, Katchor is virtually in a league of his own. "A publisher once told me there are only six of us in the United States making a living doing adult comic strips," he said. Katchor recalled it was not exactly meant as a compliment. "He was trying to tell me how hard it is."

Katchor is one of those lucky – and talented – few. Thanks to his off-kilter comic strips and a taxable $500,000 grant he received from the MacArthur Foundation last summer, the first cartoonist to be so honoured, he has prospered. He and his wife Susan, a pre-school teacher whom he met in a dairy restaurant, own a flat in Manhattan's rather pricey Upper West Side.

Although *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times* have published his drawings, the alternative press is Katchor's real niche. Appearing in eleven cities from New York and San Francisco to Miami and Washington, D.C., his comic strips are published in papers ranging from *City Paper* to *New Times*. He also appears in *Metropolis*, a magazine, and in the English language edition of *Forward*, a national Jewish newspaper.

His comic strips, the latest of which is entitled *Hotel & Farm*, cannot be found in Canadian periodicals. "I don't actively solicit newspapers. When they want you, they come to you."

Twenty years ago, when the Brooklyn College graduate with a major in painting was starting out in the business, Katchor tried to break into the mainstream media. "I talked to people at a press syndicate and they said, 'We could never sell your stuff. It's too complicated to read.'"

Today, he agrees with their hard-nosed assessment. "The market demands an effortless read. They didn't think it would fit. It was like vinegar in Coca Cola," he said, grinning.

Katchor's comic strips, as the MacArthur Foundation put it, are informed by "an ironic, compelling and bittersweet nostalgia for the detritus of city life."

The Jew of New York, set in the 19th century, is based on a minor, almost forgotten episode in American history. The magical realist story of the quixotic quest by Mordecai Manuel Noah – a New York journalist and playwright – to establish a Jewish state on an island near Niagara Falls, is the starting point for Katchor's epic tale, which unfolds in the grimy, gray-toned streets of New York City.

Character development in *The Jew of New York* is rich and reflects Katchor's fascination with individuals on the margins of society. For instance, the character Francis Oriole dreams of carbonating Lake Erie so that he can open a soda water company. Nathan Kishon, a sinful kosher slaughterer, peddles soil from the Holy Land. Yosl Feinbroyt, a Kabbalist, segues into the men's handkerchief trade. Elim-min-opee, a surviving member of Israel's ten lost tribes, performs on Broadway in faultless Hebrew. Their lives intersect amid the hubbub of financial frenzy and crisis.

The Beauty Supply District, which takes place in the present era, turns on Julius Knipl, whose trials and tribulations endear him to a reader.

Peopled with a plethora of hustling salesmen and crafty lawyers, and dotted with curious outposts like the Misspent Youth Centre and Sensum's Symmetry Shop, *The Beauty Supply District* portrays the quirky ambience of a dingy yet lively metropolis.

Surprisingly, perhaps, Katchor has no proprietary attachment to his characters, be they Knipl or Kishon. "I've invented thousands of them, and they come and go. I try not to establish a continuing character. They're meant to be representations of human beings, not specific people. I never knew anyone like Knipl, though I knew small businessmen."

Ben Katchor

Born in 1951 in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighbourhood, Katchor hails from an East European Jewish background where Yiddish was the lingua franca.

Meyer, his late father, was an ardent socialist, an upstate New York chicken farmer and hotelier who subsequently operated a rooming house in Brooklyn. A Warsaw Jew, Meyer left Poland about a decade after the end of World War I and lived briefly on agricultural settlements in Palestine and Brazil before settling in the United States in the early 1930s.

"He had far left-wing sympathies and romantic views of the Soviet Union and collectivization. He was very politically-minded, but he was basically a businessman," Katchor recalled.

Sylvia, his mother, was a nurse in her youth.

"They and their friends spoke Yiddish," said Katchor, who claims he is not particularly political. "I learned to read Yiddish after my father's death in 1971. In a pinch, I can communicate in Yiddish, though I don't usually use it. It's not really a language being used nowadays, except in Chassidic circles."

As a child, he devoured comic books, especially Spiderman. "Comics were my first exposure to representational drawing. I was drawn to them even before I learned to read. Some of my earliest memories are of reading the Sunday newspaper comics," Katchor said.

Katchor drew his first comic strip before he was 10. "I liked the idea of drawn images of the world, the colours, the lines, the concept of a visual world on paper. I was conscious that there was a profession behind those comic strips."

After graduating from Brooklyn College, he set up a graphic design and typesetting company with two friends in lower Manhattan, the venue of all his comic strips."I wasn't happy as a businessman, though it could be amusing," he said.

In the mid-1980s, when publishers were still in the habit of dismissing the adult comic strip as a mere fad, he founded *Picture Story*, a self-published zine. Then he submitted drawings to *Raw*, a cutting-edge magazine run by Spiegelman of *Maus* fame.

He confesses that he never had a serious interest in painting. "If I had been a painter, my work would have ended up in galleries, which was not where I wanted to be."

Seeking far wider exposure, he sent his drawings to newspapers. He sold his first comic strip, revolving around Knipl, to *The New York Press* in 1988. By 1992, he had broken into *Forward*.

Katchor was taken by total surprise when he won the coveted MacArthur grant. "It was unexpected. You never know who's being nominated. It was a strange occurrence, like stepping off a curb and being hit by a truck."

Has it changed his life? "It's too soon to know," said Katchor, the recipient of a 1995 Guggenheim fellowship. "But now I'm invited to speak at more prestigious institutions (he was brought here by The Beguiling Comix Shop, and spoke at the University of Toronto), "and when people look at my work, they say, 'There must be something to it.' "

Currently, Katchor is putting the finishing touches to another collection of *The Cardboard Valise*. And in September, the Jewish Museum in New York City will host a retrospective of his drawings.

In the meantime, he'll continue churning out his comic strips in a relentless routine. "I never stop working," he said. "I'm working as we speak, which is pretty insane. I put in more hours than a lot of small businessmen, that's for sure."

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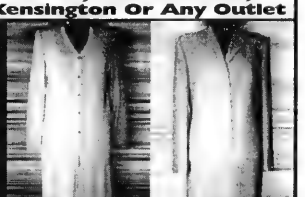
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Jews, Christians remember Holocaust victims

By HEATHER CHEIFETZ
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Members of the Jewish and Christian communities came together recently at Holy Rosary Church in Toronto, to honour and remember those who died during the Holocaust.

"The Holocaust demonstrates the power of gossip, hearsay and myth," Rev. Telmor Sartison, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, told the packed audience at the 21st annual Christian Service in memory of the Holocaust. "It is the dark night of the human soul."

The key to preventing similar tragedies, he added, is to make "understanding your neighbour a priority."

The Lachan Jewish Chamber Choir, led by Cantor Ben Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple, integrated traditional Jewish melodies into the Christian service, including a stirring rendition of the Mourner's Kaddish.

Six candles were lit in remembrance of the six million Jews who perished. A seventh represented the Righteous Gentiles who risked their lives to rescue Jews.

Several members of the community were invited to light candles, including Holocaust survivors Tilly Sugarman, Marcus Verwoerd, Elisabeth deJong-Feldman and her husband Irwin Bremmer; Sam Romberg, a Jewish Canadian Forces veteran who liberated Holland; Justin Afazali, a survivor of Rwandan genocide; and Ada Wynston, who was hidden by Christian families during the war.

Born in Amsterdam, Wynston was separated from her family at age six. She spent four years hiding in Christian families' homes, before being reunited with her father, brother and sister in 1947.

Wynston, who co-organized the event, has been involved with the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto for 12 years. She also works with the Holocaust Education Committee, speaking regularly to students about her experiences. "We have to keep the spirit of dialogue alive," she said.

More than 150 people attended the service, including Toronto City Councillor Joe Mihevc, German Consul General Christiane Geissler-Kuss and Israeli Consul General Meir Romem.

Pastor Paul McGill of Holy Rosary Church has been a member of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue for eight years.

"It struck me shortly after I moved here that there is a large Jewish population living in the area," he said. "I thought that it was important to get to know our neighbours."

Pastor McGill has made it a priority to attend several co-sponsored events each year, while encouraging members of his church to do the same. "Partly because my congregants know I'm so involved, they have been very supportive."

The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto was founded 33 years ago and continues to thrive.

"We'll never agree on our fundamental differences – we are Jews, they are Christians – but the reality is that there is a better understanding of each other than ever before," said David Hart, one of the original members of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, who remains a board member today.

There is certainly more sympathy and understanding towards the Holocaust, he added. "Of course, there are still deniers. In the past, after some of our events we find anti-Semitic flyers and posters. Sometimes we receive threatening letters. But the main thing is that we continue to meet."

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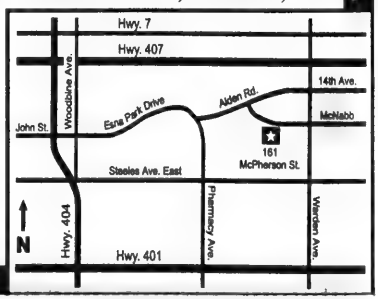

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Renovated Toronto Mikvah to be inaugurated

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The newly renovated Toronto Mikvah will be inaugurated with a program at the Inn on the Park, May 13 at 8 p.m.

The event will feature educator Zahava Braunstein, who will speak on The Uniqueness of the Jewish Home. Braunstein is the principal of Bet Yaacov Ateret Torah High School in New York, and the program director at Camp Shira. She has taught the laws of marriage and family purity for nearly 30 years.

A mikvah is used by women for the observance of the laws of family purity, *taharat hamishpachah*. A woman is not permitted to engage in marital relations with her husband during her menstrual period or for seven days after it, and until she has immersed in a mikvah.

The Toronto Mikvah, which is on Sheppard Avenue just west of Bathurst Street, was opened in June 1969. It was one of the first to be built as an independent entity, not attached to a synagogue or a steam bath, as most were in the early days of the century.

Myer Nussbaum, who is active in the administration of the mikvah, said renovations were necessary because the mikvah has been used so much.

"At first, I remember that only 60 or 70 women used it a year. Then it went up to about 120, and now over 600 use it," he told *The CJN*.

This is because of the increasing size of the Orthodox community and the fact that more women observe the laws of family purity, according to George Hofstedter, who was largely responsible for the renovations.

The building was almost completely gutted to its shell, he said. Because it couldn't be closed completely during the construction, the whole process took close to a year.

Much of the $1-million cost of renovation is what Hofstedter calls hidden – the mechanical and ventilation system on the roof. The roof also houses an apparatus that contains rainwater, because to fulfil halachic requirements, a mikvah must be filled to a large extent with water from natural sources.

The renovation had to be inspected many times, not only by municipal building inspectors, but also by community rabbis, who, Hofstedter said, climbed ladders up to the roof to make sure that all the halachic requirements were adhered to.

The building was expanded to include four new bathrooms, which means there are now 14. There are also seven mikvot, some in the bathrooms themselves, and some as the central point of several bathrooms.

"Everything is done to ensure privacy and comfort," he said.

There is a new waiting area, an enhanced security system with a video monitor to the outside and a buzzer, a commercial laundry room ("everyone is given a complete set of towels and so on") and a hair drying room.

The staff has also been expanded, Hofstedter said.

The people most responsible for having had the Toronto Mikvah built in the first place, Nussbaum said, were the late Rabbi Gedaliah Felder and the late Israel Koschitsky, as well as other individuals who recognized that the community was moving north. In fact, when it opened, its predecessor downtown on College Street closed.

The Guita Rosenfield Endowment Fund, which will be inaugurated at the upcoming celebration, will be used for ongoing repair and maintenance of the mikvah.

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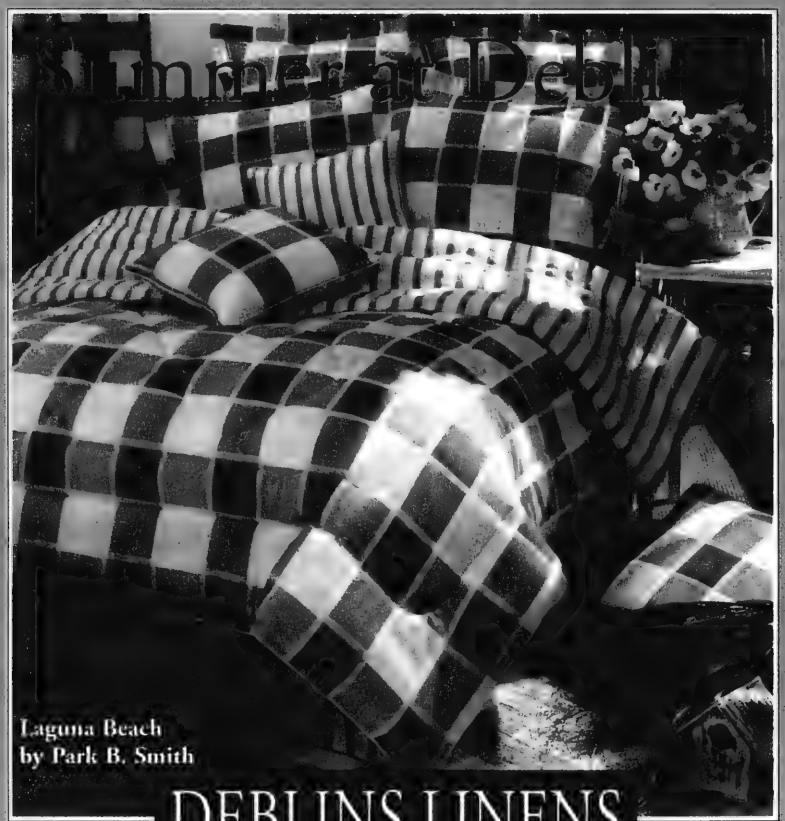

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Possible changes to immigrant services discussed

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although there has been some "uncertainty" over the potential effects on the Toronto office of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) of a possible restructuring by Toronto's Jewish federation of its services to immigrants, JIAS' executive director, Jack Kugelmass, is confident that JIAS "will exist no matter what happens."

His comments follow the creation of a committee by UJA FEDERATION and JIAS Toronto to look "at ways of more closely integrating Toronto's JIAS into the federation system and improving the help it provides," as a recent federation news release put it.

What that means, according to Howard English, the federation's director of marketing and communications, is that some of the services provided by JIAS – an independent beneficiary within the federation system – could in theory be provided by other agencies in conjunction with JIAS. He doesn't believe there is much duplication of service as things stand now.

The impetus for creating the committee, which was a federation initiative, was a change in the funding arrangements for the agency, to be implemented July 1.

Instead of the money for the Toronto and Montreal offices of JIAS coming from UIA Federations Canada, it will now come directly from the federations of the respective cities. JIAS Canada will serve immigrants only in cities other than Toronto and Montreal, under the auspices of UIAFC.

All three offices – those of JIAS, UIAFC and the Federation – are housed in the Lipa Green building.

The change does not affect the dollar funding – it uses the same UJA campaign money, but now channeled via a different route.

Roughly half of the $1 million budget of JIAS Toronto comes from UJA FEDERATION; the rest is government funding.

The 79-year-old agency, which deals with over 700 new immigrant families per year, is "the lead agency in providing settlement and immigration services to Toronto's Jewish community," said Kugelmass.

"From the JIAS perspective, that role and the extent of that role is now being reviewed by one of its funders."

No plans have been put on the table, Kugelmass said, but "there are some who believe that perhaps JIAS, because it's a smaller agency, should be absorbed...to benefit from economies of scale."

English said that JIAS would "most probably" remain an independent agency. Eliminating it altogether was "an option but not one that's been recommended," he said.

The committee, which was slated to meet this week, aims to "extend an even greater degree of assistance to newcomers as well as integrating the already settled immigrant community by drawing JIAS more fully into the UJA FEDERATION family," said committee chair Natan Aronshtam in a news release.

The services provided by the community to immigrants "will not be diminished in any way," he added.

JIAS Toronto already has ties to other local federation-funded agencies such as Jewish Family & Child Service, working with immigrant youngsters in schools, and to Jewish Vocational Services, to which it refers some 500 clients a year.

In Montreal, where Kugelmass serves as interim director of the local JIAS office, FEDERATION CJA has decided to create a JIAS welcome centre to be housed in its Snowdon Y.

The project, which is expected to open in the next couple of months, was over a year in the making and will involve "significant increased collaboration with different agencies," said Kugelmass. "It will be kind of a one-stop shopping for new immigrants coming to Montreal."

Yes, the model could work in Toronto too, Kugelmass speculated, in answer to a question.

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Federal census an important planning tool: Ronen

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Count yourself in.

That's the message Jewish communal leaders have for those who may hesitate or be turned off by next week's census question on religion.

While many may feel that inquiring about someone's faith isn't anyone's business, let alone the federal government's, Canadian Jewish Congress is urging people to answer.

"There's no obligation to answer them if people feel they are intrusive or personal," said former CJC president Moshe Ronen, "But they're a very important tool for community planning."

Last year, Ronen and other Jewish leaders wrote to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, cabinet members and MPs, asking that the questions on religion and ethnic origins be retained on this census because they provide communal planners with a treasure trove of data.

Omitting the queries would have constituted "a serious error," communal leaders stated. "One cannot underestimate the value of the responses to these questions."

Over the years, data gleaned from responses to the religion and ethnicity questions have provided Jewish planners with invaluable information on education levels, migration, income, labour, poverty, family structure and living arrangements, and immigration. Numbers have also yielded data on levels of intermarriage and patterns of religious identification.

Distribution of census questionnaires began May 1. "Census Day" is May 15, when forms should be mailed back.

Eighty percent of Canadians will receive a short form consisting of seven questions per person. The other 20 percent will receive the long form of 51 questions for every person in the household.

The question on religion, which is only on the long form, simply asks, "What is this person's religion?" Only one denomination may be specified.

The question on ethnic background, which is also only on the long form, asks, "To which ethnic or cultural group(s) did this person's ancestor's belong?" Respondents are allowed to list up to four ethnic backgrounds, Jewish being one.

Statistics Canada has considered "Jewish" to be both a religion and ethnicity for decades. No other ethnicity or faith falls into both categories.

Censuses in years ending with "1" have asked about religion and ethnic background since 1901. Headcounts in years ending with 6 – so called "mini-censuses" – inquire about ethnicity only.

The 1991 census found 318,070 Canadians who said their religion was Jewish, and 369,565 who listed Jewish as their ethnic origin.

But communal planners relied on neither tally. They used a mix of both derived by experts at McGill University in Montreal. The blend excluded only those who claimed Jewish ethnic origins but professed another religion.

The final number – the official one – was 356,315 in Canada as of 1991, with 162,605 of them in Toronto.

In the 1996 mini-census, 351,705 respondents claimed Jewish ethnicity.

This time, officials at McGill University have not been asked to interpret the results.

"I haven't been retained," said Prof. James Torczyner, who has been analyzing Jewish data from censuses since 1971.

Torczyner was reluctant to forecast what the 2001 census might show about Canadian Jewry.

Several factors have to be considered, he said, chiefly, immigration and the birthrate. Between 1981 and 1991, the Jewish birthrate increased, while the overall Canadian birthrate went down.

As well, there are more Jewish elderly than in the general population, and they tend to live longer, Torczyner said.

In the past, Jewish academics have clashed on the meaning of the numbers, with some arguing that the presence of more "ethnic" Jews than "religious" ones should sound alarm bells because they reflect rising rates of assimilation.

Following the 1996 headcount, Prof. Robert Brym of the University of Toronto expressed concern at how many more "ethnic" Jews had listed multiple ethnic origins, compared to the 1991 census.

> *Forms should be mailed back May 15*

At the time, Brym said the trend reflected increased assimilation because more and more Canadians were identifying themselves as Jewish but also as having several other origins.

Brym now says he's moderated that view.

"One interpretation is that Jews are getting assimilated, but a more accurate one is the feeling that they are just more comfortable, and that they're recognizing their roots," he said.

Jewish Canadians have become more integrated into society and are perhaps "re-interpreting" Judaism, Brym stated.

He too declined to predict what this census might show.

Brym conceded that the final number will be up over 1991, and that immigration will tell a big story.

"Immigration from Russia has dried up. Immigration from South Africa has tapered off. But being Jewish is more fashionable than it used to be. Listing it as an ethnicity inflates the numbers. So we can expect some increase."

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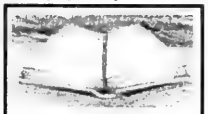
Jewish Life

By RABBI MORDECAI E. ZEITZ

What's in a name? Everything



Rabbinic Reflections

They say, "It's all in the name." Companies spend millions of dollars in research, not just on product development, but in the search for an appropriate product name. Certain names project certain images which can make it or break it in the marketplace. In other words, a name or phrase is much more than a bunch of letters.

The different names of God denote the Almighty in different modes with humankind. Each holiday has a variety of names denoting a different essence of both history and memory. We know that the choice of a name for a newlyborn is a most complex experience, and the change of a name denotes a serious situation or circumstance.

The importance of names is especially true in the Torah where words and phrases have a multitude of meanings, ranging from the plain translation (pshat) to a multitude of interpretations (drash). Even the names of the portions are more than titles. Often their proximity and sequencing bring another message to light above and beyond its content. For instance, in the past two weeks, we have read three portions. Each stands by itself with profound content, such as the laws of Yom Kippur, sexuality, a complex moral and ethical code, the festivals and much more. If only for this, we would say *dayeinu*.

But if we look at the names of the portions, a whole new dimension is introduced. "Acharai mot kedoshim emor" literally means "after the death of the righteous, say." This title is cryptic and seemingly contradictory because dead people don't talk. But not so. All too often, it is "acharai mot" – after the death of a person or the end of a relationship – that we realize "kedoshim" – their virtues and special qualities that we never appreciated. At that point is the "emor;" we want to say, but, alas, it is too late. Time and circumstance have taken away any opportunity to say and do the things that could have been and should have been done.

Thoughts and feelings normally reserved for eulogies and epitaphs should be written and spoken during a lifetime, when sentiments can be acknowledged and appreciated. Most appropriately, we recite the *Aishet Chayil*, lauding the virtues of our spouse every Friday in the presence of family and friends, rather than at the funeral.

Maybe that is why these portions are invariably followed by Mother's Day and soon after by Father's Day. Hopefully, the sequence of these portions will kickstart people into making as many days as possible become days of meaningful relationships and experiences with parents and children and siblings and friends while all are alive and well. The ability to make most days – a mother's day or a father's day – into genuine people days – becomes the real barometer of the quality and purpose of life.

But while respecting and honouring others are important, this is only one-half of the equation. The most neglected piece is the challenge to be the mother or father or spouse or child or friend you know you ought to be or could be, to conduct yourself in a way that brings honour to your various roles – not to play the roles, but to in fact *be* them – with sincerity and integrity.

No, it is not always convenient or even comfortable, but it is who you are. When you honour that essence within yourself, you can begin to appreciate the same qualities in others. If you can accomplish that in the course of a lifetime, then the "kedoshim," the purpose of your being will itself be "emor," will speak for itself.

What's in a name? Everything... one's entire lifetime.

Rabbi Zeitz is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Tikvah in Montreal.

The biology of religion

***Why God Won't Go Away, Brain Science and the Biology of Belief*, by Andrew Newberg, Eugene D'Aquilli and Vince Rause, Random House $37.95**

Books
Bernard Baskin

Through the ages, philosophers, theologians, psychologists – and a multitude of searchers for truth and understanding – have asked this question: "Why do humans always long to connect with some force, power or spirit larger than themselves?" To put it another way, why does consciousness inexorably involve men and women – no matter how far we go back in time – in a spiritual quest? Why does some belief in God or religious faith seem inevitable and universal?

Doctors Andrew Newberg and Eugene D'Aquilli are prominent scientists, university professors and longtime students of religion. Rejecting customary answers to complex and difficult questions such as the above, they offer an explanation based on their research that is profoundly simple, but, they assert, scientifically valid: the religious impulse is rooted in the biology of the brain.

After years of scientific study and careful consideration of the results, the authors conclude that there is evidence of a neurological process which has evolved over time; it allows human beings to transcend material existence and acknowledge and connect with a deeper, more spiritual part of themselves. "Even the profound spiritual experiences described by saints and mystics of every religion, and in every period of time, can also be attributed to the brain's activity that gives ritual its transcendent powers."

The book's first 50 pages are devoted to brain architecture and machinery. This material is rather technical and not quickly absorbed. I learned that there is a network of structures situated towards the middle of the brain called the limbic system, which comprises the deep parts of the temporal lobes (the lobes that are situated at the temples), nuclei called the amygdala.

Information gathered by the senses is normally routed through the thalamus, a small subsection deep within the brain, to the sensory cortex, which analyzes it in detail to decide how much weight it should be given. Sensory information processed by the cortex finally reaches the amygdala, which contribute the emotional portion of our response to sensory stimuli. Parts of the amygdala, for example, are involved in fear. Animals with damage to these parts are no longer perturbed by stimuli they previously learned to fear.

In the 1930s, when Montreal neurosurgeon Wilder Penfield stimulated the temporal lobes during brain surgery, his patients experienced sudden visions or tastes, or heard voices of relatives, or felt a strong sense of being in the presence of an external intelligence. Recent researchers in the field have achieved similar results.

The conclusion the authors draw from this fund of knowledge is that "every event that happens to us or any action that we take can be associated with activity in one or more specific regions of the brain. This includes, necessarily, all religious and spiritual experiences. The evidence further compels us to believe that if God does indeed exist, the only place he can manifest his existence would be in the tangled neural pathways and physiological structures of the brain."

Does all of this mean that the human brain is wired to induce religious feeling, the desire for myth and ritual, and even mysticism? Perhaps. But the evidence doesn't show that the feelings and emotions produced are necessarily logical, intelligent or benign. This same brain must be the source of the sheerest religious superstition and nonsense. It produces feelings that drive religious people to intolerance, hatred and bloodshed. Not all persons who undergo religious experience and sensations achieve what the authors call "oneness with the universe."

Nonetheless, this work, written with the help of the journalist Vince Rause, is stimulating and groundbreaking, if somewhat frightening. It is the only work of its kind that I know of that so explicitly probes the biology of religious experience.

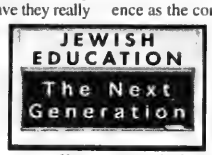
Jewish Life

Faith, doubt and Jewish education

By ELLIOT MALAMET

Another end to the school year looms, and my inevitable feeling of having utterly failed my students surfaces yet again, an annual rite of passage no less unsettling for all its grinding repetitiveness.

What have they really learned, my inner voice laments, how have they really changed? The old half-true clichés rush to fill the breach of this insidious hole in my self-confidence and chatter the usual platitudes: "You're planting a seed which will bear fruit in later years, you never know how you affect people, Judaism is a powerful message."



But uncertainty lingers and the reasons for doing what we do grow blurry in the haze of ineffective attempts to urgently impress upon anyone who will listen that Torah's true, Torah's good, Torah's real. Perhaps the most skeptical ear, the least cajoled mind privy to this blaring advertisement, is my own.

It occurs to me that my own existential ambivalence is ironically the key education tool I possess. The Buddhist scholar Stephen Batchelor has addressed this simply and convincingly: "Doubt is central to the spiritual crisis many people find themselves in today. The beliefs of traditional religion having been undermined; it is often doubt that we experience as the core of our spiritual awareness. Such doubt is not merely uncertainty about the claims of a particular spiritual tradition, but doubt about what is the meaning of our existence in this world... Faith is not equivalent to mere belief. Faith is the condition of ultimate confidence that we have the capacity to follow the path of doubt to its end."

The core issues of faith and doubt that bewitch all modern people – self-consciously or otherwise – are also the beginning of a genuine religious discourse with others. The topic cannot be broached with all students nor can it be raised at all times, for it requires a commitment on the part of those involved to tenaciously examine their own beliefs and prejudices, and the maturity to "put away childish things."

Belief in a God and the life that may accompany such a belief remains the ultimate path of Jewish spirituality, and the sidetracks to this road are endless. In many ways the largest detour may be religion as it is currently practised, education as it is presently offered. Each student – and what is a teacher if not the most perennial and watchful of students? – must have the courage to cultivate the conditions under which faith and doubt can be expressed, shared, transformed.

The peak moments of a life are not the true breeding ground for the daily obstacle course of belief. The Kotzker Rebbe once wryly commented on the midrashic statement that at the giving of the Torah at Sinai, the prophetic ability of an ordinary maidservant surpassed even that of Ezekiel. True, said the Kotzker, but on the day after, the maidservant will return to being just that. To be able to sustain our Jewish lives in the cauldron of modernity will require not the clarivoyance of prophets but the paradoxical faith to doubt and the will to endure.

Learn about Lag b'Omer

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

How can one day be a reminder of Judaism's links to mysticism, a time to mourn and a time to dance, and an Israeli pilgrimage that is reminiscent at times of Woodstock?

Lag b'Omer is all of those things and more, as we will see on the Jewish Highway. The seven-week period between Passover and Shavuot is a time of semi-mourning but on the 33rd day, Lag b'Omer, weddings are permitted and the day is celebrated with bonfires, parties and haircuts. This year Lag b'Omer begins May 10, in the evening.

If Lag b'Omer is identified with one person, it must be Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Rabbi Shimon was a student of Rabbi Akiva and one of the very few scholars to survive during the Roman conquest of Jerusalem 1,900 years ago. The Aish Hatorah Web site explains how Rabbi Shimon and his son sought refuge and studied Torah in a cave for 12 years **[aish.com/holidays/counting_the_omer/lag_bomer.asp]**. Rabbi Shimon is believed to have died on Lag b'Omer, but just before his death he revealed the Zohar, Judaism's great kabbalistic work to his students.

One of the most popular Lag b'Omer traditions is to light bonfires. The Ohr Somayach site explains why **[www.ohr.org.il/special/omer/light.htm]**. "On the day of Rabbi Shimon's passing, a great light was revealed to his students when he uncovered many of the hidden secrets of the Torah. This was written down in the Zohar [lit. shining]. The bonfires symbolize the light of the hidden wisdom that Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai revealed on Lag b'Omer."

Some of the biggest bonfires take place in Meron, a small town in northern Israel. Meron is also believed to be the burial place of Rabbi Shimon, so every year, it becomes the focus of a mass pilgrimage as tens of thousands of Jews come to celebrate, dance and even do a little business. There are several marvelous Web sites that capture the mood of the trip to Meron. I particularly like the way Virtual Jerusalem describes the scene as "Mea She'arim Meets Woodstock: 'Meron quickly assumes a festive atmosphere quite unlike any other. In the woods around town, campsites are filled with mainly Sephardi Jews. Some tents have televisions, electricity and running water. The fragrance of roasting shish-kebab wafts upwards toward the tombs. Some have the custom to make a *seudat hodayah* [thanksgiving meal] and to slaughter a lamb and roast it.'" **[207.168.91.4/vjholidays/lagbaomer/]**.

You can find more first person accounts about the trip to Meron at Shema Yisrael **[www.shemayisrael.co.il/jerbooks/meron/meron1.htm]** and at Aviva Starkman's site **[www.starkman.com/aviva/AJS/lag_baomer.html]**.

And for something different, follow Maria Goldrich as she joins the ancient Lag b'Omer pilgrimage on the Tunisian island of Djerba **[www.kolot.com/djerba.shtml]**.

There are several great Lag b'Omer sites aimed at kids such as the one from Jewish Theological Seminary **[learn.jtsa.edu/topics/kids/together/lagbaomer/]**. In addition to the history of the day, there are rabbinic tales, quizzes and essays to spark discussions. Over at Orthodox Union, there are links to a Lag b'Omer song and poem, and an explanation of why the day is associated with playing bows and arrows **[www.ou.org/chagim/lagbaomer/default.html]**.

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting has even created an entire bonfire lighting ceremony which focuses on the historical relationship Jews have had with fire (the Menorah, Shabbat lights, God's holy fire in the Wilderness and the Shoah.) **[www.jewishscouting.org/other/lag_bonfire.html]**

For most Israelis, Lag b'Omer is a great day to get out, have a picnic and throw a few potatoes on the fire. But if you'd like to prepare something a bit more exotic, there are a few sites with other suggestions. Daniel Rogov's Lag b'Omer picnic menu boasts Spinach Salad with Honey and Oranges followed by Chicken and Artichoke Salad topped off by Arak Cookies **[www.stratsplace.com/rogov/israel/lag_ba_omer.html]**. Over at KosherKorner, they're dining on Papaya Slaw, Sweet and Spicy Chicken with Tropical Fruits and Lentil Salad with Lemon **[www.fspronet.com/kosherkorner/lagbomer.html]**.

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Jewish Life

Interest in Yiddish literature remains strong, says Lansky

By BEN ROSE
Special to CJN

TORONTO — The ongoing renewal of interest in Jewish literature will keep Yiddish alive despite the attractions of mainstream culture and high rates of assimilation and intermarriage, said Aaron Lansky, executive director of the National Yiddish Book Centre.

"Yiddish will say the last word in a way we can't perceive," Lansky said at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, where he delivered the J.B. Salsberg Memorial Lecture to a packed house that included members of Salsberg's family.

"The appreciation of Yiddish culture has increased by quantum leaps," Lansky said, adding that Jewish youth often consider it "cool" to study Yiddish.

The future of Yiddish is in events like the Ashkenaz festival to be held in Toronto next year, he said.

Lansky tempered his affirmation of faith in Yiddish with the "bad news" that 99 percent of the people who donate books to his centre cannot read Yiddish, and donations come from the children and grandchildren of the owners, who now live in the suburbs. Of every 200 books given to the centre, 119 are still not translated into English or other languages.

His "good news" included statements that "loads of Jewish youth" are now listening to klezmer music and that his centre received 800 applications for eight positions as summer interns.

While every major university in the United States and Canada has a Jewish studies program, and many public schools have Holocaust studies in their curriculum, Lansky expressed dismay that "there is no sense of Jewish history" in the Holocaust courses.

He also said he is doubtful as to whether widely sponsored Birthright programs providing visits to Israel by Jewish youth will help keep Yiddish alive.

Warning against reducing Jewish day school programs to "spiritualization," he said more than religion is involved. "The visceral attraction to Jewish literature is at the gut level."

Every major university in the United States, Canada and Israel is now teaching Yiddish, and Yiddish day schools are beginning to appear. The centre has collected 1.5 million Yiddish books and placed them in 450 universities.

Since they have no use for Yiddish literature, chassidic Jews, though they have large families and do speak Yiddish, do not represent a hope for the future, said Lansky, who also spoke at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre later in the day.

Furthermore, though the rate of intermarriage in the United States is now more than 50 percent, he said he is surprised it is not even higher, considering how Jews have adopted the American way of life.

Toronto is one of the few cities in North America where Yiddish culture is still flourishing, and Lansky said he always likes to visit here. Yiddish suffers "a sense of marginalization" in other places.

In a talk laced with humor, he said he was watching the reaction of eight summer interns at his centre while they listened to a speaker on Jewish humour. "Seven interns didn't laugh at the jokes and the other came from Mexico."

At a Yiddish theatre festival in Montreal (Lansky took a course at McGill University), he heard two waves of laughter, one at the original Yiddish, and a second when Yiddish speakers translated the words for their friends.

Edith Cooper, chair of the Yiddish committee of UJA FEDERATION, co-sponsor of the lecture, said the event was undertaken in connection with its celebration of 1,000 years of Yiddish. The Salsberg Foundation made the lecture possible.

Papers of the late politician will be given to Queen's University, Kingston, announced Sharyn Salsberg Ezrin, his granddaughter. Queen's has agreed to study the "larger than life" career of her grandfather, she said.

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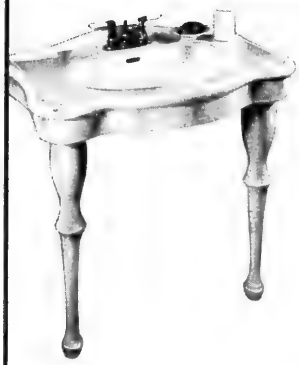

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Saturday, May 12

SHABBAT OPEN HOUSE

Beth Tikvah Synagogue Shabbat Open House, services begin 9 a.m., kiddush and displays following. Meet the professional staff. **Lillian Cornfield** 416-221-3433, ext. 307.

EGALITARIAN SERVICE

Congregation Beth Haminyan egalitarian Shabbat service, held in addition to the regular traditional service, 9:30 a.m. at West Prep School, 70 Ridge Hill Dr. Equal participation by men and women in Shacharit, Torah reading and Musaf. **Lisa** 416-631-5704 (daytime) or **Jeffrey** 416-789-5766 (evenings).

Sunday, May 13

JEWISH UNITY

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, teacher of the Talmud, speaks on Jewish Unity and the Jewish State, 7:30 p.m., at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

MOTHER'S DAY

With **Miriam Shneid Offseyer**, scholar and poet, who speaks on Mothers in the Bible at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood meeting, 9:15 a.m. Breakfast served.

PHILOSOPHER'S CAFÉ

Dr. Norman Doidge, psychiatrist and *National Post* columnist speaks on The Middle East in Crisis: A Psychological and Political Analysis at the Philosopher's Café at Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St. 416-636-6665.

Monday, May 14

INTERFAITH DINNER

The 15th annual Neighbourhood Interfaith Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Guest speaker **Rabbi Reuven Bulka** of Ottawa. Topic: The Extent and Limits of Dialogue. Tickets available from Beth Tzedec Congregation 416-781-3511.

LECTURE SERIES

Henry Alkin lecture series at Beth Tikvah Synagogue continues with Mossad Solves the Missing Boy Mystery, 8 p.m.

THE BOOK OF RUTH

Perspectives on the Book of Ruth with **Ruby Newman** of York University, 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

MEET THE ARTISTS

Israeli Artists Group of Toronto exhibit of original paintings by **Rivka Laiman** and **Meni (Menachem) Conen** on view at Rachel's Restaurant at the Bathurst Jewish Centre. Reception to meet the artists 6-8 p.m. Exhibit runs to Sept. 3.

NAGILLAH CHAPTER JWI

At Nagillah chapter, Jewish Women International meeting, ecologist **Susie Bradford** discusses Environment Tips for the Home, 7:30 p.m. Pride of Israel Synagogue. **Norma** 416-657-8761 or **Helen** 416-638-4326.

Tuesday, May 15

GOLDA MEIR LUNCHEON

Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds Golda Meir Luncheon at noon honouring **Barbara Amiel**, who is the guest speaker. **Frances Goldstein** 416-789-3351.

SPIRITUAL PARENTING

Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Canadian Seaway Branch, and Beth Tikvah Sisterhood evening with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** speaking on The Ten Commandments of Spiritual Parenting, 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah.

JOURNALIST REFLECTIONS

At Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood meeting, **Cynthia Gasner**, feature writer of *The Canadian Jewish*

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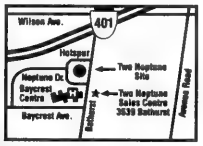

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What's New

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News, speaks on Reflections of a Journalist, 12:30 p.m. **Ruth Fruitman**, 905-731-6660.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings chapter of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, for young single, divorced or separated women, first meeting. Guest speakers **Cathie Smith Friedman** and **Helen Futerman** from Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa. RSVP 416-630-8373.

Wednesday, May 16

JEWISH GENEALOGY

Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto) meets 8 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Prof. Jacques Kornberg** of University of Toronto speaks on Jewish Immigration in Canada in the 20th Century.

WORKSHOP ON LOSS

The caring committee of Temple Har Zion presents a workshop dealing with loss, conducted by **Dr. Cheryl Ackerman** and including a panel of members who have all experienced loss of immediate family. 7:30 p.m.

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Temple Sinai Social Club presents the Yorkminstrel Choir in concert, 7:30 p.m. By reservation only. 416-467-8464. Leave name and number of people attending.

HEART AND SOLE

The Wagman Centre Wellness Education Group presents Heart and Sole, a look at staying heart healthy. Short skits written and performed by award-winning Awareness Project Players. Co-ordinator is **Sheila Zane** of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre. To register, 416-785-2500, ext. 2267.

THE MEASURE OF MAN

Elliot Malamet series continues with The Measure of Man, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Thursday, May 17

THE HUMAN STAIN

The Holy Blossom Temple Library Book Club, led by **Prof. Henry Auster**, discusses **Philip Roth's** book, *The Human Stain*, 2 p.m. **Anne** 416-789-3291, ext. 235.

DRAMA WORKSHOP

Medina Theatre Ensemble offers a Creative Drama Workshop with theatre arts specialist **Fran Elliot** 7-10 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. 416-785-1974.

And What Else Is New

SEPHARDIC KEHILA

Sephardic Kehila Centre, 7025 Bathurst St., 905-669-7654.

Sunday, May 13, noon to 4 p.m. Lag b'Omer barbecue bash in park behind SKC.

Wednesday, May 16, Mikvah tea and fashion show.

SAY IT WITH COLOUR

United Synagogue Day School Parents Association Spring Fashion Show, Thursday, May 24, 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Raffle prizes – scooters, CDs, sports tickets. Bring a non-perishable kosher food item and receive a free draw ticket to win exciting prizes.

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

Adath Sholom Sisterhood trip to Atlantic City, May 22-25 at the Tropicana Hotel. Reserve. **Bunnie Gross** 416-633-9691.

GIFT BAGS

ATID chapter's Spring Gift Bags are back! Contents include bath items, gourmet goodies, gift surprises. All proceeds to Youth Aliyah. 416-447-2537.

SINGLES SCENE

The Sunday Night Singles Scene for young Jewish professionals, ages 19-29. An evening of fun, wisdom and food (pizza, beer), 7:45 p.m. every Sunday at The Village Shul, 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. 905-764-1818 ext. 225.

NUSSBAUM AWARD

United Synagogue Day School welcomes applications for the Dr. Aaron M. Nussbaum Award, presented to a deserving United Synagogue Day School graduate applying to an undergraduate or graduate program for the purpose of furthering his or her Jewish education. **Surely Brickman Goodman** 416-224-8737, ext. 122.

BEST OF THE '20S & '30S

A fast-paced review featuring **Paul Mathew** and his orchestra and a cast of 20 who sing and dance, Saturday, May 26, 7:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Produced by Paul Mathew, directed by **Larry Westlake**, executive producer **Florence Debonis**. Tickets/information 416-665-3934.

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YIDDISH FILMS

Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St. is screening Yiddish films Thursdays, May 10, 17, 24, 31 at 7 p.m. 416-636-6665.

HELP WITH YARD WORK

Four Seasons, an outdoor home assistance program for seniors and adults with disabilities living in North York, links clients with a student or adult who will do window washing, garden work, garage cleaning, planting, lawn mowing. Fees paid directly by the client to the worker. 416-447-5074.

FOR SENIORS

Beth Tikvah Friendship Club meets Wednesday, May 23, 8 p.m. Guest speaker **Meir Romem**, consul general of Israel.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Rama May 23, June 13, 17, 27; *West Side Story* at Stage West, May 16; Day trip to Phantom Hosiery, May 22; Dances May 20; Casino Niagara June 21. 416-395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 10, Israeli movie; May 17, lecture, **Rabbi Israel Landau**; May 24, Israeli supper celebrating Jerusalem Day, members only. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

LZA Seniors ladies folkdancing, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. Tickets for *Sound of Music* Oct. 4 at Stratford still available, call **Libby** 416-782-2059 or office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Young at Heart Seniors summer Catskills trip to kosher Raleigh Hotel, 10 days (date to be set). **Al** 416-633-8127 or **Helen** 416-635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

Public Affairs Forum, Privatization of Health Care: What Is It and How Will It Affect You?, Wednesday, May 16, 1:30-3 p.m. Panelists **Prof. Raisa Deber**, **Mae Harman**, **Amani Oakley**, **Fraser Wilson**, Call **Sheila Zane**, ext. 133 or **Gisela Cote** 416-785-8570.

Lifelong Learning Institute and Club Etrog co-sponsor the North York Symphony Orchestra Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. Tickets at Information Desk.

Lunchtime Wellness Chat, May 17, noon to 1 p.m. in cafeteria. Bring lunch and join in discussion about health issues, facilitated by **Joan Turner**.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speaking persons meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnics. May 15, concert with **Joshua Hoffman**; May 22, Yom Yerushalayim party. **Anna** ext. 110.

Movie, Sunday, May 13, *The Godfather*, 2:30 p.m.

WAGMAN CENTRE

Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. 416-785-2500.

Thursday, May 10, guided tour of Edwards Gardens, bus leaves 10:45 a.m. and returns 1:30 p.m. **Mara Swartz**, ext. 2275.

Lunchtime concert at Roy Thomson Hall-featuring instrumental and pops program with **Daniel** and **Iian Grains**, Friday, May 11. Bring lunch. **Mara**.

Wellness Education Group presents Heart and Sole, Wednesday, May 16, 1:10-2:30 p.m.

Bereavement Group meeting the needs of spouses aged 55 and over living in the community. Friday, May 18, 10-11:30 a.m. **Heather Lisner-Kerbel**, ext. 2995.

Lunch & Learn Tuesday, May 22, guest speaker **Anne Balaban**. Reserve at Service Desk. **Mara**.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880.

The Baycrest Challenge race Sunday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ending at the Family Carnival at BJCC. Food, raffles, entertainment, games, ext. 291.

Sundays, May 13 and 20, 12:30-3 p.m., Shavuot workshop at Children's Museum – "7-Kinds" Chimes in multimedia for ages 7-10. Instructor **Liz Chatterton**. Ext. 390.

Tickets on sale Monday, May 14, noon to 1 p.m. in the BJCC lobby for day trip to Sturling, Ont., lunch, theatre, *Mixed Doubles* musical, transportation. **Janet**, ext. 259

Tuesday, May 15, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., *West Side Story* at Stage West. Buffet lunch. **Janet**.

Fun With Yiddish Wednesday, May 16, 1-2:30 p.m. Share stories, jokes, anecdotes, see videos, hear speakers, all in Yiddish or Yinglish. Facilitator **Evelyn Yuditsky** For information, **Janet**.

Current Events led by **Doris Epstein** on local and international issues Thursdays 1-2:30 p.m. Co-sponsored with B'nai Brith Institute for International Affairs.

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Dr. Wulf Grobin remembered as a Zionist and 'super mensch'

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Dr. Wulf Grobin was a warm, compassionate man, a staunch supporter of Zionism and Jewish values, and a great doctor.

Most of all, he was a super mensch, said Dr. Michael Gordon, vice-president of medical services and head of geriatrics and internal medicine at Baycrest Centre.

Grobin was founder of the Canadian chapter of the Israel Medical Association and former physician in charge at the diabetes clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital. He died recently at the age of 89.

Obituary

Born in Riga, Latvia, Grobin, the youngest of three children, studied Torah, Talmud, history and philosophy, and attended cheder daily.

He went on to attend medical school in Switzerland, and participated in the 1930 World Zionist Congress as an aide-de-camp to Chaim Weizmann, who became the first president of Israel, said Carol Epstein, a friend and Israel Medical Association (IMA) volunteer.

After serving in the armoured division of the Latvian army, Grobin pursued postgraduate training in London. It was there that he met his wife of over 50 years, Fay, who died in 1991.

Soon after his arrival in Toronto in 1957, Grobin began initiating many Israel-oriented projects – including the sending of medical textbooks to Israel, establishing the Retired Physicians' Home outside of Jerusalem, and the building of the Medical Library in Jerusalem.

Dr. Wulf Grobin

In the mid-70s, Grobin was asked by Keren Hayesod to assist in the building of a field hospital on the Lebanese border at Kibbutz Misgav Am because of the lives that had been lost along that border, Epstein said.

The field hospital was completed one year later with the support of many volunteers, including more than 200 physicians representing every hospital and clinic across Toronto.

It has since been used to save the lives of children wounded by Fatah incursions in northern Israel, Epstein said.

After unsuccessfully trying to help his own family reach Canada before the war, Grobin took it upon himself to assist survivors of the Holocaust fill out the documentation required to file claims for restitution, she said.

Grobin's parents survived the war in Siberia, where his father, a tailor, was taken to make uniforms for the Russian army. Afterwards, they moved to Haifa, Israel.

Before Grobin moved to Toronto, he first settled in Newfoundland because he felt that was where doctors were needed most.

"In the early years of his practice, Grobin could be seen at night jumping into his rubber dinghy with only a small lantern to light his way as he raced to the aid of a birthing mother, an appendectomy or some other medical crisis," Epstein said.

"He travelled by horse and buggy to small towns outside St. John's, and even by dog sled to the remote regions of snow-bound north Newfoundland."

When his son needed to go to school, they moved to St. John's. While there, Grobin helped to build the Hebrew school.

"Grobin would often tell stories of his Newfoundland experiences and many would find themselves riveted because of his insight, humour, and his ability to make good clinical observations," Gordon said.

"When I first arrived in Canada 25 years ago, Grobin was the most welcoming, warm, supportive and knowledgeable person that a new member of the staff would ever want to meet."

Gordon, who is also a professor of medicine at the University of Toronto added that "at Baycrest, Grobin introduced a program for diabetic control based on lifestyle, diet and the appropriate use of medications that has become the standard of long-term care in North America.

"In over 20 years of working with him, I was impressed by his humanity and his caring nature," Gordon said. "And I dearly miss him."

Accompanied by Ida Parsons, a longtime friend, Grobin spent the last few years of his life re-visiting the many countries where he had lived, Epstein said.

"Friends would travel all night by train just to meet him for a few hours," Parsons noted.

Grobin, who is survived by his son Michael, was staff physician, fellow in research and consultant in diabetes at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

After his retirement, Grobin founded the Fay Florence Grobin Memorial Fund. This year's symposium titled, Controversies in Medical Ethics: Jewish, Secular and Legal Perspectives will take place at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care on June 8th.

In addition, a memorial lecture for Grobin will be given by Dr. Robert Josse on June 14 at Baycrest. For information, call the IMA 416-781-9562.

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Anti-drug crusader killed in drinking-driving accident

Addressed students all over North America

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The irony of Shane Okorofsky's death was monstrous.

Okorofsky was a recovering alcoholic and drug addict who lectured youngsters on the evils of substance abuse.

The teenaged driver of the car that killed him in a crash last month has been charged with drunk driving.

Okorofsky was remembered as a compassionate, caring young man who rid himself of his demons after a harrowing youth.

Though only 26 when he died April 22, Okorofsky had been clean and sober for nearly a decade.

"He came from a very loving home. It's remarkable how much love he had for everyone," said his stepmother, Carol Okorofsky. "He had an open heart."

The family has made a point of urging Jewish addicts to abandon their shame and denial and come forward for help.

Okorofsky's father, Stanley, a prominent Toronto dentist, struggled with chemical dependence following a skiing accident.

"The decade of his troubles obviously took a toll on Shane," said Carol Okorofsky. "People in the Jewish community should not be ashamed if they have problems."

"He was absolutely wonderful," said Marla Goldman, a longtime friend. "He served in any capacity he could."

Okorofsky addressed students all over North America, urging them not to repeat his mistakes. He connected with them instantly, Goldman said. "They listened to him. He was meant to work with kids."

He also spoke about his addictions to prisoners. He was one of the main speakers for Renascent, an organization that fights drug addiction and alcohol abuse through public awareness and education.

Goldman, the co-ordinator of JACS Toronto, the 12-step group for Jewish alcoholics and drug addicts, said Okorofsky was helping her set up a teen program of JACS. That program will now be re-named in his memory, she said.

Obituary

Okorofsky was a troubled youth but retained a sensitivity, eulogized Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld at the funeral. He grew up at Rabbi Bielfeld's synagogue, Temple Emanu-El, and had his bar mitzvah and was confirmed there.

"Hell may be an apt metaphor for much of Shane's life," Rabbi Bielfeld stated. "We know from his early years [that] Shane was a user and later, an alcoholic. So much of his world centred on AA and the extended family Alcoholics Anonymous provided him."

He "could never do enough for you. He was one of the most good-natured guys I've ever met. Shane needed to be needed. He would go to hell and back to help us with our needs."

Dec. 1 was a special day for Okorofsky: The anniversary of his being clean. He marked the day last year by visiting the grave of his mother, Pam, who died a few years ago of cancer.

For several weeks, Okorofsky had been staying with his grandfather, helping him recover from surgery. The young man had lined up his own apartment, and was slated to move in just a few weeks.

He had also been offered a job at a treatment and rehab centre in Texas but couldn't accept it for health reasons.

On that fateful Sunday night, Okorofsky and a friend were returning from an AA meeting when a car struck theirs. He was pronounced dead at the scene, and his friend is still in hospital.

Donations in Okorofsky's memory can be made to JACS through Jewish Family & Child Service.

Okorofsky leaves his father, stepmother, sister Alana, 24, and brother Adam, 27.

Meantime, Anna Kats, 19, of Toronto, will appear in court May 28 to face charges of impaired driving causing death, and other traffic-related offences.

Eitz Chaim Girls School to honour retiring principal

TORONTO — Rabbi Leibush Adler, retiring principal of Eitz Chaim Girls School, is being honoured with a dinner at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill on May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker at the event is Rabbi Joshua Fishman, national director of Torah Umesorah, the umbrella organization for the 600 affiliated Hebrew day schools of North America.

Rabbi Adler and his entire immediate family were deported to Auschwitz, and he was the sole survivor. After the war, he studied at the yeshiva of Kaschau in Slovakia, and later at the Sorbonne in Paris.

In 1950, Rabbi Adler came to Toronto, and began to work as a teacher at Eitz Chaim's Hebrew department. He was subsequently promoted to principal.

In 1955, he married Bluma Luria, who has taught at Eitz Chaim for 45 years. She is also being honoured at the event.

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Torontonian travelled circuitous path to rabbinate

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For Rabbi Aubrey Glazer, the Stephen Cooper Award, with which he was presented recently for leadership and commitment to community, is not just an award.

"I felt if I was going to take his memory as a blessing, I wanted to know a few things about him," said the 30-year-old rabbi, who was ordained last year from the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) and has almost a dozen academic awards to his credit.

Rabbi Aubrey Glazer

He learned that Cooper, who died in 1988 at age 18, was "caring, warm, sensitive, brilliant, introspective and loved languages." Particularly with respect to the latter two qualities, Rabbi Glazer connected.

An introspective type himself, the rabbi has an eclectic background including a year's study of architecture and an undergraduate degree in French language and literature.

In his downtown, book-filled flat, posters decorating the kitchen walls attest to an earlier career as a student filmmaker, while a stick of incense burns in a holder on the counter.

A student for the dozen years since his graduation from Claude Watson School for the Arts, Rabbi Glazer is now pursuing a PhD in Jewish thinking and poetics at the University of Toronto. At the same time, he has been teaching at various locations around the city – the Bloor JCC, Adath Israel Congregation, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation and Beth Tzedec Congregation, where the memorial scholarship is given by the Cooper family.

"I enjoy being able to do outreach work and to be able to spend time with people through studying and through text," Rabbi Glazer said.

In his application for the Cooper award, the rabbi wrote of his ambition to some day create a learning centre or society bridging secular and Jewish worlds into one community.

He sees his progression from French student to rabbi as a natural one. The son of a high school French teacher and a dentist, Rabbi Glazer originally studied French in part because he felt it was essential to understanding his identity as a Canadian.

His master's thesis focused on contemporary French Jewish thinker Edmond Jabes. "From there it was a natural step to move into the rabbinate."

Along the way he took elective courses in Hebrew, which he had also studied at United Synagogue Day Schools.

Rabbi Glazer believes that Jews of his generation find spiritual questions much more pressing than halachic ones. "I think Halachah is a way into that spirituality that needs to be unlocked for people," he said.

"There's a need to really address why we're here, how it is that we're here, and what our relationship is with God, and then, through answering those questions, to begin to show that there are many ways of navigating Judaism, and Halachah is one extremely important path."

Recently, the rabbi finished teaching a five-week course called Spiritual Guidance Along the Halachic Path. Each class started with a niggun (wordless melody) and a couple of minutes of silence "as a way of preparing to receive the teaching."

In effect, it's a taste of what Rabbi Glazer has experienced on meditation retreats at Metivta: A Centre for Contemplative Judaism in Los Angeles and what he brought to JTS in an innovative Rosh Chodesh prayer/meditation/mystical text study program.

Although the concept may seem somewhat New Age, the rabbi begs to differ. "I consider it to be very much traditional. It's just a different aspect of tradition that most people aren't aware of," he said.

"A lot of the ancient texts I've been studying now teach this tradition, but unfortunately most of us have never had access to it...Introspection comes from something very deeply ingrained within Jewish mystical tradition."

OMISSION

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Coast to Coast

Canadian Jewish studies group marks 25 years

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies celebrates an important milestone next month.

At its annual conference, to be held at Laval University in Quebec City from May 24 to 25, it will mark its 25th anniversary.

Originally known as the Canadian Jewish Historical Society, it advances the study of Canadian Jewry in multidisciplinary fields.

Headquartered in Montreal, it is affiliated with the Canadian Jewish Congress.

More academic papers will be delivered at this year's conference than at any other previous one, said its outgoing president Harold (Hesh) Troper, a professor of history and philosophy at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Speakers will address an eclectic variety of topics.

On May 24, the themes under discussion will be Canadian Jews and the Canadian Establishment, Jewish culture in Montreal, the Jewish gay and lesbian experience in Canada, the portrayal of Jewish life in Quebec literature, and the Quebec Jewish experience.

On May 25, the subjects of the day will be the search for Canadian Jewish identity, the direction of Jewish studies in Canada, Jewish Canadian literary figures, and Holocaust survivors and their children.

Troper, co-author of *None Is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe, 1933-1948*, said that such conferences are beneficial.

"They give people working on Jewish topics feedback and a sense of community."

At the helm of the association for about a year, Troper said he tried to increase membership, especially among graduate students and younger academics.

Current membership is about 250, consisting of Jews and non-Jews alike.

The association is affiliated with historical societies and archives across the country.

They range from the Ontario Jewish Archives in Toronto and the Jewish Historical Society of Halifax to the Canadian Jewish Congress' archives in Montreal and the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada in Winnipeg.

The association was founded by a group of mostly "gifted amateurs," Troper said.

Victor Sefton, the first president, served from 1976 to 1990.

"It came out of efforts by lay people rather than by academics. But there was a feeling it should be legitimized by scholars in academia."

In addition to publishing a semi-annual newsletter, *Canadian Jewish Studies Bulletin*, the association puts out an annual journal, *Canadian Jewish Studies*.

"The journal is a major achievement, a good, solid periodical very important to Jewish studies," observed Troper.

The current edition, titled *Jews and Judaism in Canada*, offers readers a major bibliography of scholarly works on Canadian Jews published since 1965. It was compiled by Michael Brown, Richard Menkis, Benjamin Schlesinger and Stuart Schoenfeld.

Menkis, the journal's present editor, is stepping down. A professor of religion and Jewish studies at the University of British Columbia, he will be replaced by Brown, a York University scholar.

Troper himself will be succeeded by Norman Ravvin of Concordia University. The transition will take place at the Laval University conference.

In Troper's estimation, Jewish studies in Canada have yet to come of age. "Compared to the United States, we're at a beginning stage."

Troper, whose last book was *The Ransomed of God: The Remarkable Story of One Woman's Role in the Rescue of Syrian Jews* (Malcolm Lester Books, 1999), will spend the next three or four years researching and writing his next work.

Having received a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, he will write about the impact of the late 1960s on North American Jewry.

"These years were a watershed in North American Jews' self-definition and understanding," he explained. "No one has looked at it very closely."

Troper will focus on the Six Day War, the war in Vietnam, the decay of the Jewish-Afro-American coalition, the election of Pierre Trudeau as Canada's prime minister, and Canada's 1967 centennial.

"All these events, when taken together, truly represent a sea change in the direction of North American Jewry. You touch that era and all kinds of things come out."

QUILT AUCTION:
Faye Sliwan is one of 30 Jewish women who recently joined together to make a quilt that was donated to an auction in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Society. Quilts donated to this year's campaign will be displayed at the Stratford Armoury in Stratford, Ont., from May 18 until Sept. 2. The exhibit then moves to Casa Loma, where the quilts will be displayed from Sept. 9 until Oct. 30. The auction, which last year raised over $100,000, takes place at the Stratford Festival Theatre on Nov. 10. Sliwan is seen here with her group's quilt titled A Woman's Best Friend. [Carolyn Blackman photo]

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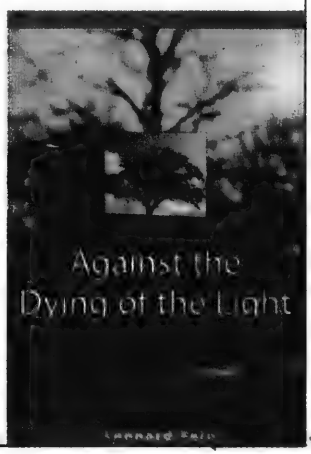

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"Your work space should be set up so that your body is in a neutral posture, forming right angles similar to the letter 'L,'" says Ms. Chmelnitsky.

She also recommends people take "micro" breaks every 20 minutes or so, even if that just means standing up to stretch, rotating your wrists, or turning your head. "The human body was designed for movement and it can't cope with prolonged static postures. Vary your work tasks so that you can change positions from time to time throughout the day."

Here are some other tips Ms. Chmelnitsky recommends for making your work space ergonomically correct.

BODY POSITIONING:

- Keep your neck in a neutral position and avoid twisting or flexing your neck for prolonged periods
- Support your spine (especially the curve of your lower back) with an appropriate backrest or office chair
- Bend elbows to right angles, support forearms with armrests and keep wrists in a neutral position
- Feet should be flat on the floor or supported on a footstool, with hips and knees at right angles (90 degrees)
- Support your feet on the floor or with a footstool
- For other repetitive tasks, bend down using the knees, not the back, and take stretch breaks to reduce pain to muscles and joints

WORK SPACE POSITIONING:

- Organize your desk with frequently-used items in close reach and less-used materials stored out of the way
- Free your work space of clutter and boxes under the desk
- Point your desk lamp to your work, not your face
- Use blinds on windows to reduce glare on the screen
- Adjust the computer monitor height so the top third is at eye level
- Centre the monitor in front of you so your head is not tilted
- Keep the keyboard as flat as possible so wrists are straight
- Keep the mouse within comfortable reach
- Avoid cradling the telephone between your neck and shoulder. Consider using a headset or intercom, or use your non-dominant hand to hold the phone for longer calls
- When typing, use a cookbook holder or copyholder to position paperwork upright within your sightline

For more information, contact Susan Chmelnitsky at (416) 586-5035, ext. 6829.

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  Where: Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building, Bremner Blvd.
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  In support of the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre
  When: Wednesday, August 1, 2001
  Where: Ratttlesnake Point Golf Club – Milton, ON
  Contact: Hannah Slavens 416-586-8662

FREEMAN CENTRE FOR ENDOCRINE ONCOLOGY OPENS AT MOUNT SINAI

Endocrine oncology is not well known or understood. Unlike tumours elsewhere, tumours of the endocrine system can be difficult to identify. Patients often go for years knowing something is wrong.

The Freeman Centre for Endocrine Oncology is now being built thanks to a $1 million donation from Zoltan and Yetta Freeman through the Freeman Family Foundation.

The new centre will provide care and consultation to patients with tumours of the hormone producing (endocrine) system. The project is a collaborative venture between Mount Sinai and St. Michael's Hospital. Mount Sinai will coordinate out-patient and surgical needs, education and research. St. Michael's Hospital will provide in-patient surgery for people with pituitary tumours.

"There is no other centre like this in Canada, and possibly in North America," said Dr. Shereen Ezzat, Program Director. The centre is unique because it bridges two distinct disciplines – oncology (the study of tumours) and endocrinology (the study of endocrine glands and hormones.) The centre will address a gap in the health care system.

These endocrine glands govern the body's hormonal functions. The Freeman Centre will focus specifically on tumours of: the pituitary; the thyroid (in the neck); the parathyroid (also in the neck); and the adrenal glands (on top of the kidneys). Symptoms range from something as common as fatigue to problems with brain function, fertility, and sexual and reproductive functions.

"My vision is for the centre to become a national referral service," said Dr. Harley Smyth, Surgical Director. "We believe the centre brings together both medical and surgical expertise that benefits the patient and provides a home for thoughtful, reflective management of complex problems. The advantage for patients is that they will be working with doctors who are keenly devoted to understanding these disease processes, as opposed to just coming to get fixed," said Dr. Smyth.

"The unique nature of this endeavour is that neither endocrinologist nor surgeon is working alone, so the patient is not going from pillar to post in order to seek the best opinion and the better informed our patients are, the better care they get." said Dr. Smyth.

LEADERSHIP SINAI SPRING BALL A HUGE SUCCESS

Leadership Sinai kicked off a $3.5 million campaign at its third annual Spring Ball to help establish the Leadership Sinai Chair in Surgery and the Leadership Sinai Advanced Surgical Technical Centre (ASTC) at Mount Sinai Hospital.

"We are pleased that so many people joined Leadership Sinai in support of these priority programs at the hospital," said Spring Ball Co-chair, Caryn Markman. "Once again, the Spring Ball was a tremendous success raising over $85,000. The event created quite a buzz! Friends have been talking about how fabulous it was. Everybody had a wonderful time, and looked marvelous."

Leadership Sinai is a group of 170 young corporate and community leaders dedicated to raising funds for important projects at Mount Sinai Hospital. Since 1993, Leadership Sinai has raised $100,000 for the Samuel Lunenfeld Reasearch Institute, $250,000 for additional Labour, Delivery and Recovery Rooms, and funds for the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre. Most recently, Leadership Sinai fulfilled its $1 million pledge for the Leadership Sinai Centre for Diabetes.

The Spring Ball was held at the Capitol Event Theatre, and was hosted by Canadian television star Carla Collins and was sponsored by Birks, Scotia Bank, Kolter Corp., Larry & Judy Tanenbaum & Family, Bloomberg L.P., Bowne of Canada Ltd., Goodmans LLP and Quebecor Merrill Canada Inc.

"Leadership Sinai would like to thank all of the Spring Ball volunteers and corporate sponsors for their valuable contributions in helping to make this event such a great success," said Co-Chair, Neil Sternthal.

Bottom l-r: Neil Sternthal, co-chair, Caryn Markman, co-chair, Steven & Elissa Sitcoff Second row: Brad Wiseman, Bronwen Evans Third row: Danny Roth, Shevaun McGrath, Suzanne Lawee, Megan Evans, Rhonda Yarin, Lesley Robertson, Jennifer Kolber, Kari MacKay

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Congress talks to candidates in B.C. election

By MARLANE PRESS
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Hate propaganda and human rights issues are being raised by Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, officials with candidates in the upcoming May 16 provincial election.

CJC officials met separately with Liberal and NDP MLAs and those running for office.

"While much progress has been made in the area of hate and bias crime with the establishment of the Hate Crime Team, more education for law enforcement and community organizations is required to ensure effective reporting of hate crimes," said Zena Simces, chair, CJC, Pacific region.

"We also raised the issue of hate on the Internet and were reassured by the [current NDP] government that we have their support in combating it."

Nisson Goldman, vice-chair, CJC, Pacific region, said he hopes any revisions made to B.C.'s Human Rights Code are made for the benefit of the community and strengthen the legislation.

"From both parties, we've received a lot of answers – some direct, some indirect and some hanging up in the air. It's politics," Goldman said.

"There was reassurance that human rights legislation is viewed as an important tool to ensure a more humane society. [Liberal leader] Gordon Campbell stated the commitment of his party, if elected, to maintain dialogue with NGOs such as Canadian Jewish Congress... and encourage them to bring forward thorough and constructive policy suggestions to the government," Goldman said.

Geoff Plant, Liberal MLA for Richmond-Steveston, said his party has expressed concern with certain sections of the Human Rights Code because they "thought it was too broad and intruded into free speech rights."

For example, Section 7 of the Human Rights Code prohibits "the publication, issue or display of discriminatory material... that is likely to expose [a person or a group or class of persons] to hatred or contempt because of [their] race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or age."

The provisions have been criticized for going too far and for leaving important decisions on the issue to a quasi-judicial government appointee. They have also been criticized as redundant since the federal Criminal Code also contains provisions to deal with hate propaganda.

The legislation was used to bring former *North Shore News* columnist Doug Collins before a tribunal, which ruled that he had written anti-Semitic articles.

"We've consistently expressed concerns with Section 7, but I think it's possible to address that concern by amending, without repealing, it," Plant said.

"The B.C. Liberals voted against this section when it was introduced in 1993... That was eight years ago and we've learned a little bit about how the section works and might work. The continuing concern is that it's too broad, but we believe that it is possible to address the concerns without repealing."

NDP MLA Graeme Bowbrick, the attorney general and minister responsible for human rights, dismissed complaints that the Code infringes on free speech.

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University of Calgary gets a new president

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Harvey Weingarten has been appointed the new president of the University of Calgary.

The announcement was made in Calgary last month.

Now 48, he will be the university's seventh president, succeeding Terry White.

Currently McMaster University's provost and vice-president of academic affairs, Weingarten starts his new job on Sept. 1.

"I look forward to working with all members of the community, both inside and outside the University of Calgary, to build a truly great university that serves our society and students well," he said in an official statement.

In an interview, Weingarten said the presidency is not the fulfillment of a lifetime ambition.

"To be frank, I did not think about being the president of the University of Calgary until the possibility came up," he said.

Weingarten, a behavioural psychologist with degrees from McGill and Yale, was offered the post early in the year. The university confirmed the appointment in late March.

He was appointed by the university's board of governors after a five-month national search.

Ted Newall, chair of the board, had praised his qualities.

"He brings to the University of Calgary a sound academic background, an outstanding research record and a wealth of experience in university leadership."

Born in Montreal, the son of Lou and Celia Weingarten, he attended the Hebrew Academy before studying at McGill.

A specialist in the biological and psychological controls of eating, he joined McMaster University in 1979, and was named chair of the department of psychology a decade later.

Appointed a full professor in 1990, he became dean of McMaster's faculty of science in 1995, and provost and vice-president in 1996. As provost and vice-president, he was responsible for all academic programs and an academic staff of more than 1,000 teachers in 49 departments.

Weingarten plans to move to Calgary with his wife and two teenage daughters in July.

Coast to Coast

Cabinet to hear from Oberlander

Continued from page 1

In an interview with *The CJN*, Tuerr repeated allegations that the Jewish community has special access to Ottawa politicians and meets with them more frequently than other groups. The German-Canadian Congress has met only once with one of Caplan's predecessors and it has been "brushed off" when it tried to set up other meetings, he said. "You don't get an ear."

Tuerr also criticized the federal war crimes unit, saying that "it is so heavily Jewish interest there and no other interests are involved. The Ukrainians, the German ethnics should be there. There should be equal representation in the unit itself."

He also maintained that the German Congress is interested only in "equal justice for all" and that proper legal procedures must be followed. "The German community has nothing against the Jewish community. It's the law... We don't defend Oberlander," he said, adding that Oberlander had not been found guilty of any crime.

Tuerr on several occasions suggested that Oberlander's possible loss of citizenship was reminiscent of the loss of citizenship experienced by thousands of Germans under Soviet rule. And while he acknowledged the Jewish people had suffered a lot, he said it pained him and other Germans that their experiences under the Soviets were not recognized by the broader Canadian community.

CJC's incoming president, Keith Landy, urged the German Congress to tone down its remarks. He also questioned why the organization was coming to the defence of someone like Oberlander.

"I do question the leadership of the German Canadian community for siding with someone who is so clearly on the wrong side of the case, in other words, on the side of evil. Someone who participated in a killing machine, dedicated exclusively to the murder of Jews, should not be seen as an ethnic brother."

Landy rejected Tuerr's suggestion that CJC has special access to politicians. "They have a much larger community and they have the ability to meet with and persuade [politicians] of their point of view," he said.

He also dismissed attempts to turn the case into an ethnic issue.

"It's unfortunate that some leaders of the German Canadian community are trying to turn this into an ethnic conflict. It's not, nor should it be... I urge the government to resist this and to keep their eyes on the ball."

"Oberlander is entitled to judicial process, but there comes a time when you have to say time is important. I don't think a year was needed for her to issue her final report," he said.

In other developments, CJC demanded that Andrew Telegdi, Liberal MP for Kitchener-Waterloo, retract his statement that Canada is like a Nazi regime.

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Pro-Israel groups in 'turf war' on the Hill

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

The pro-Israel forces have been pretty active on the Hill of late. In advance of John Manley's first foray into the Middle East as minister of foreign affairs, the Canada-Israel Committee led a delegation to "prep" him for the trip. By all accounts, the meeting went well. Manley is fairly fluent on the issues and has some important and deep relationships with the Jewish community.

More to the point, however, much has been made of his approach to the portfolio, which differs in one critical respect from that which characterized his predecessor, Lloyd Axworthy. Manley is not hostile to the Americans and has even taken some deliberate steps to signal his desire to co-ordinate more closely with his American counterpart, Colin Powell. Of course, as our friends at the CIC observe, the real test will come on the trip itself, which takes the minister to Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian territories.

More interesting for the moment is the turf war that is developing between Carolyn Bennett's Canada-Israel Friendship Group and Bill Casey, the Tory foreign affairs critic.

Bennett's group has, for several years, been the central clearing house for Middle East-related initiatives on the Hill. Although clearly supportive of Israel, the group's members have a desire to serve as facilitators of understanding between pro-Israel and pro-Arab groups and to explore ways for Canada to constructively build bridges between the two.

Casey is dedicated to the same cause, but has focused his efforts on building bridges through the Tory caucus. He has been invited to join Manley on the trip and plans to bring Israeli and Palestinian parliamentarians together to advance his concept.

Some of the tension was vented at a luncheon hosted by Bennett and her colleagues for a group of rabbinical leaders who came to Ottawa last week to meet with MPs, senators and officials at Foreign Affairs on the subject of Israel (see next week's column). Apparently, Conservative Senator Con Di Nino used the luncheon to promote the Casey initiative, which incurred Carolyn Bennett's displeasure.

Bennett – and many of her colleagues – feel that the advantage of the Parliamentary Friendship Group rests with its non-partisan nature. Members from all political parties participate and it helps reduce the possibility of Israel being used as a political football. She has a good point! After all, one has only to look back at the last federal election to understand how easily such things can spin out of control.

Casey counters that his initiative has the blessing of both Israeli and Palestinian representatives in Canada and that he is therefore justified in pursuing the project.

It may be that there are other considerations to which an outside observer is not sensitive, but it seems that the Israelis – and the pro-Israel forces here in Canada – should think twice before compromising their support for Bennett's group.

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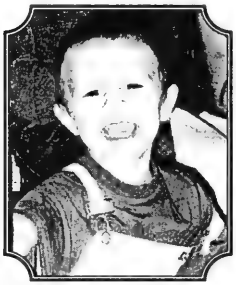

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Yom Ha'atzmaut marked in Canada's capital

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — In light of the current situation in Israel, community leaders here felt that a solidarity rally would be more appropriate to celebrate Israel's 53rd independence day than the usual festivities.

The Yom Ha'atzmaut event was held at the Soloway JCC (SJCC) and chaired by Sara Vered. Haim Divon, ambassador of Israel to Canada, expressed the need for such a rally.

"There are so many out there who still do not accept us being there as a Jewish State," Divon said. "All of you are here celebrating with us Israel Independence Day. We are sending a message that we are strong, that we are overcoming our problems, and that in spite of everything, we are able to have a nation that we are all proud of."

Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas led the participants in a prayer for Israel.

"One of the things we can do," he said, "is pray as a community." He noted that the number 53 represents the Hebrew word "even" or stone/rock. This, he said, speaks of our solid commitment to Israel.

Stephen Victor, past chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, urged the community to stand up and be proud of Israel.

In difficult times, he said, it is easy to succumb to despair, but we must not give in to that. Rather, we must "reaffirm that faith, re-kindle that hope and reconnect with the promise of that land."

Dramatic readings by Barry Karp and Jacqueline Stein were interspersed with songs by the Shira Ottawa Choir, directed by Cantor Daniel Benlolo. The students of the Hillel Academy Choir performed several selections as well.

The mood was far from sombre as people mingled, ate Israeli snacks and enjoyed the performance of Ron Eliran, known as "Israel's ambassador of song."

The following day, the traditional flag-raising ceremony was held at the SJCC.

Ambassador Divon also hosted a gala Independence Day celebration at the Westin Hotel for members of the diplomatic corps and other members of both the Jewish and general communities.

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David and Debbie Pinsky.

Winnipeg family opens home, heart to Jewish children in need

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — David and Debbie Pinsky first became foster parents when they decided to offer a home to a teenage boy with autism who needed a place to live.

David was working in the school system as an aide for the youngster, and the Pinskys applied through the New Direction program to become his foster parents.

Seven years later, they are still opening their home and their hearts to foster children.

Two years ago, the Pinskys began fostering for the Jewish Child and Family Service. Not only are they among a very few Jewish families and individuals who will take in Jewish foster children, but they welcome the most challenging children.

Over the years, they have provided a home for some 10 youngsters, mainly children who have long-term special needs. They currently have four – a sister and brother, both preschoolers who are developmentally delayed; a 17-year-old who has had family problems; and a 24-year-old woman with autism.

And the Pinskys have persevered despite the fact that their own young daughter, Becky, has a serious health problem, and that David's ailing father lives with them.

Both David and Debbie have the background for caring for foster children with special needs. Debbie has worked in day care, and David is now a teacher who works part time at the Chabad school, although he has also been a wrestler and a stand-up comic.

All foster homes have to be licensed by the province, Debbie Pinsky notes. The Pinskys have two licences. "There is a lot involved – like having to have a special fire escape," Debbie points out. "There are a lot of little things you wouldn't expect."

The key to being a successful foster parent for children with special needs, David says, is to be aware that each one is different. "You have to get to know each one's interests and hobbies."

Debbie adds that social groups for the kids are very important.

Four years ago, the couple were able to establish a social group for autistic teens, through an area high school.

"One of our goals," Debbie says, "is to improve the relationship between our foster children and their parents where we can. It is normal for teens to have conflicts with their parents. The stress is magnified when the child has special needs.

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Campus group hosts speaker on gay life in Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hagai El-Ad has often encountered the misconception that gays and lesbians don't exist in Israel, and that, "even if they do, there's no way they can live an open, happy life."

The reality is quite different, although there are "many challenges," said El-Ad, the Haifa-born executive director of the Jerusalem Open House (JOH), a two-year-old centre for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community in Jerusalem. A large rainbow flag, a symbol of gay pride, flies outside its offices on Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Pedestrian Mall.

El-Ad spoke at the University of Toronto's Innis College on a recent Sunday morning at the first JOH event in Canada. His tour also included four American cities.

The three other co-hosts of the event, called Queer in the Holy Land, were the National Union of Jewish LGBT Students (www.nujls.org); the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism; and JLGBT (the Jewish Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered Students and Young Professional of Toronto – a subgroup of Jewish Campus Services [JCS] of Greater Toronto's Graduates and Young Professionals [GAP]).

The program included a screening of *Gay Games*, a film about Israel's participation in the 1998 Olympic-style event two years ago, and a reading by Jacob Press, co-author of *Independence Park*, a book about gay men in Israel.

El-Ad, a 31-year-old working on a Harvard University PhD in Astrophysics, wants to expose another side of Israel that is "more gay-friendly, more tolerant and more inclusive."

In fact, the "lesbigay" centre, on its letterhead, bills itself as advancing the cause of social tolerance.

The message sounds more like Tel Aviv ("Israel's gay mecca") than Jerusalem, as El-Ad is quick to admit.

"In Jerusalem we do not celebrate diversity," he said. The three major sectors of the city's population – Orthodox Jews, secular Jews and Palestinians – rarely mix, he noted. "And that's considered a good thing. This way we'll have the least amount of friction."

While the JOH serves all three sectors (about 1,000 people a month), part of El-Ad's hope for Jewish gays is that the JOH (www.gay.org.il/joh) and organizations like the JCS offshoot here will make it possible for young Jewish gays or lesbians to find a way to connect with their heritage and with Israel, he told an audience of about 20 people.

Hagai El-Ad

"For many people, being gay is a factor that distances them from Israel and their Jewish identity," he said.

El-Ad outlined the legal milestones in Israel that have made life easier for the gay community there, beginning with the elimination of sodomy as a criminal offence in 1988.

In 1992, he noted, employment rights for gays and lesbians were protected for the first time in Israel. The following year saw a change in IDF regulations regarding recruitment and promotion of gay and lesbian soldiers "as their peers without any discrimination," and gay and lesbian couples also have civil partnership rights, he added.

Interestingly, because heterosexual couples in Israel can marry only under religious law, there is broad recognition in Israeli law of common-law marriage, initially created for "straight couples that didn't want to marry or couldn't marry" under religious law.

While life for gays is better than it was, the Jerusalem centre has had occasional threats, said El-Ad, who works with two part-time staffers and a crew of some three dozen volunteers, but "nothing as extreme as people have feared." Whether that's a sign of tolerance or a lack of perception of the Open House as a threat, he's not sure.

The centre – which has been an exhibitor alongside more mainstream organizations at exhibitions for Birthright trips – operates on a budget of $250,000 U.S. It receives about 10 percent of its funding from the New Israel Fund, its first and at the time primary funder. The rest comes from other foundations and individual donors.

Younger students (age 15 to 18) have their own group at the Open House, which offers, among a wide range of services, support groups for Haredi gays (one in English, one in Hebrew), a PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) group, and activities such as folk dancing and soccer.

Groups are run by volunteer counsellors who meet with a professional therapist every two weeks for guidance. Teens particularly are "desperate for some safe space," El-Ad said in a phone interview following his Toronto appearance. In Jerusalem, gay teens think they're the only ones in their situation, and are afraid to tell their parents and their peers, he added.

Another big issue for Israeli gay teens is how to deal with the IDF recruitment process, said El-Ad, who began to come out of the closet himself in his final year of service.

"Being a gay soldier is a very different experience than it was ten years ago," he said. "Not to say everything is perfect – it depends who you serve with and what you're doing."

Although El-Ad spent three years in the United States on a pre-doctoral fellowship, he served as chair of the Other 10 percent, the gay and lesbian student union at Hebrew University in 1997. The organization, now 10 years old, had many overseas students among its founders, he noted.

With the exception of Bar-Ilan University – which has a religious orientation but a mix of observant and secular students – most other campuses in Israel also have groups for gay students, he said.

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Prof explores relationships between older people

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — There are more Jews in the world over the age of 65 than in any other ethnic group, Prof. Rachel Schlesinger of York University said recently.

Furthermore, the trend is for younger women to marry older men, Schlesinger said in presenting the 11th annual Frances Bitterman Memorial Lecture at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, in which she spoke about relationships and interaction between people of a certain age.

Describing the above as an "interesting trend," Schlesinger gave two examples of new relationships involving women marrying older men.

In one case, a librarian of 68 married a man of 75 who did not propose until he had studied Judaism for a year to put himself at her level. "They had happy lives for 22 years together," she said.

In the second case, a woman of 63 married a man of 83 who would not go ahead with the wedding until he told her his correct age. She had thought he was younger. They spent 10 years together.

Often, "there is a long-lasting relationship when one of the couple is older than 60," she said.

There are many myths, including "dreadful jokes" about aging, which need to be exposed, Schlesinger said, blaming the business world for creating myths that older women and men need hair dye and other beauty aids.

Looking at their relationships, most Jewish widows she interviewed in Palm Springs and Los Angeles told her they did not want to marry again. "They did not want the baggage that went with marriage and they were afraid of being widowed again. And guilt was a big issue with them, feeling they were unfaithful to their first marriage."

One of the interesting things that came out was that women wanted some legal protection if they did go ahead with another marriage, she said.

"Women who attract men are more active and more involved," Schlesinger said, adding that everyone should become involved in community affairs.

On the basis of her own research into relationships, she praised Israel for the services it has provided for the aged, including Arabs who live in the Jewish State. "We talk about the horrific things that go on from day to day, but we must not forget the wonderful things happening there."

In speaking to older people, students at York University first found conversations with Canadian-born Jews boring because there were no "fantastic escapes," such as they heard about from Holocaust survivors, but "they learned how tough it was to be the only Jewish family in a small town, and in the end they enjoyed talking to them," Schlesinger said.

Although many of her students wanted to "grow old," very few wanted "to be old," she said. "A little girl will say proudly that she is 2½, but how often do you hear a woman or man say "I'm 63½."

Young people today don't respect the wisdom of older people because they don't know how to run computers, but it is the older people who carry memories in their heads of what it was like before everyone wrote things down.

Jewish women continue to absorb "kitchen wisdom," as she did while her grandmother baked.

Schlesinger said she preferred the word "citizen" to senior, noting that the Hebrew language doesn't have many words for aging, and she would like newspapers to publish "life notices" rather than "death notices." She doesn't like the word "volunteer," either, saying "chesed" in Hebrew is a better word.

Harvey Bitterman spoke of his mother, for whom the lecture is named. She considered Beth Tikvah Synagogue a valuable part of her life, he said. His father, Morris Bitterman, said he was one of the "citizens" to whom Schlesinger referred.

RAPTORS NIGHT: Maccabi Canada, Ontario region, recently held their third annual Raptors Game Fundraiser. The game was attended by over 175 Maccabi members and friends. A dinner and auction followed. The highlight of the evening was the appearance of Antonio Davis of the Raptors. Seen here (from left) Elli Davis; Paul Wise, co-chair; Harold Cipin, co-chair; Davis; Jeff Engel, Joe Levy and Michael Brickman.

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Jewish Distress Line helps depressed callers

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Even those who plan to kill themselves do not use the word suicide, says Bonnie Kates, chair of the board of Tel-Aide, the Jewish Distress Line.

What they say is that "they want to end it all."

Shortly before Suicide Prevention Week – this year, May 13 to May 20 – Kates told *The CJN* how the 16-year-old volunteer-run-and-organized program deals with what may be a suicide call.

The person who takes the call, Kates said, coaxes callers to say why they feel the way they do, gets them to talk about themselves, and discusses tactics such as improving their coping skills and tapping into support systems.

"They are, in some way, psychologically compromised," she said, either medically, like having schizophrenia or bipolar disorder, being clinically depressed or having a history of previous attempts; or they might be facing a life crisis like job loss, marital breakdown, or a death in the family.

They may be depressed, isolated, lonely or in dire financial straits, Kates explained.

As well, with government cuts to health-care service, Kates said, people may have long waits between visits to health-care professionals.

Tel-Aide also deals with families and friends who have had to deal with suicide.

"A regular death is a private affair. Family and friends rally round, and you know what will happen," Kates said.

On the other hand, suicide is public. "Ninety-five percent of suicides are found at home by a family member. He or she calls 911 or runs out in the street screaming. The police, the forensic investigaters, the coroner come. The yellow tape goes up."

Reporters arrive, drawn by messages on the police bands, and go around to the neighbours to find out about the family and the person who has committed suicide, she said.

Even the time frame of funeral and mourning rituals are different, as there has to be an autopsy, which in itself is a considerable stress.

"People don't think about that part of it," Kates said.

What she finds especially frightening, she said, is the teenage callers, and there are a lot of them. "They often call with a well thought out plan," she said.

They have given away their prized possessions and have written notes to their parents. "They have made their choice."

Why do teenagers, supposedly with their whole lives ahead of them, feel that suicide is their only option? For some, it is the usual teenage angst – they feel that they are ugly, fat, pimply, their mother doesn't understand, their teachers are hassling them.

Some are devastated by their parents' divorce. "Even though they know that their parents are having problems and that divorce is being contemplated, they are still devastated when it actually becomes true."

The volunteers make a contract with people who call in. "Don't do anything until you call back. Don't do anything until you call the doctor."

They may make suggestions – go for a walk, or go to buy a paper. "That's not only for suicidal people," Kates said. "That's for anyone who is depressed."

The volunteers, who range in age from 22 to some in their 80s, have a stiff, six-week training course, where they role play, and learn about what resources there are in both the Jewish and the general communities.

"Not everyone completes the course," Kates noted.

They must make a commitment, preferably for three hours a week, although that can be flexible.

There are more women than men volunteers, Kates said, which reflects the callers too. "Maybe women are more open, more conditioned to talk."

There are only 50 volunteers, Kates said, and Tel-Aide can use more. There is no paid staff ("we would love to have someone volunteer to fund-raise!") and the organization relies solely on private donations. "I do a lot of speaking," Kates laughed.

Plans are being made to set up booths at various malls during Suicide Prevention Week, and at book fairs – anywhere they can get people's attention.

Dental Alliance in Toronto aids Israeli hospital

TORONTO — Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital, a geriatric/psychiatric facility in Jerusalem, and the Dental Alliance in Toronto have joined forces to raise funds for the hospital's dental clinic.

The clinic services the elderly of the greater Jerusalem area, and its institutionalized psychiatric patients living at the hospital and in their outpatient facility. It also services members of the community including children and the poor through its outreach projects.

Dental Alliance Inc. a new Internet company co-founded by Leon Treger, a dentist, and Ron Mandel, a marketing specialist, both in Thornhill, has announced that it will donate three percent of any dental supply products purchased from their company to Herzog Hospital.

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Jan Babins, the director of the Canadian Friends of Herzog Hospital, says she hopes Jewish dentists will become involved in this program.

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Unit rentals moving briskly

With construction proceeding rapidly and opening slated for mid-summer, reservations have been brisk — so much so, according to Judy, that people for whom logistical preferences are important (floor number, direction of exposure, etc.) are advised to move quickly before the preferred units are snapped up. She's extremely gratified that the community has taken to the concept so readily. "I was always confident in our approach," she says, "but until you move from the drawing board to the live stage, you never know how people will respond." So impressed have some early customers been, in fact, that they've joked about retiring early themselves to take advantage of the facilities. "One customer said, "Never mind *YOU*, Ma — *I'm* moving in," chuckles Judy.

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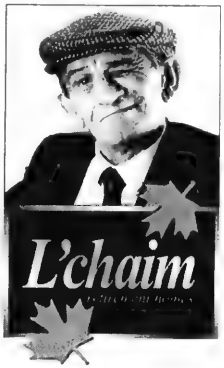

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Israel cautious on Mitchell Commission report

By NAOMI SEGAL
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JERUSALEM — Israeli officials are giving a mixed response to the findings of a U.S.-led commission probing the causes of Israeli-Palestinian violence that erupted last September and continues unabated seven months later.

The officials said they are pleased the Mitchell Commission found that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount last September did not cause the violence that erupted soon after, as the Palestinians originally claimed.

Some Palestinian officials later admitted that the violence had been planned for months – a claim the commission rejected.

The commission also recommended against deploying international observers in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, as the Palestinians had sought.

But Israel is dismayed that the report links Jewish settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to the ongoing violence.

The report called for a halt to all Jewish settlement activity, including the "natural growth" of existing settlements.

At the same time, the report said the Palestinian leadership should crack down on terrorism if peace talks are to resume.

Sharon rejected the call for a settlement freeze. He said the recommendation by the Mitchell Commission flies in the face of previously signed Israeli-Palestinian accords, which do not state that Israel should freeze all settlement construction.

Israel has agreed not to build new settlements, but reserves the right to expand existing settlements to handle "natural population growth."

Zalman Shoval, a Sharon adviser and former ambassador to the United States, told Israel Radio on Sunday that the committee made a "big mistake" in linking the settlement issue to the outbreak of violence.

For the Palestinians, the link was political gold. Yasser Abed Rabbo, the Palestinian Authority minister of information, told a news conference Sunday that while the Mitchell Commission findings are not complete, they could provide a way to halt the current violence.

The commission was conceived as part of a peace package, at a summit in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt, last October. In the end, it was the only element of the package – whose main element was an immediate ceasefire – that was implemented.

Among the report's other recommendations:

- The Palestinian Authority should prevent Palestinian gunmen from firing on or from populated areas, and establish a clear chain of command for all armed personnel operating in areas under its control;
- Israel should lift closures on Palestinian areas, permit Palestinian workers to return to their jobs in Israel and transfer to the Palestinian Authority all tax revenues owed; and
- Israel should ensure that its security forces avoid destroying homes, roads and trees in Palestinian areas.

The report was presented to Israeli and Palestinian officials last Friday. A final report will be published after the two sides have a chance to respond.

Panel members include former U.S. senator George Mitchell, who served as chair; Turkish President Suleyman Demirel; Thorbjoern Jagland, Norway's minister of foreign affairs; and Javier Solana, the European Union's top diplomat.

The issue of Jewish settlements is also emerging as a stumbling block to an Egyptian-Jordanian initiative aimed at stopping the violence and restarting peace talks. The initiative, drafted with the help of Palestinian officials, calls for an end to all settlement activity.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres visited Egypt, Jordan and the United States in recent weeks to offer Israeli input on the plan.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa, however, was quoted Sunday as saying that no changes could be made to the proposal.

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat over the weekend called for an international summit in Sharm el-Sheik to discuss the Mitchell Commission's conclusions.

Israel rejected the idea. Sources in Jerusalem were quoted as saying that Arafat made the suggestion in an effort to get an invitation to the White House and forge closer ties with Washington.

Meanwhile, violence in the region showed no signs of abating.

Israeli Defence Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said Sunday that he has given the army permission to enter Palestinian-controlled areas whenever the army feels it is necessary for Israeli security.

Ben-Eliezer made the announcement after Israeli forces briefly entered the Arab town of Beit Jalla on the southern outskirts of Jerusalem. The incursion came after Palestinian gunmen fired at cars on a road linking Jerusalem to Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Palestinian sources reported that a Palestinian militia officer was killed during heavy fighting in Beit Jalla.

In other violence Sunday, five Israelis were hospitalized – one with light wounds and four for shock – after a bomb exploded in a trash can in the city of Petach Tikvah on Sunday morning. The blast was the third to rock the Tel Aviv suburb in recent weeks.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinians fired four mortar shells at the nearby Israeli town of Sderot and at the settlement of Netzarim, but the attacks caused no injuries.

Iran focus of Israel's concern

By ALUF BENN
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JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres are asking Dutch Foreign Minister Jozias van Aartsen to thwart the approval of a loan to Iran.

The Netherlands is Israel's representative on the World Bank's board of directors, which will vote next week on a proposed $755-million loan to the Iranian government for a series of infrastructure and economic rehabilitation programs.

"The dispute is political, not financial," a political source in Jerusalem said. "The Iranians don't need the money, but rather the legitimization that comes with a loan from an institute such as the World Bank."

During his visit to Washington last week, Peres spoke of Israel's concerns that Iran would develop nuclear weapons and that it would turn into a world centre for terrorism.

Peres also warned of the continuing flow of nuclear technology from Russia to Iran, saying that Russia had secretly agreed to help the Iranians in exchange for the Ayatollah's assistance in the war against Muslim Chechenya.

Peres asked his American hosts to work against the loan's approval. World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn explained that the decision is up to the board of directors and not him personally, but assured Peres that even if the loan is approved, it can always be appealed.

Meanwhile, National Security Adviser Uzi Dayan met with U.S. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and Pentagon and State Department officials and told them that Israel intended to fight against the loan.

Last year, the World Bank approved a loan of $232 million to Iran to improve health services and sewerage and to advance President Mohammad Khatami's reforms. The loan passed, despite U.S. opposition.

This time, the vote will have much more of an impact on Iranian politics – Iran goes to the polls on June 8, and President Khatami is looking for re-election.

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French Jews enraged by coddling of Hezbollah

By JOSHUA SCHUSTER
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PARIS — A series of sharp verbal exchanges between French and Israeli diplomats has prompted Jewish leaders here to criticize the French government.

The most recent cause for alarm in bilateral relations that seem to be deteriorating quickly came during French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine's weekend visit to Lebanon and Syria, where he pointedly criticized the Israeli government.

On several occasions, Vedrine took the opportunity to denounce the "aggressive politics" of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

At the same time, Vedrine appeared to support Hezbollah as a legitimate resistance movement.

Hezbollah has continued attacking Israel even after the Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon last May, citing the continued occupation of Shabaa Farms, a part of the Golan Heights that Israel conquered from Syria in 1967.

Vedrine supported Hezbollah's demand that Israel withdraw from Shabaa Farms – despite repeated statements by UN officials that the land is not Lebanese and that Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon is complete.

French Jewish leaders condemned Vedrine's statements.

"We cannot accept that France would recognize Hezbollah as a resistance movement," said Chaim Musicant, executive director of CRIF, the umbrella group of secular French Jewish organizations.

"Hezbollah is a movement against the Israeli people. It is not a resistance movement."

Although its official policy is to remain nonpartisan in Middle East affairs, France has a generally pro-Arab tilt due to its large Islamic population and its long-standing friendship with several Arab countries.

Last October, for example, at the end of a Paris summit meeting designed to put an end to the then-young intifadah, Israel charged that French President Jacques Chirac essentially convinced Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to walk away from a cease-fire agreement reached after arduous negotiations and to hold out instead for a better deal. Half a year later, the violence continues.

Some observers contend that France's pro-Arab position has less to do with ideological commitment to the Arab cause than a desire to win friends – and, more importantly, business – in the Arab world.

Vedrine's comments over the weekend dovetailed with a growing stream of anti-Israel stances from the French government.

In recent weeks, a coalition of E.U. countries led by France has been pushing the European Union to suspend Israel's privileged trade status with Europe, which is worth millions of dollars to the Jewish State.

Such a proposition is unlikely to pass, but the European Union may suspend the favoured trade status offered to Israeli goods produced in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

French Jewish leaders bridle at their government's anti-Israel statements, but they are even angrier that France does not speak out against Palestinian terror attacks against Israeli targets.

"Europe has never understood that it needs to remain neutral in its policy toward the Middle East," Musicant said. "If France does not play an active role in condemning Palestinian acts of terrorism, it cannot have a positive role" in the peace process.

Musicant added that France should balance its criticisms of Israel by closely monitoring the aid the European Union gives to the PA. Critics long have charged that much of the E.U. aid is siphoned off by Arafat's cronies.

Symptomatic of the French Jewish community's frustration with the current administration, a recent scuffle arose when Israel's ambassador to France, Eli Barnavi, was quoted in the bimonthly Jewish newspaper *La Tribune Juive* as saying that France had disappointed him and was showing bias and a "terrible lack of judgment."

French wire services quickly picked up the remark, which prompted the ambassador's office to issue a statement denying the comments.

A review of the interviewer's tapes revealed that Barnavi indeed had been misquoted. The damage already had been done, however, as French officials already had been pressed to respond to the incident.

But the editor of *La Tribune Juive* later insisted the overall sense of the interview was correct.

"We maintain that we did our work properly," editor Olivier Guland said. "Basically, Ambassador Barnavi said in plain words what every Israeli is thinking about the openly pro-Arab position of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs."

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Bush vows to pressure PA to end violence

By NITZAN HOROWITZ and ALUF BENN
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WASHINGTON — U.S. President George W. Bush affirmed last Friday in private assurances to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and in public statements that his government will exert pressure for an end to violence and terrorism.

After his meeting with Peres, Bush said the foreign minister "is leaving the White House knowing this administration is making an active effort... to break the cycle of violence that grips the region."

Bush's statements satisfied Israeli officials with Peres as they stressed the aim of the trip was to lobby for continuing American pressure on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Bush did not need persuading, the officials said. Of his own accord he stated adamantly that terrorism poses one of the gravest threats to Middle Eastern and world stability.

Bush asked Peres if the Palestinian Authority had re-incarcerated terrorists who were released from jail in the past. Peres said the PA had yet to do so. Its refusal, Peres said, is a stumbling block that impedes Israel's ability to make conciliatory measures Arafat and other PA leaders would like.

Peres said Arafat bears responsibility for the terrorist attacks on Israel. In some past instances however, he acknowledged, Arafat's subordinates had been involved in terrorist acts without the PA Chairman's knowledge.

During his White House discussions, Peres outlined Israel's reservations on the recent Jordan-Egypt initiative. He told President Bush that Israel wants a direct dialogue with the Palestinians, a discussion in which the Americans play a supporting role while not acting as an active negotiation party.

The White House conversation also broached the contentious issue of Jerusalem. Peres stressed that the holy city belongs to all religions, and that it would be wrong to give one faith, Islam, a monopoly over the others. Bush concurred. Peres added that conditions might not be ripe at this time for a decision regarding Jerusalem's fate.

US Secretary of State Colin Powel and Israel Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Washinton last week. [RNS Reuters photo]

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who also took part in the White House meeting, said security talks involving Israel and the PA have made some progress.

Back in Israel, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon issued a statement that appeared to contradict the remarks attributed to Peres suggesting Arafat has not known about terrorist attacks on Israelis.

"There is no doubt," Sharon said, "the attacks today result from a strategic decision of Arafat. Organizations subordinate to Arafat, including Fatah, and other organizations such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah, know that they have a green light to continue with attacks against Israel."

Peres denied suggesting Arafat isn't responsible for attacks against Israel. Under the Oslo accords, Peres recalled, Arafat bears responsibility for anti-Israeli terrorism. Yet Peres reiterated his belief that in some cases Arafat had no prior knowledge of terror attacks. The foreign minister lashed out at politicians and critics who attacked earlier statements which were attributed to him, saying such criticism "created a scandal out of nonsense."

Victim's father was murdered by terrorists in January

By AMNON BARZILAI and NADAV SHRAGAI
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JERUSALEM — Three months after his father Aryeh Hershkowitz was murdered in a Palestinian ambush, Asaf Hershkowitz, 31, a resident of the settlement of Ofra, was killed last week in a hail of bullets fired by Palestinian guerrillas near Beit El.

Hershkowitz was on his way out of Ofra early in the morning, when his car was sprayed with 27 bullets. He lost control of the car, which overturned at the side of the road.

Hershkowitz was wearing a bullet-proof vest at the time of the attack, but he was hit in the neck and was killed.

The Islamist group Hamas claimed responsibility for the killing. It said it was revenge for the Palestinians who died in two bomb explosions earlier in the week on Monday night, one in Gaza and one in Ramallah.

About 200 metres from the site of last week's shooting, Kach leader Benjamin Kahane and his wife Talia were killed on Dec. 31, 2000, when their vehicle came under fire. Three of their children were injured in the attack.

Preliminary investigation of last week's incident shows that the gunmen fled to the nearby village of Bitin, where a car waited for them and drove them away. Security services believe that in the village, the gunmen switched to another vehicle, which then drove them to Ramallah.

Initial assessments indicate that the gunmen were affiliated with Force 17. In response to the murder, the IDF imposed a closure on the nearby Palestinian town of Ramallah and other Palestinian villages.

While Prime Minister Ariel Sharon attributed responsibility for the surge of violence in the territories to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, the Yesha Council of Jewish settlements called on Sharon to end his policy of restraint.

"The Sharon government must immediately initiate a crushing strike against the headquarters of the Palestinian Authority," the council said.

"One cannot blame Arafat for terrorism and at the same time exempt him from the appropriate punishment. In addition to the military response, we must also give a fitting Zionist response and strengthen the Jewish presence in Yesha [the West Bank and Gaza]."

The IDF decided not to begin its promised gradual lifting of closure and sieges on Palestinian towns in the territories, in response to what is viewed as a further deterioration in the security situation.

However, the IDF announced that there was no connection between the Hershkowitz murder and its decision not to begin easing the sanctions.

Also last week, the IDF revealed that it had carried out a four-month operation, with the support of the Shin Bet, in an effort to capture a group of Tanzim paramilitaries that had carried out a number of attacks against Israelis in the areas northwest of Ramallah since the outbreak of the intifadah.

The joint operation began with a failed attempt to capture Mahmud Abd al-Kader Sheikh, 31, who is a senior member of the Palestinian General Intelligence organization. He is currently hiding out in Ramallah.

In the past two months, three members of the group were arrested, including Osama Awda, 25, a policeman in the Palestinian Authority, and they admitted to carrying out a number of attacks against Israeli settlers.

The Week in Israel

April 30

• Israel's ambassador to Cairo lashed out at the Egyptian press after a newspaper depicted Shimon Peres as a Nazi. "The depiction of Peres in this way represents incitement and hatred, which has no place in Egypt and the Middle East," Zvi Mazel said after he lodged an official complaint.

• Hamas claimed responsibility for a West Bank suicide bombing near a schoolbus filled with Jewish children. No one on the bus was hurt. The suicide bomber's body was found nearby. In a letter left for his family, Jamal Nasser said revenge and love of religion drove him to carry out the attack.

May 1

• Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he refuses to agree to a settlement freeze, adding, "We will not pay protection money for stopping terror."

May 2

• The Jordan Valley will remain in Israel's hands forever, Sharon said. Sharon issued his vow while touring the area with members of the government's security cabinet.

May 3

• Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) sold its Galaxy Aerospace Corporation subsidiary, which produces executive jets, to General Dynamics for $330 million (US). Under the deal, the largest in IAI history, the U.S. company will pay an additional $315 million over the next six years.

May 4

• Media reported that Israeli security forces earlier in the week had arrested two members of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's Force 17 guard. The two were suspected of involvement in terrorist attacks.

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The Palestinian media prism

Arafat and his people know the war with Israel will not be won with guns and terror. This is a political war, and the most important battlefield is that of international public opinion. — Danny Rubinstein, *Ha'aretz*, March 23

Ehud Ya'ari, in his *Jerusalem Report* column, "Palestinian 'Hasbarah'" (May 7), underscores Rubinstein's observation with the claim that "the Palestinians have effectively taken control of the reporting on the intifadah and events in the territories." By his own estimate, "over 95 percent of the TV pictures going out via satellite every evening to various foreign and Israeli channels are supplied by Palestinian film crews" who either identify with the Palestinian cause or are fearful of reporting anything that could "embarrass" the Palestinian Authority.

According to Reports

In its recent annual report, the Committee to Protect Journalists, which monitors freedom of the press around the world, noted that Palestinian journalists are subjected to "verbal abuse, threats, and questions about their published work. Such heavy-handed treatment fosters self-censorship throughout the Palestinian media. All the major dailies enjoy cozy relations with the PNA [Palestinian National Authority]... and the mainstream [foreign] press routinely avoids coverage of sensitive issues such as PNA corruption and mismanagement, human rights abuses by security forces or any reporting that might cast Arafat in a negative light."

Local Palestinian TV and radio stations have been shut down, their staff intimidated and in some cases detained and beaten. In March, Arafat even temporarily closed the Ramallah bureau of Al-Jazeera, the Qatar-based satellite news channel (unique in the Arab world for broadcasting uncensored news) after it showed images of Arafat that he considered unflattering.

Yet not all Palestinian journalists have been cowed. Some have attempted to report accurately in defiance of Palestinian threats. For instance, on April 19, when the PA at first claimed to the international media that an Israeli rocket had demolished part of a building occupied by Force17, Arafat's elite guard, it was a Palestinian journalist reporting for Associated Press who revealed that there had been no Israeli involvement in the incident. Rather, the blast was thought to be a "work-related" accident suffered by Force 17 in preparation of a bomb. This courageous journalist also reported that film from foreign news crews at the scene had been confiscated by PA police.

Israeli journalists have also been intimidated by the PA. On April 19, Israeli media reported that Marwan Barghouti, head of the Tanzim militia, threatened death to any Israeli journalist who enters the territories. Today, almost all Israeli journalists are staying away.

It is against this background of intimidation and tight control that many news reports of events in the territories are being filtered. All the more reason to admire those reporters who continue to try to get the full story out. Israel's open society where journalists are free to report critically puts it at a distinct disadvantage in this ongoing battle for public opinion.

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Jewish Agency looks west for immigrants

By YAIR SHELEG
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JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency has set a new strategic goal to increase immigration from Western countries which have long been considered unpromising sources of future Israelis, says agency chair Salai Meridor.

In the last 12 years, more than a million immigrants have come to Israel, including 900,000 from the former Soviet Union and 40,000 from Ethiopia, but Meridor says, these "reservoirs" are emptying.

"There are clear signs of a drop in immigration from the former Soviet Union, except for a brief jump in 1999-2000 because of domestic difficulties in Russia," Meridor says.

"According to our projection, this year we'll consider it good if we get 40,000 immigrants from the Commonwealth of Independent States, and toward the end of this decade we'll only see about 20,000. In Ethiopia, the Falash Mura immigration will soon be over and that will end the immigration effort from there."

In Meridor's view, Israel's own demographics must be considered.

"To preserve at least an 80 percent Jewish majority in the future, we need at least 40,000 immigrants a year in the coming years. On the assumption that the sources of Russia and Ethiopia are drying up, there's a need to find other sources of Jewish immigration elsewhere."

In the best Zionist tradition, the first targets are places where Jews live in various degrees of distress. Meridor cites three possible locations: Argentina (and, indeed, the entire Latin American Jewish community), which is in an economic crisis and is home to 200,000 Jews; South Africa, where 80,000 Jews have been living in a fractious post-apartheid society and dealing with economic difficulties and rising crime; and France, which has half a million Jews and is the third largest Jewish community after the United States and Israel.

The Jewish Agency believes a rise in anti-Semitic incidents in France since the intifadah started could spur emigration from there. Some at the agency even believe that the rising strength of the French Muslim community could add to Jewish insecurity there.

'We've stepped up involvement in the Jewish schools we help finance'

The agency has already started activities to encourage immigration from these three countries.

"We've greatly increased our activities in Argentina along with the government, increasing our investment to some $10 million," Meridor says.

"We've stepped up involvement in the Jewish schools we help finance, and sent out emissaries to neighbourhoods with large concentrations of Jews. We assume there are Jews embarrassed to ask for our help, and we have to reach them."

In South Africa, the problem is more difficult, because while many Jews have been leaving, their preference is for Australia and New Zealand, because of the language, the climate and general economic conditions.

Nonetheless, both Argentina and South Africa have already seen the introduction of the Jewish Agency's Na'aleh program, in which youth precede their parents in making aliyah to Israel. In France, however, the large Jewish community is by no means in distress, as one of the leaders of the community, Haim Muzikent, points out.

"It's true we had problems last October, but all the signs point to isolated incidents and no national-level anti-Semitism," Muzikent said.

"The incidents were condemned right across the political spectrum, so France cannot be seen as an anti-Semitic state."

Yet the community will be happy to co-operate with Jewish Agency efforts, he says, "not from distress, but because we believe immigration to Israel is very important for preserving Jewish identity."

Meridor, for his part, is not content with targeting just these three countries. He wants an immigration campaign across the West – in the United States, Canada, Western Europe and Australia.

"We have to bring back the Zionist dialogue, immigration in particular," he says. "Immigration can be seen as a Jewish value, common to all the religious movements. Immigration and absorption should resume their rightful place in the domestic Israeli dialogue, so that immigrants who do arrive feel wanted, and not be looked on as suckers."

As for getting the message across in Western communities that have never been asked to pack up and leave for Israel, Meridor says, "We don't have the luxury to forego the effort. There is a lot of openness in the religious leadership of all the movements to recognize immigration to Israel. It is difficult to contradict the argument that those who want Jewish continuity can promise it better there than in Israel."

Communities must be told that if Israel is critical for the Diaspora, and if Israel's demography is critical for Israel, then immigration is critical, he says.

Assad rules out military strike on Israel

By DANIEL SOBELMAN
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JERUSALEM — Syria does not intend to launch a military strike against Israel in retaliation for the bombing of a Syrian radar station near Beirut last month, President Bashar Assad told the Spanish daily *El Pais* in a rare interview published last week.

Spain is preparing to receive the young president on his first state visit to a European country.

"Surely I cannot disclose the method of response," Assad said. "There are various military, political and other options for a retaliation. But to retaliate militarily would grant [Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon's wish to push the area into war at a time of his choosing. The important thing is that our response, whose nature would be decided at the appropriate time, should be carried out in accordance with our own way and [be] the type that achieves our objectives."

The 35-year-old president succeeded his late father Hafez Assad as president last July. He said Syria is not interested in war and Israel would not dare undertake such an adventure.

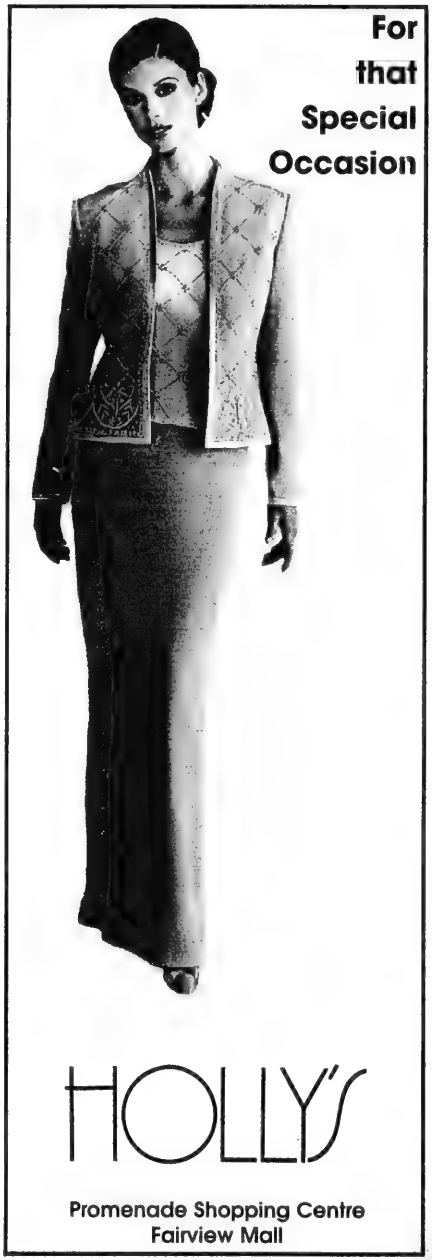
Asked about the likelihood of regional war, Assad said: "That depends on both sides – Syria and Israel. Syria doesn't seek to ignite a war, but do the signs suggest that Israel also doesn't want a war? Indications suggest the contrary… but if war is imposed, Syria will defend itself and is capable of doing that."

On the matter of a Middle East peace, Assad said that any peace must be all-encompassing, one that includes the Palestinians, the Syrians and the Lebanese. Any separate agreement would merely be "a peace agreement, but not a peace." He said if Syria's conditions are met – a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights and territory on the shores of Lake Kinneret, Syria will be prepared to make peace with Israel.

Asked about the chances of renewing peace talks under the leadership of Ariel Sharon, Assad responded: "We do not look at the personalities. We have a right, which must be returned to us, and there are UN Security Council resolutions that must be implemented. What goes on in Israel is of no interest to me, and we only take into account signals [from Israel]."

He told *El Pais* Sharon's landslide election victory in February could only mean that support for peace among Israelis is weak and limited. "How could a people who want peace elect a man known to be a war criminal," he asked?

Assad denied that Hezbollah takes its instructions from Syria, saying that Syria is only interested in the militia because of its concern for the Lebanese population and Hezbollah's goal of liberating Lebanese land seized by Israel.



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Noam Chomsky, er, Rosen, wins award

By JOYCE SINGER-D'APRILE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Comedian Noam Rosen was recently a winner at the 2001 Canadian Comedy Awards for his critically acclaimed one-man show *Noam Chomsky is an Asshole*.

"I was excited – and nervous. About five seconds beforehand, I thought maybe I had a chance at winning this, when a cheer went up as my name was announced," Rosen said.

It's a career highlight. Especially when he struck gold with his very first nomination, which was in the Best One-Person Show category.

But it was a bittersweet victory for Rosen, 29. His girlfriend Mary Crosby, and her comedy group The GTO's, lost in the category of Best Sketch Troupe.

"My category was second and hers was third. After [I was] handed my award, I was ushered to the side room where all these people were taking pictures… I realized I should probably smile, so I did that. And that's it.

"Then I'm in the VIP room, watching on the monitor, when – oh no! She didn't win. So I had about a full 20 seconds of enjoyment, until that disappointment… But it was a fun night otherwise."

The prize is sweet revenge and doubly gratifying. "In grade school, I went to an art school, where I was kicked out of the drama program. They didn't like me. I was funny, and apparently comedy isn't part of drama," he said.

"I thought about it at the awards show. There were plenty of negative things I could have said, but I decided to be gracious and take the high road.

Noam Rosen

"Overnight I became the establishment!" Rosen laughed. "Luckily I don't make a lot of money at it, so my street credibility is still valid. Bluma Appel, who is so adorable, gave out the bursaries. There was a $1,000 prize, which makes me very happy."

Rosen said the money is earmarked for a trip to New York with his girlfriend.

He has created a niche for his work, with his weekly Sunday Night Pirate Video Cabaret shows at Clinton's Tavern. This unique program has attracted a loyal, hip, cult following. And it certainly doesn't hurt business any when superstar pals like Mike Myers drop by. Myers has even been known to take the mike for impromptu Q&A sessions, and to test-drive his latest routines there.

Those with keen eyes may also recognize Rosen from several commercials. One of his more popular commercials is for FUJI film, where three geeks wangle their way into a an ultra-chic party. They accomplish this amazing feat by showing a photograph of a hunky guy, to a pretty girl peering through a peephole in the door. Rosen is the geek in the middle.

"I have never met Noam Chomsky, but I don't like Noam Chomsky," Rosen said, explaining his show.

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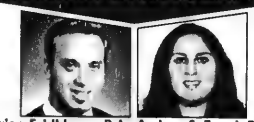

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YIDDISH FOLKLORIST RUTH RUBIN REMEMBERED AT TEMPLE SINAI

Ruth Rubin, the Yiddish folksinger and folklorist who died last year, is to be the focus of an evening of tribute next month at Temple Sinai.

Folksinger and ethnomusicologist **Naomi Bell** is one of several musicians slated to perform in honour of Rubin. Others include cantor and folksinger **Ruth Seligman-Slater**, and **Syd Dolgay** and **Jerry Gray**, past and present members of **The Travellers**.

Composer **Ben Steinberg** and Rubin's sister **Esther Spivack Marks** are preparing spoken tributes. Also, *A Life of Song*, a video portrait of **Ruth Rubin** by **Cindy Marshall**, is to be screened.

Rubin, who died on June 11, 2000, was an internationally renowned collector, performer and interpreter of Yiddish folksong. Her tireless research, numerous publications, articles and recordings place her in the front rank of Yiddish musical anthologists.

Event sponsored by the UJA FEDERATION committee for Yiddish, Friends of Yiddish, Winchevksy Centre, Workmen's Circle and Yiddish Kultur Gezelschaft. Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. Tuesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free but donations appreciated. 416-789-5502.

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The Canadian Friends of Herzog Hospital present an evening of stand-up comedy featuring **Lawrence Morgenstern**, **Steve Levine**, **Simon Rakoff** and **Daniel Cole**. The MC is **Les Aaron**. Proceeds will go towards a playground at Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem. A reception and silent auction follow.

Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. $25. Thursday, May 24, 7:30 p.m. 416-256-4222.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Music and Drama

• The Tarragon Theatre's annual spring arts fair offers many mini-performances, including puppet shows and other fare for children, and it's all free. 30 Bridgman Ave. May 12 and 13, noon to 6 p.m. 416-536-5018.

• Pianist **Yefim Bronfman** plays a program of **Janacek, Rachmaninoff** and **Brahms** with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Roy Thomson Hall, May 16 and 17, 8 p.m. Admission to a pre-concert performance of chamber music, beginning at 6:45 p.m., is $5, or free to ticket holders of the 8 p.m. performance.

• **Rob Becker's** *Defending the Caveman*, a hilariously insightful play about the ways men and women relate, returns to the Pantages Theatre, May 30 to June 17. $25-$69.50. 416-870-8000.

• Involving "a meadow full of downcast Israelites, boisterous Philistines, minstrels and acrobats," the Westben production of the biblical story of *Samson* is scheduled for The Barn, in Campbellford, Ont., June 7 to 17. $30-$20. 877-883-5777.

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Mirvishes Acquire Pantages: Ed and **David Mirvish**, the father and son team who own and operate two major theatres in Toronto, will soon add a third theatre to their operation. Effective in September, Mirvish Productions will acquire the 2,300-seat Pantages Theatre as a third Mirvish venue in addition to the 1,500-seat Royal Alexandra and the 2,000-seat Princess of Wales.

The Mirvishes' present theatres are occupied with two long-running productions – *Mamma Mia!* and *The Lion King*, respectively. As a result, they have had to move their regular subscription series to other Toronto venues, including the Pantages. A former vaudeville house and movie palace dating from 1929, the Pantages was lavishly restored in 1989.

"By folding the Pantages Theatre into the Mirvish operation, it strengthens our ability to deliver both long-running shows and subscription shows to Toronto audiences," said David Mirvish.

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At the Galleries

• Irresistible Rhythms, a showing of photographs by **Beverley Abramson**, is on view at Koyman Galleries at Eatons, 5th floor, Toronto Eaton Centre, now until June 2. 416-349-7111.

• Thornhill Visual Artists studio tour and sale occurs in a variety of locations, May 12 and 13, 10 to 5 p.m. 905-889-9703. thornhillva.hypermart.net

• Perceptions of Light, a multimedia documentary about persons who are deaf-blind, is on view at the Nathan Shiff Gallery, 1252 Danforth Ave., now until June 2. "The work is a journey of discovery beyond the world of disabilities; it is a testament to the strength and elevation of the human spirit."

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Passages: Organizers of the Toronto Jewish Film Festival announced last week that **Debra Ruth Plotkin**, the festival's former director of programming, died last November at the age of 46. A memorial service to celebrate "the life, humour and wisdom of our wonderful friend," is scheduled for May 27, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W.

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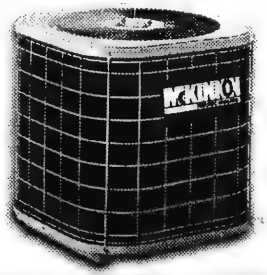

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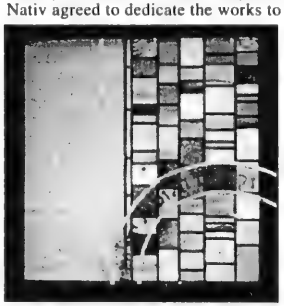
Wall panels dedicated at Kolel

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Four wall panels, made by noted Israeli fibre artist Haya Nativ in memory of two boys who died at the age of 24, were recently dedicated in the sanctuary at Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning.

The theme of the panels is The Cycle of Life, taken from the quotation, "Your elders shall dream dreams and your youth shall see visions" (Joel 3:1). Multi-layered screens of stained glass silk technique, each one expresses the individual sentiments and symbols of the year's four seasons.

Robert David Sage died 20 years ago in Toronto and Lior Harari died in Israel exactly 20 years later. Nativ was commissioned to create her artwork by Selma Sage, Robert's mother, but while she was creating the work, Nativ's nephew, an Israeli pilot, died while on duty. Sage and Nativ agreed to dedicate the works to both Sage's son and Nativ's nephew.



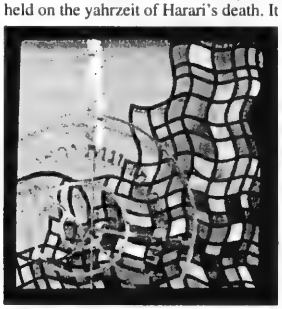
Four wall panels called The Cycle of Life, by Israeli artist Haya Nativ, in memory of Robert David Sage and Lior Harari.

A recent dedication ceremony was held on the yahrzeit of Harari's death. It was also the week of the yahrzeit of Rabbi Elyse Goldstein's sister Marsha, who died eight years ago at the age of 40. Rabbi Goldstein is Kolel's rabbinic director.

"The beauty brought from sadness is a living testament to the lives of these young souls to the renewal of spirit and to the reminder of the multi-layers of life," says Sage, a noted educator and lecturer.

"At the dedication, it was important for me and Haya to create a work of art to show that Robert and Lior had lived and experienced the beauty of the changes in seasons."

Kolel is located at 151 Eglinton Ave. W. Visitors are welcome to view the pieces Monday to Thursday during business hours.



Comedian's prize is sweet revenge

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"The show is half-live and half-video. It's kind of a hodge-podge of scenes. The whole thing stems from the coincidence that we share the same name. He's a professor at MIT who is ultra, ultra, left. But I'd hate him more if he were ultra, ultra, right. He's technically a professor of linguistics, but he also dabbles in Middle East political theory.

"I have no problem with his linguistics... Maybe he's a great linguist. I don't know and I don't care. It's his stance on Israel that bothers me. He's very, very anti-Israel and he's Jewish. I don't really go into his politics or his linguistics, during the show.

"It's really more about the fact that we share the same name. It's about having to go into a very detailed explanation of my name whenever I'm introduced to people. They have all these questions about the name Noam, because it's so unusual. Or if they are familiar with Chomsky, then they immediately say, 'Oh, like Noam Chomsky.'"

Perhaps the day will come when Chomsky is mistaken for Rosen, instead of the other way around. That would be great personal victory after Noam Rosen's professional triumph. And good for a laugh.

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BY BILL GLADSTONE

THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM: SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

Travel Talk recently had the pleasure of speaking with several Toronto Jews who spent Passover in Israel, thus fulfilling the seder-night wish to be "next year in Jerusalem."

Observing the holiday with relatives in the Orthodox Jerusalem neighbourhood of Givat Shaul was "a goosebump-raising experience" for Barbara Organ, who spent most of her stay in Jerusalem, but also travelled by rented car to Haifa and Tel Aviv.

"I walked around Jerusalem and took buses as much as I could," she says. "There was a little girl in the family that I'm crazy about, so we went to playgrounds a lot."

Taxi drivers thanked Organ for coming during such a difficult period, she says, but nowhere did she actually detect any difficulties. Foreign visitors seemed few and far between. Arriving at Yad Vashem one day at 9:30 a.m., she quickly concluded that she "was the only one there," although several busloads of visitors arrived later that morning.

Likewise, "I went to the Western Wall and while it seemed busy, it didn't look to me like there were many tourists."

Seeing scenes of turmoil on television left her apprehensive about going to Israel, she admits. "But once I got there, I didn't feel at risk at all. I had no hesitation riding the bus or going anywhere .... I felt very safe. Life goes on. You don't notice any problems."

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Toronto dentist Jeffrey Erlich and his family spent two weeks in Israel, staying in a flat in the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Ramot, and travelling to Netanya, Tel Aviv and the Dead Sea.

In Jerusalem they travelled unhesitatingly through all but the Arab sections. They even went to the sandbagged and well-fortified Gilo neighbourhood, the last Jewish stronghold before Bethlehem, and ventured by daylight to Efrat along a road not recommended for visitors.

"Wherever we went, we never felt that we were in any danger of confrontation," he says. "In fact, I probably feel more at risk in downtown Miami than in Israel."

In Jerusalem "I let my [14-year-old] daughter go on her own. She went to Ben Yehuda Street and wandered around on her own, no problem."

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Except for some touring in and around Tel Aviv and Haifa, Debbie Shecter and five family members spent most of their two weeks in Jerusalem during a recent trip to Israel. "We were in the centre of the city every day," she says. "We went to Ben Yehuda Street, ate in restaurants, sat outside, went to the mall. We always felt safe."

Family members visited the Israel Museum, the Botanical Gardens, the Old City and other areas, finding few foreign visitors but no indication of trouble. Having completed her 26th visit to Israel, Shecter emphasizes the importance of showing support for Israel by visiting, even in difficult times.

"What I always say is that if you don't turn on the TV, you don't know what's happening."

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For travel professional David Freudmann, his latest trip to Israel was as exciting as many others he has made over the years.

He and his party visited Herzlia, Tiberias, and several smaller centres in the Galilee. "We drove everywhere, and went well off the beaten track. We had very pleasant, very quiet drives everywhere. We found no problem. We didn't feel threatened or afraid. The proof is that I wouldn't have taken a 2-1/2 year old granddaughter with me if I had been afraid."

The beach in Herzlia, he recalls, "was crowded with people. It was a pleasure to see all the beachside restaurants serving their food, their matzot. In Jerusalem we walked around everywhere except the Arab market and East Jerusalem."

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According to the Israel Government Tourist Office, several Canadian-Jewish groups have recently visited Israel. They include Birthright, the March of the Living, and a group of 13 Conservative and Reform rabbis who went on a brief mission last week. Since it benefits Israel spiritually and economically, let's hope that more Canadian Jews visit Israel soon.

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: Mi Dor L'Dor: From Generation to Generation in Song unites the Chai Singers, conducted by Varda Hall Berenstein (pictured here) and The Renanim Children's Choir and Renanim Youth Ensemble, led by Susan Michaels. Renanim is a spirited group of young singers from across Toronto who meet at the Koffler School of Music. The Chai singers have a few more years experience – some members go back to 1961 and he founding of the Toronto Hadassah-Wizo Choir. The concert is at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Toronto on May 14, 7:30 p.m. tickets are $10 and $8 for seniors and children. Call 416-449-2296

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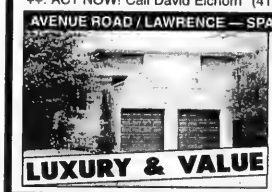

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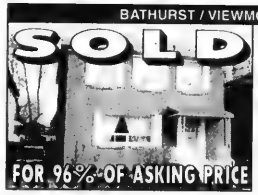

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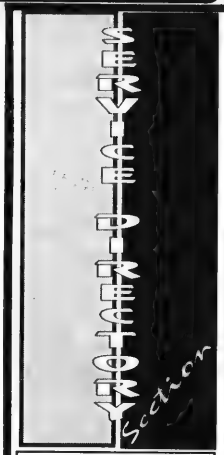

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Arts & Travel

Sunshine illuminates dangers of assimilation

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

Too long, too much nudity and too much Ralph Fiennes.

That was my reaction to my first screening of *Sunshine*, the sweeping saga about the Sonnenscheins, a Jewish family living in Hungary during the most tumultuous years of the 20th century.

I have changed my mind somewhat after screening the film again, now that it's available on video.

Although the film has several drawbacks including its three hour length, unnecessary nude scenes and Ralph Fiennes playing three roles – the Sonnenschein grandfather, father and son – the film does work. And it works even better on video than it did in the theatres.

Originally, I felt the film might have been more effective as a television miniseries because of its length. But watching at home lets you take a break if you get tired.

The use of Fiennes in three roles does have an advantage. Each character looks like the other, as they might in a real family.

But the most important element of *Sunshine* is the moral of the story: assimilation does not work.

The main characters try to fit into the mainstream in anti-Semitic Hungary by de-emphasizing their Jewishness. They change their names and even convert to Catholicism.

What the characters fail to realize is that these are only cosmetic changes. No matter what they do, they are still considered Jews by the outside world.

The story begins in the early 20th century, when Emmanuel Sonnenschein uses a family recipe to make a tonic that catapults the family into the world of great wealth and prestige.

Emmanuel's son, Ignatz, builds upon the family's success. He overcomes Hungarian anti-Semitism and becomes a powerful judge.

Ignatz's son, Adam, becomes a world-class fencer and denies his Jewish roots in order to pursue his Olympic dreams and become a lawyer.

Despite this, Adam becomes a victim of the Holocaust and dies under the most horrific torture.

Adam's son, Ivan, enters politics after World War II and seeks revenge for the wrongs done to his family. He is transformed by the witchhunts of the Communist regime and the eventual fall of the Iron Curtain.

Sunshine, despite its massive scope, is also a very personal story of three generations of men. Each of the men has his own foibles and personality defects, but with integrity, searches for love and respect.

Sunshine was directed and co-written by renown Hungarian director Istvan Szabo and produced by Canadian filmmaker Robert Lantos.

In many ways, *Sunshine* combines Szabo's personal memories and intimate knowledge of the subject matter.

"My own experiences certainly influenced the story," Szabo said. "Naturally it was a little autobiographical, but it is more of a case history of one family that goes through what many human beings experienced in this century."

Fiennes gives excellent performances in all three roles and the rest of the cast, including Rosemary Harris, Rachel Weisz, Jennifer Ehle, Molly Parker and Deborah Kara Unger, all give strong performances.

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Student athlete pursues hockey at Harvard

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — You're 17 years old, a good hockey player, a top student, and recruits are beating down your door to sign you.

Let's consider the options. On the one hand, you could move from Tier II Junior A onto the roster of a major junior Ontario Hockey League (OHL) team, play for pocket money with a bunch of high school buddies and hope NHL scouts notice you.

On the other hand, you could accept a four-year athletic scholarship from Harvard University (value: $38,000 US per year), play on the school's first division NCAA team, enjoy campus life, get a first-rate education, and hope NHL scouts notice you.

For most guys, the decision would be a no-brainer; for a guy with SAT scores in the stratosphere, who's scoring an 85 average while doing a combined Grade 12 and OAC program, the neurons wouldn't have to get out of first gear to make the decision.

Harvard, here I come.

Andrew Lederman, centreman with the Vaughan Vipers of the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA), has made his decision. Next season he will suit up for the Harvard Crimson as a freshman.

Although scouted by as many as 20 American colleges, including the powerhouse University of Michigan, Wisconsin, Yale and Princeton, Lederman opted for Harvard, where he'll study sciences and pursue his interest in genetics and bio-engineering.

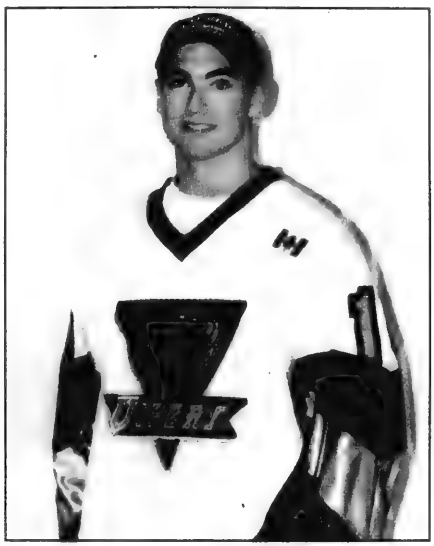
OHL teams also expressed an interest in recruiting the smooth skating set-up man, but his mind was pretty well set on a college education. Lederman even let it be known that a draft selection would be wasted on him, but North Bay Centennials used a late pick to add Lederman to its list of prospects.

"I guess the way I was brought up, I knew in my mind that school was a priority," Lederman said.

His dad, Karl, also advised the younger Lederman to take the Harvard route. The family investigated Andrew's options and after hearing glowing reviews of Harvard's hockey program – it's the school's number 1 sport – and knowing that a Harvard degree is a springboard to just about any career, they chose the Ivy League school.

"My family is ecstatic. I still can't believe it. It'll have to soak in when I get there," Lederman said.

Lederman, who scored a remarkable 1,300 on an SAT (most hockey players get between 800-900), has already spoken to the coaches at Harvard and he's been told what to expect. At first, they plan to install him on Crimson's third line, behind veteran players. By his second and third years, they expect him to move to one of the team's top lines.



Andrew Lederman

Vipers coach Steve Mercer is confident Lederman can be a valuable addition to the Crimson. "I find him a highly skilled player. I think he'll do well at Harvard," Mercer said. "He's a smooth skater with great, soft hands. He's great around the net."

The coach's only caveat is that Lederman must get stronger if he hopes to consistently compete against older college players while developing into an NHL prospect. Lederman is younger and smaller than most of his teammates.

"The strength factor," even in the NCAA, comes into play. "If he follows the program they've given him – and he has a good work ethic – he'll get stronger," Mercer said.

For the past two seasons, Lederman has led the Vipers while continuing to develop a finesse game. In 2000-01, the six-foot, 180-pounder scored 52 points (21 goals, 31 assists) in 49 regular season games. In the playoffs, which the Vipers lost to the Wexford Raiders four games to two, Lederman scored three goals and added five assists.

He and right-winger Rob Kapuscinsky (30 goals, 20 assists) formed the team's main scoring threat, while also killing penalties and working the power play.

Lederman first attracted the attention of scouts three years ago when he played for Upper Canada College and the Toronto Marlboroughs' bantam team. He's been a AAA player since he was nine.

Passing, skating, puck handling and scoring points have been Lederman's trademark, and the player he's compared to – and whom he most admires – is Washington Capitals' Adam Oates.

"I think he's one of the best passers of all time," Lederman said.

The Crimson are no doubt looking forward to the finesse and skill Lederman will add. This past season, Harvard managed a middling 16-15-2 record.

Maccabiah organizers examine security, safety

By RAMI HIPSH
Ha'aretz Sports Correspondent

JERUSALEM — The uncertain security situation in Israel has forced organizers of the 16th Maccabiah Games to revise its estimate of how many participants will travel to Israel to attend the event, which begins on July 16.

Initial estimates of some 5,000 athletes have been scaled down to between 3,500 and 4,000.

Nevertheless, the Games' organizing committee has been encouraged by messages from Maccabi U.S.A. stating that despite warnings issued by the U.S. State Department, the American contingent will be large and complete.

At a safety conference held recently at the Kfar Maccabiah hotel in Tel Aviv, officials responsible for safety said they had fully implemented the lessons of the bridge collapse at the 15th Maccabiah, which cost the lives of four members of the Australian delegation.

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Stories that touch the heart

By

ELI RUBENSTEIN ALEC GELCER

In the dead of a South African night

My wife and I were in Cape Town, South Africa, driving home at midnight, when we had a flat tire on a lonely, unlit road, bushes on either side. Crime is rife in South Africa, people are murdered on the roads in broad daylight.

We called the AA on our cellphone and waited anxiously. We felt totally exposed and helpless.

A few cars went by, but no one stopped. Then one car slowed down and pulled over onto the shoulder. "Ah, the AA at last!" I thought.

But the burly individual who emerged was not wearing any identifying uniform. As he approached, I left the car, determined to sell my life dearly if necessary.

"What's the problem?" he asked.

"We have a flat."

"Have you tried to change the tire?" the man asked gruffly.

"No," I said.

"Where's your spare?"

"In the trunk, I guess."

"Open your trunk. Let me see."

Soon he located the spare tire. His face looked grim, pitying. "This tire's completely flat!"

Just then, another car stopped. It was the AA. The burly fellow explained. "His spare is completely flat. He says he has never checked it." They shook their heads sadly at each other.

"I have an idea! I could give him my spare and take his! Would that work?"

The AA man compared the two cars. "No. It wouldn't fit. But I still have a way."

He inflated and changed the tire, assisted by the burly man.

The fellow from AA departed. The other turned to leave, but I stopped him. "Excuse me," I said, "but what's your name?"

"Jack MacAndrew," he said.

"Well, Jack MacAndrew, how is it that of all the people that passed, only you stopped for us?"

Jack pointed his index finger into the air. "Do you see this finger?" he asked. "There is no other finger like it in the world. Nor has there ever been. Nor will there ever be. What it means is that each of us is totally unique and precious.

"So if I come across anyone in trouble, I do my best to help them. Because whoever they are, they are special and precious."

He turned and I called after him: "Jack MacAndrew! I will always remember you and your finger that points to the sky. Go well!"

The Talmud states: "Who is wise? One who learns from every other person." And I will not forget the lesson taught to me on a lonely stretch of road in South Africa by the special and precious Jack MacAndrew.

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About Life

Dear Ella,

So I finally meet a decent girl on a blind date. A rare occurrence. One big problem – I can't stand going to a restaurant with her. Picture this: We sit down, great ambiance, great company, great food. The waiter comes over and that's when it starts. The never-ending questions. Do you have any vegetarian dishes (she is not a vegetarian), what's in the sauce, can I have the pasta with penne instead of linguini, can you grill the fish instead of frying it? The question period is as long as the actual dinner.

When the food arrives, that's when I really start to slide down the back of my seat. She starts: I don't think I ordered a baked potato, the vegetables are a bit cold, the salmon isn't done right, I think they did this in butter. Can you call the waiter, I want to send this back. Ahh!! Any cure for this? I think I could like this girl if it wasn't for this quirk.

Order in the Restaurant

Dear Order in the Restaurant

Sounds to me like you were lucky to find a girl who knows what she wants and isn't afraid to go after it.

Granted, your scenario does sound a bit extreme, but in the great scheme of things, if this is your worst problem, then I think you're doing pretty well. Try picking restaurants that are used to demanding patrons. Or maybe, don't go to restaurants so often. Go to movies, plays or parks instead. Bring picnic baskets, cook dinner before you go, or better yet let her cook dinner so she gets exactly what she wants. Eventually you will get to know her likes and dislikes.

All in all, for a picky girl, she seems happy with you. That must say something for your personality as well. You are probably a lot more patient than you're letting on.

There is nothing wrong with asking for and getting exactly what you want and what you're paying for. This little quirk of hers may just come in very handy in other areas of life, when you will need her to speak up. She may even speak up for you some day!

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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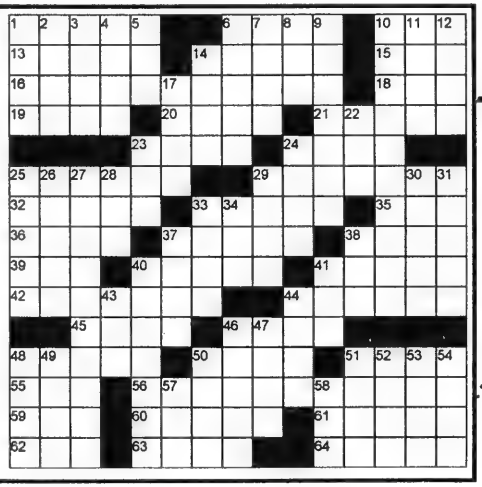

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Acclaimed artist dies at age 78

TORONTO — Aba Bayefsky, whose haunting images of death camp victims haunted the artist as much as the viewer, died May 5 in Toronto. He was 78.

Bayefsky was the dean of Canadian Jewish artists, known best for transmitting his eyewitness accounts of concentration camp horrors to the canvas. It was as an official Canadian war artist that he made his most emotional mark, filling his sketchbooks with dozens of uncompromising works – an oeuvre that left raw emotions for the rest of his life.

Aba Bayefsky sitting in front of The Kaddish Self-Portrait (1980).

"I saw pits with thousands of dead bodies piled in them," he told *The CJN* in 1998 regarding his visit to Bergen-Belsen, just following its liberation by British troops in the spring of 1945. "They were just lumps, that's all. They had trucks backing up to these pits and they were just throwing them in. It had a profound impact on me."

His work is displayed at the Canadian War Museum and in public and private collections around the world.

Many war artists had a bitter time recording the images they saw, but perhaps few more so than Bayefsky.

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Day's CJC speech brings him plaudits and trouble

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — While delegates to last week's Canadian Jewish Congress national plenary couldn't have been more delighted with Stockwell Day's rousingly pro-Israel speech in which he pinned much of the blame for Middle East violence squarely on Palestinians, the remarks have also had the following effects:

They managed to further alienate him from some of his remaining supporters; they raised the ire of the government, which accused him of seriously deviating from, and possibly undermining, Canada's long-standing policy of neutrality in the Mideast conflict; and they have led to calls for his resignation from Canadian-Arab groups (one of which has threatened to sue him for inciting hatred against Arabs).

Blames Palestinians for violence

At a news conference in London, Ont., on Saturday, angry representatives of Arab and Muslim groups called for Day's ouster.

"He is not fit to be the leader of the Opposition," said Munir El-Kassem of the Canadian Islamic Congress. "A national leader is expected to unite all segments of society, not to instigate racial hatred and intolerance."

In his call for Day to step down, El-Kassem was joined by Atif Kubursi, president of the National Council of Arab-Canada Relations, which earlier had threatened to sue Day over his remarks to the CJC.

"Mr. Day is not entitled to foment strife amongst communities," said Kubursi. "He is not entitled to build his faltering leadership on a maligned people."

Those comments came a day after the Canadian Alliance leader tried to soften his remarks.

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SHARON EXTENDS A HAND TO FUTURE VOTERS: Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon greets children during his visit last week to Maaleh Adumim. Sharon visited the community one day before the tragic discovery of the bodies of two murdered teenagers near Tekoa. *[RNS/Reuters photo]*

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Mullins Returns

VANCOUVER — Eustace Mullins, conspiracy theorist and author of several virulently anti-Semitic books, is scheduled to appear at a New Age festival in British Columbia in August. Festival organizers had offered Mullins' books for sale on their mail-order Internet site, but the site has been shut down by Canada Customs for offering hate propaganda. In February, Mullins was scheduled to appear at a New Age health show in Toronto, but the show's organizers cancelled his appearance when sponsors pulled their support. The Pacific region of Canadian Jewish Congress is considering asking the show's sponsors to do the same, while B'nai Brith Canada has called on federal officials to prevent Mullins from entering the country.

Israel

Immigration Worries

JERUSALEM — The chair of the Jewish Agency for Israel says that if aliyah continues its downward trend, only some 52,000 new immigrants are expected to arrive in Israel this year. Sallai Meridor says a number of factors have contributed to the decline in immigration from former Soviet states, including better political and economic situations there and the ongoing violence in Israel.

Gay Gathering

JERUSALEM — Israel's umbrella organization for homosexual groups has won a bid to host World Pride, a week-long international gay, lesbian and bisexual gathering in Tel Aviv in 2004. It will mark the first time the gay pride event has taken place anywhere in the Middle East.

High-Tech Spies?

JERUSALEM — Laid-off Israeli high-tech workers are finding a new source of employment: the Mossad. The Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* has reported that some 1,000 former computer employees have responded to newspaper ads seeking candidates for the Mossad's technology division.

Barenboim 'Outraged'

JERUSALEM — Pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim said he is outraged by Knesset attempts to prevent him from staging an opera by Richard Wagner. "I can identify completely with the people who don't want to listen to it," Barenboim told Israel Radio, "but I can't identify with the fact that they are trying to stop other people from hearing it."

World

Hungarians Sue

MIAMI — Hungarian Holocaust survivors and their heirs have filed a class-action lawsuit here against the United States, seeking restitution for treasures allegedly stolen by the Nazis and later taken by U.S. troops. The lawsuit deals with the so-called Hungarian Gold Train, a shipment of Jewish property seized by the Nazis that fell into U.S. hands at the end of World War II.

eBay Lauded

LOS ANGELES — Jewish groups are applauding eBay's decision to ban Nazi memorabilia from its online auction site, effective May 17. The decision exempts wartime German stamps and coins, as well as books and movies about World War II. The Simon Wiesenthal Centre had lobbied for the policy change for two years.

Assad's Response

DAMASCUS — Syrian President Bashar Assad brushed off criticism for anti-Jewish remarks he made recently, saying Arabs cannot be accused of being anti-Semitic because they are Semites themselves. Jews "accuse us, the Semites, of being anti-Semitic," Assad said at a farewell ceremony for Pope John Paul, who left Syria for Malta. In his address welcoming the Pope, Assad said the suffering of Palestinians caused by Israel was similar to that of Jesus at the hands of Jews.

Germans Polled

BERLIN — Some 60 percent of Germans surveyed feel neither guilty nor responsible for the Holocaust, and 45 percent said they are tired of being confronted with the Nazi past, according to a new poll. The survey, published in *Der Spiegel* magazine, also had 28 percent saying Hitler would have been a great statesman had he not instigated World War II and the Holocaust.

Female Rabbi

VIENNA — A child survivor of the Holocaust has become the first female rabbi in the country her family fled some 63 years ago. After her appointment was announced in March, Eveline Goodman-Thau, 67, was welcomed last week to Vienna's 160-member liberal congregation, Or Chadash, where she will serve for at least one year. Her family fled the country in 1938 and survived World War II in hiding in Holland.

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Israeli Embassy Opens in Berlin

BERLIN — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres offered a prayer for peace in the Middle East and for the victims of the Holocaust during a ceremony last week marking the opening of the new Israeli Embassy here.

With some 2,000 people attending last week's ceremony, Peres called the embassy "not only a house of Israel, but also a house representing all those driven out of their homes" by the Nazis.

Speakers at the ceremony included Israel's first ambassador in Berlin, Shimon Stein; Germany's foreign minister, Joschka Fischer; and Berlin Mayor Eberhardt Diepgen.

Fischer called the embassy's opening "an extraordinary, special event for Israelis and Germans."

The festivities, which included a live klezmer band and kosher hors d'oeuvres prepared by the embassy chef, took place under the watchful gaze of several masked, black-clad sharpshooters poised on the embassy roof.

The new structure is faced with Jerusalem stone and consists of six segments, meant as a reminder of the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust.

It was built on land purchased in 1928 by a Jewish businessman, Hermann Schondorf, who was forced to emigrate in 1934, a year after the Nazis came to power.

The building was constructed by the same firm that built Adolf Hitler's Berlin bunker.

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Community studies surprise school tax credit

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Ontario Budget '01

TORONTO — The long and arduous battle for public funding of Ontario's Jewish day schools came a step closer to realization with last week's historic provincial budget – the first time ever the government has addressed the issue.

The budget, brought down by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, took the Jewish community completely by surprise with its inclusion of a provincial tax credit for parents of children in independent and private, faith-based schools.

Starting next year, these parents will be eligible for a tax credit of up to $700 per child, or 10 percent of the first $7,000 of tuition fees. To be phased in over five years, the credit will increase 20 percent per year, and eventually, will be worth up to $3,500 per child annually.

The move will eventually pump some $300 million a year into funding the 102,000 students in private schools, including the 12,000 children enrolled in Ontario's 42 Jewish day schools and yeshivot.

"It's a huge step but not a conclusion," said Ed Morgan, the new chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario region. "It's the first step toward full funding. But we're really happy with it."

Community officials, who pored over the budget last week, were plainly caught off guard with the provision. Reaction was limited to generalities.

There are a myriad of details yet to be worked out, foremost among them, how the credit will be implemented and how it will interact with existing federal/provincial charitable credits against the religious portion of education.

It's not known whether the credit will co-exist with other measures, or replace them.

The "most generous" interpretation is that years down the road, between all the tax measures available, parents could be relieved of up to 75 per cent of tuition costs, Morgan stated.

CJC allayed concerns that Queen's Park's move comes with strings attached.

"We don't expect a lot of strings," said Simon Rosenblum, CJC Ontario region's director of public policy. He said because the initiative came from the finance and not the education department, there won't be pedagogical criteria attached as preconditions.

Rosenblum called the development "a significant victory" for the Jewish community. "It's not the end of the road but we have to respect it as a very important transitional measure."

Much of the mechanics will be left up to existing regulations, said Morgan, a lawyer who argued, and lost, the funding case before the Supreme Court of Canada in 1997.

He said CJC is "very concerned" at how the tax break will affect parents of children whose Jewish education is subsidized by the community. "That's not yet clear."

Government representatives clearly played their cards close to their vests. There was no hint of what was to come when Premier Mike Harris addressed the CJC national plenary here just two days before the budget. Mainly, Harris used the occasion to laud the Jewish community's accomplishments and recount his two trips to Israel.

And on May 6, Tory MPP Tina Molinari announced at a plenary session on school funding that she had had a meeting with Flaherty and attorney general David Young to discuss a provincial tax credit, an idea she said was well-received. Young then told *The CJN* that the idea was still in early stages, and he advised a go-slow approach.

It's too early to comment on details, but Lou Greenbaum, president of Associated Hebrew Day Schools of Toronto, the country's largest day school system, welcomed the development.

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Yom Yerushalayim

From the editor's desk

Last July, at Camp David, Yasser Arafat and his colleagues, for the first time before a western audience, challenged the Jewish historical relationship to Jerusalem. He and his negotiating team asserted there was no proof of the existence of the Temple.

Arafat argued that Israel's claim to the Temple Mount was not based on fact or on any deep attachment to the place. Rather, according to the PA president, it was based simply on Israel's desire to control territory and people, and thus, merely colonial.

Israelis were shocked; Jews around the world were stunned into disbelief; others following the progress of the peace talks, hoping for a breakthrough, were also left gasping for air, as it were, discomfited by the questions and the statements that seemed too absurd for words, yet, sadly, not too absurd to have been uttered by the Palestinian leadership.

But the questions were asked and the statements were made. Jewish, indeed Western, history had been dismissed by the PA as an irrelevant detail. And thus Arafat's mask fell to the floor. We saw his real face and the true intentions that gave it such malevolent definition. He and the PA leadership are determined to dismantle Israel as a Jewish State.

His logic was as simple as it was perverted.

Without a factual, historical connection to Jerusalem, Jews could have no factual or historical connection to any part of the land. According to the PA thesis, the arrival of mostly European, non-indigenous, immigrants to Palestine since the beginning of the last century was therefore nothing but a displacement of local inhabitants by foreigners.

Refracted through this distorted prism, the UN resolution, which legitimized that displacement, was seen by the PA leaders, as a result, as lacking any authority, an aggression against the local Arab peoples. Moreover, they contend, the displacement was a U.S.-Europe-inspired manipulation of events, to the detriment of local Arab peoples, based on fraud and ruse (namely, in their eyes, the so-called Holocaust).

The PA's opposition to the "Judaizing" of Jerusalem, as they cynically refer to the Jewish relationship to Jerusalem, is but the companion argument to their demand of the right of all Palestinian refugees to return to their pre-1948 homes.

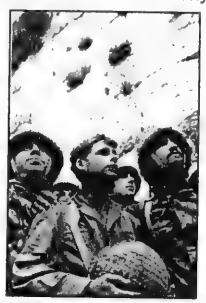
They are two sides of the same PA coin, weighted against the belief that a Jewish State belongs in the area, and against compromise, accommodation or any willingness to live side by side with a "foreign" Jewish State.

This coin must have no purchase.

Arafat's design is plain. Our resolve against it must be equally plain.

Next week, on the 28th day of Iyar, (May 21), we will celebrate Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day). Thirty-four years ago, on that eventful day, IDF paratroopers reunited the old city with the new city of Jerusalem.

The Jordanians had unilaterally divided the city 19 years earlier, razed the Old City's synagogues, defaced, vandalized and desecrated almost all of the Jewish religious markers there.



IDF paratroopers June 7, 1967 when they recaptured the Wall.
[David Rubinger photo]

With the terse yet profoundly moving utterance by the paratroopers' commander, Mota Gur, "*Har habayit b'yadeinu*" ("the Temple Mount is in our hands"), Jewish sovereignty was finally re-extended to a united Jerusalem after a hiatus of some 1,900 years.

It falls to us to remember, recount and commemorate that special, metaphysical moment of modern history, just as it falls to us to remember, recount and commemorate our special, metaphysical bond to Jerusalem itself.

Doing so would be both an affirmation and a declaration: an affirmation of our own present-day Jewish resolve and a declaration that we will not simply surrender the Jewish past to Arafat, his colleagues in the PA, his fundamentalist allies in Hamas, Islamic Jihad or Hezbollah, or his supporters in the Arab world, all of whom are intent on negating the Jewish future.

In his outstanding work *The Jerusalem Anthology: A Literary Guide*, JPS, 1995, an invaluably rich and inspiring collection of essays and writing, Reuven Hammer makes the following powerful point in his introduction: "It would not be an exaggeration to say that no city in the history of the nations has been as important a part of the consciousness of a people [the Jews] for as long and continuous a period of time as has Jerusalem."

That statement is our beginning point in Israel's and the Jewish people's struggle against the prevarications of the PA leadership. To paraphrase from Dylan Thomas, we must and we will "rage, rage against the lying and the distorting of what is right."

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A VIEW OF JERUSALEM: A group of rabbis from the Toronto Board of Rabbis and some of their spouses pose for the camera durng a recent visit to Jerusalem. In the background is the Temple Mount. ***Please see the Guest Voice on page 12.***
[Baruch Sienna photo]

Jewish special ed professionals gather in Toronto

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Jewish community will pay a heavy price as a result of "inappropriate education" not geared to the individual requirements of special needs students, warns Rabbi Martin Schloss.

The veteran New York educator, who began his career in the field of special education in 1969, chaired the recent annual conference of the Consortium of Special Educators in Central Agencies for Jewish Education, held in Toronto.

Hosted by the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) at She'arim Hebrew Day School, which is geared to students with learning disabilities, the three-day conference included sessions on Hebrew Remediation Techniques and Judaica Program Modifications, and Including Children with Special Needs in Jewish Schools.

Rabbi Schloss

There were also visits to the Zareinu Educational Centre, whose students have developmental and physical disorders, and the Reena Foundation's Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre for developmentally handicapped adults.

At She'arim, the 23 participating North American educators representing Toronto, Montreal, and a number of American cities observed a lesson that put into practice the school's philosophy, based on the work of Israeli psychologist Reuven Feuerstein.

"Enmeshed in that approach is the building of competency through developing strategies leading to independent thinking and self-esteem," said Dori Levine, the BJE's special education consultant.

In a joint interview last week following the conclusion of the conference, Rabbi Schloss, director of the Special Education Centre of the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York and a co-founder 15 years ago of the consortium, said he believes the Jewish educational system needs to "better address [and] identify needs and learning styles at the earliest possible time to promote successful education for the child based on his or her abilities."

Dori Levine

"We have not fully understood how successful our children can be, given the right intervention techniques," Levine said. Attempts to help special needs students have failed when they reflected "what the system wanted the child to have" rather than what the child actually needed.

But how realistic is it to think that each child can be looked at individually within the Jewish education system? Levine answered with a question of her own: "Do we have any right in the world not to?"

With gifted students, for example, there is a "good likelihood" they will be lost to the Jewish community, said Rabbi Schloss. "They will be bored, they will not be challenged, they will seek their education elsewhere, or they will simply underperform and their God-given skills will be underused or not used at all."

The situation is changing, according to the rabbi, with larger numbers of special needs students becoming more successful academically than ever before.

As one example, Levine mentioned a She'arim alumnus who has graduated from Yeshiva University and is now working on a degree in osteopathic medicine.

In Toronto, the BJE has just completed a two-year study on special needs services to determine needs and gaps. "We are now trying to restructure and implement massive changes," she said.

The next step, Levine indicated, is for the BJE to hire a central department director of special education services. "Hopefully through the next couple of years we will implement more changes. It will be a gradual process."

Among the recommendations of the 30-page report was the establishment of a central resource centre for parents, teachers, and others working with special needs students, like assistants, volunteers and mentors who often are given minimal instruction.

Levine envisions a situation where a teacher having trouble with a particular student would be able to come to the centre and ask for ideas. "Perhaps someone could go out to that teacher and observe that child. There are so many possibilities we could develop."

Among the professionals who need help are "classroom teachers who have non-homogeneous classes, who must differentiate their instruction and deal with many children with many different diagnoses and indications," according to Levine. "They're floundering."

Special needs students include those who are homebound or institutionalized, those with developmental disabilities ranging from mild to severe, and giftedness – not to mention more complicated variations such as giftedness combined with a learning disability.

Historically, gifted students tend to be "somewhat ignored" at special education conferences, although there are "models of initiatives" and giftedness was addressed at the conference here, the rabbi said. "It is our position that they are as inappropriately addressed as those having difficulty learning."

Jewish education said key to Jewish continuity

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish education – for this generation as well as the next – is key to perpetuating continuity, World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman told the closing luncheon session of last week's Canadian Jewish Congress national plenary.

In a rambling talk that included recollections of his heady days of negotiating Jewish freedom with top Soviet leaders, Bronfman returned repeatedly to the theme of Jewish education.

"You can't expect your children to do what you can't do," the scion of the Canadian distilling family told delegates. "Don't leave it all to your children and grandchildren."

Bronfman was presented with CJC's Saul Hayes Human Rights Award. A video tribute from longtime community activist and Bronfman family friend Sol Kanee was shown.

CJC Plenary

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The 71-year-old Bronfman, who has headed the WJC for 20 years, announced he will seek another term as president. He spoke soon after greetings were brought to the plenary by Ontario Premier Mike Harris.

In his role as the world's top Jewish official, Bronfman has met with 55 heads of state, often in places where Jewish communities face danger. He was a major force in convincing the Soviets to open the doors to Jewish emigration, and his efforts prodded Switzerland to confront its past on dormant Holocaust-era bank accounts.

The need to strengthen Jewish education among children is paramount, he said. "We will try to educate them any way we can" – through schools, summer camps and programs that include Birthright, which sends young Diaspora Jews on free trips to Israel, subsidized partly by his family.

But he also called on today's parents and grandparents not to abandon their Jewish education.

"Please learn how to be proud Jews, so you can learn to talk to your children and grandchildren as free and questioning people," Bronfman said.

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The current violence between Israel and Palestinians "will be of long duration and will go through some stages of extreme intensity," predicted CJC's new national president in his incoming remarks.

The turmoil's potential to spill over into Canadian communities "is very real," Keith Landy said in his installation address.

He pointed to the recent trial in Los Angeles of Ahmed Rassam, who was convicted of infiltrating the United States to commit acts of terror. Rassam resided in Canada illegally for six years, a situation that "brought our country face to face with the abomination that is terrorism."

Edgar Bronfman (standing) with new CJC president Keith Landy. [Ron Csillag photo]

The new president touched a variety of Congress issues that lie ahead, including:

- Intensifying the relationship with members of Parliament and civil servants, partly through the establishment of a "Jewish Community Advocacy roundtable" in Ottawa consisting of Jewish MPs and senators and those representatives with large Jewish constituencies.
- Expanding relations with Francophone, aboriginal, ethnocultural and other faith communities, and strengthening links to the evangelical community to harness "its strong support for Israel." However, Landy stressed, ties to evangelical Christians will not deter CJC's efforts to "forcefully" discourage the missionary activities of Jews for Jesus-type groups.
- Working with the federal government to ensure that the Zionism-equals-racism issue does not re-surface at a United Nations conference on racism this summer. Failing that, Ottawa should consider boycotting the conference.
- Continuing CJC's ongoing work on a variety of issues: fighting anti-Semitism and hatemongering, bringing closure to a number of cases of alleged Nazi war criminals in Canada, securing compensation and restitution for Holocaust survivors and their families, and thwarting domestic anti-Israel measures.

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Israel Funwalk to coincide with Yom Yerushalayim

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — This year more than ever, organizers of the annual Israel Funwalk feel a need to show their support for Israel.

"There's so much more talk about solidarity," said Elyza Litwin Polsky, who is co-chairing the May 21 walk along with Abe Glowinsky. "There's almost a need to be at the walk."

Ten thousand blue ribbons are ready to be handed out to walkers at the beginning of the event, in response to the kidnapping last fall of three Israeli soldiers and one Israeli citizen by Hezbollah terrorists.

Coincidentally, the date chosen, on the basis of minimizing conflicts with other community events, is – in addition to being Victoria Day – Yom Yerushalayim. "So it's very apropos," said Glowinsky.

The annual event, held under the auspices of UJA FEDERATION, usually attracts up to 10,000 people.

"It's probably the largest single event in the Jewish community in Toronto," said Glowinsky, adding that it took 10 months of planning and there will be more than 500 volunteers just on the day of the walk.

In a prepared statement issued by the federation, Glowinsky also noted that the walk provides a setting where "we can celebrate Israel's accomplishments while people from all streams of Judaism and political backgrounds unite."

The seven-km route begins at Nathan Phillips Square at 10:30 a.m. (registration from 9:15) and ends with festivities at Ontario Place. There will be three checkpoints along the way – the TD Centre, Alexandra Park and Trinity Bellwoods Park.

Last year, when 8,000 walkers raised $200,000 for the federation, a "Funrun" for adults was introduced, which will be part of the event this year as well. A new and gently used clothing drive for Jewish Family & Child Service's Just-A-Second Shop will also be held at Nathan Phillips Square.

Fund-raising incentives include up to four free Ontario Place passes per person for the day of the walk, for every $36 raised.

For both Glowinsky and Litwin Polsky, the walk will be a family affair. Glowinsky's wife and four children will be walking or volunteering with him, and Litwin Polsky – who will forego the actual walking because she is expecting her first child – will be joined by a large contingent of extended family.

Further information is available online at www.jewishtoronto.net/funwalk2001.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION: Students at USDS Bayview campus join together to celebrate Yom Ha'atz-maut on a beautifully sunny spring morning. [Dominique Grunberger photo]

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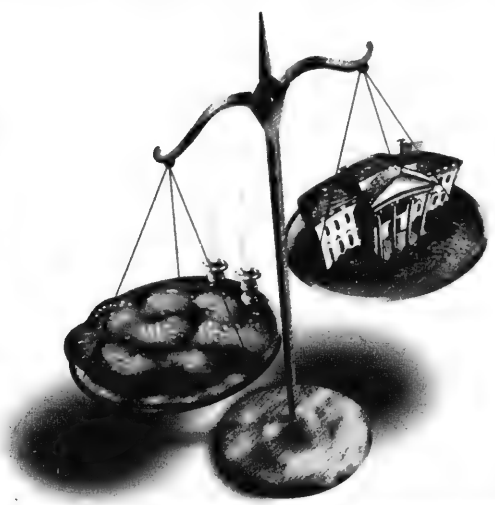

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The public, not the courts, should decide

The National Council on Canada-Arab Relations (NCCAR) has set an inappropriate, perhaps even dangerous precedent, by threatening to sue the leader of the Opposition, Stockwell Day, for allegedly inciting hatred against Arabs, as a result of his speech last week to the Canadian Jewish Congress. Day's address dealt with a number of issues, including the federal government's Middle East policies. In the context of reviewing those policies, Day offered a negative opinion of, inter alia, Yasser Arafat's trustworthiness.

We support Day's assessment of the Palestinian leader and of the reasons for the deterioration in the situation "on the ground" in the Middle East. Indeed we are grateful that Day had the resolve and the courage to put his views on the public record. But our support of Day's statement is hardly surprising; nor is the disagreement of the NCCAR.

The substantive soundness of his views is not the point at issue here, although it is worth noting that Marcus Gee, veteran political analyst with the *Globe and Mail*, wrote that Day had "courageously" spoken the truth. What is at issue is the threat by the NCCAR that it will seek to *legally* censure the leader of the Opposition for his remarks. Surely, in a parliamentary democracy, the NCCAR has other, more appropriate *political* remedies to invoke against Day.

The public, not the courts, should be asked to determine the worthiness of Day's remarks and whether there should be any *political* consequences to him as a result.

Welcome first step

The CJN commends the Ontario government for its announcement last week that it will provide a tax credit to parents of children in independent and private, faith-based schools for a portion of the tuition of their children's education.The credit is limited to a maximum of $3,500 and will be phased in over five years.

The evidence from other jurisdictions in this country simply does not support the charge from some quarters that public assistance for private, faith-based education is harmful, let alone ruinous, to the publicly funded education system. The government's decision is therefore laudably consistent with the tolerance and diversity that are the foundation stones of the multiculturalism enshrined in our constitution.

It is also laudably consistent with the fundamental imperatives of conscience, namely, the need to make right what is wrong: the currently unjust, unfair, discriminatory system of education funding in Ontario. It is thus not a perfect response, but it is at least, finally, a first welcome step.

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Do not underestimate Jewish spirit

Before Yom Ha'atzmaut, the radio stations kept talking about how everyone was down because of "the situation" and people would stay home instead of going on *tiyulim* around the country because they were afraid and depressed. But the opposite happened – one million people left their homes in droves to go to the country's parks and sites. There was traffic everywhere. The radio stations kept on having to announce the parks that were full to capacity so people wouldn't try to go there, and it sounded as if every existing park was full. It just goes to show that you can't underestimate the Jewish spirit, and radio stations can't dictate people's feelings. Israelis love their country and no terrorists are going to stop them from seeing it.

Miriam Levenstein Schwab
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Lying Becomes Fashionable

Every day we read in the newspapers, hear on the radio and see on television lies being told, and we never seem to see any denunciation or refutation of these lies. Ultimately, they become acceptable as the truth.

For instance, Bashar Assad, in greeting Pope John Paul during his recent visit to Syria, accused the Jews of persecuting Jesus Christ. It is a well-known fact, acknowledged by the Catholic Church, of which the Pope is the spiritual leader, that it was in fact the Romans who persecuted and then killed him. And yet neither the Pope nor any other Christian leader has condemned these remarks.

Yasser Arafat keeps saying that he wants to sign a "peace of the brave" treaty with Israel, but at the same time encourages the Palestinians to continue the intifadah until they get everything they want.

The Palestinians claim that they can trace their ancestry back 5,000 years to the Canaanites, and also, that they are the first Christians.

Why are these statements not exposed for what they are?

A. Noodelman
Montreal, Que.

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Inappropriate words in headline

The May 10 issue of *The CJN* has a picture on the front page along with a caption that says rabbis "blitz" Ottawa. I would like to inform the editorial staff that the word "blitz" is the shortening of the Nazi military term "Blitzkrieg," literally "lightning war" – a brutal, full force, surprise attack on an unsuspecting neighbour.

"Blitzkreig" was first used by the German army in the Spanish Civil War and then to attack Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium and the Netherlands. Rommel later used it in Africa. I was puzzled that a Jewish publication would employ this term as a metaphor, since it is loaded with such awful associations.

Ronald Kluger
Toronto

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Greetings from Jerusalem's mayor

It gives me the greatest pleasure to extend greetings to friends of Jerusalem all over the world on the occasion of Jerusalem Day. This is the day we commemorate the reunification of Jerusalem 34 years ago, a time of celebration for us all.

Jerusalem was only divided for 19 years of its 3,000-year history. It was always one city and it will always remain the united capital of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. We are the only people who have made this city our capital, and it has always been the centre of our prayers and our yearning.

I call upon all those who love Jerusalem to continue to show support at this crucial time in our history. In celebrating its unity, we must make every effort to ensure that the city is never again divided.

Ehud Olmert
Jerusalem

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Searching for family

I am searching for family in Toronto. My name is Carolyn Fenton; my maiden name is Cohen. I come from Manchester, England. My grandfather was originally called Louis (Lewis) Solomon. He had a brother called Issy (Israel) Solomon who emigrated to Toronto. I know that he got married to Sissy Rosenthal and that they had a son.

Issy's last known address that I have is 9 Kingsbridge Court, Apt. 104, Willowdale, Ont. If anyone can help me I would be most grateful.

Carolyn Fenton
Manchester, England

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Stern weak in response

New York Knicks basketball player, Charlie Ward, was quoted as saying that Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus and that Jews persecute Christians every day. In defence of his blatant anti-Semitism when confronted by reporters, he stated that his best friend Jesus was Jewish. After being reprimanded by NBA Commissioner David Stern, he apologized. The reprimand and the apology in my view are insufficient.

Stern could have taken a lesson from major league baseball in the way it handled Atlanta reliever John Rocker and his racist comments by hitting him with a suspension. In the face of the popularity of the New York Knicks, Stern, a Jew, obviously lacked the courage to do so. He could still impose a significant fine, or better still, have Ward and some of the other Knicks who seemed to support his remarks participate in an educational and information program about race relations and anti-Semitism. I have written to Stern asking that that be done and I would urge your readers to do likewise.

Bert Raphael
President, Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada
Toronto

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Perspectives

Jerusalem Day 1967, in Nigeria

By ADINA ESHEL
Special to The CJN

In May 1967, as tension was building in the Middle East between Egypt and Israel, erupting eventually into the Six Day War, tension was also mounting in Nigeria, the most populated country in Africa.

Like most African states, Nigeria consists of many different tribes, often hostile to each other, artificially united into one huge state. The former colonial rulers – in this case Great Britain and France – had determined its boundaries, their loyal colonial clerks outlining borders on maps and conveniently overlooking the people living on that land, thus combining enemies and dividing homogeneous tribes.

Yoruba land, for instance, on which the predominant tribe in western Nigeria lived, had been divided between Nigeria, Niger and Dahomey (now Benin) – the first under British rule and the others under French rule, with borders in-between, so that one part of that tribe speaks English, the other French. The fate of who was to become what often depended on the thickness of the pencil the clerk used when marking the borders on the map.

Independent Nigeria as a whole had been divided into five administrative provinces, to which governors were appointed by the central government of the Federation of Nigeria. These provinces have since been divided into 36 "states."

Though independent since 1963, Nigerian tribal affiliations still mean much more to each tribe and tribesman than any national ideas or ideals.

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That May, tension was building between the Eastern Province of Nigeria and the federal government over demands that were not met, and there was a threat that the province would secede from the federation and unilaterally declare itself an independent state.

My husband, two children and I were living in Nigeria at the time, in a residential suburb of Lagos, the former capital of the federation, located in the west. *Ha'aretz* daily newspaper in Tel Aviv, where I had worked in Israel, appointed me as a Nigeria and West Africa correspondent. I gladly accepted the appointment, as it would enable me to continue writing. I looked forward to writing about the newly independent African country and its newly independent neighbours.

At first, I sent in articles on a variety of subjects. All was so new to me – as to my readers – and the feedback I got from the editor encouraged me to continue. The more I became familiar with things in Nigeria, the more I realized I should be more careful and that I'd better stick to topics that had nothing to do with politics. So I restricted myself to areas of human interest or to topics such as, why do mosquitoes attack certain people, thus infecting them with malaria, and do not attack others? (It depends on whether a person's blood is "sweet" or "sour.") Or I wrote about the festive burial customs among African tribes. The real news was mentioned in private letters to the editor, with the request not to quote me or else…

When it became clear that the Eastern Province was heading for secession, and probably for war, my husband decided to inspect the eastern branches of the company he was in charge of while it was still possible.

Fearing that the east would also be physically cut off from the west were the bridge over the Niger River to be blown up, my husband, Menachem, decided to take us along. If cut off from Lagos, we would at least be together.

At the end of May 1967, we set out by car on our way to Enugu, capital of the Eastern Province. It was a long ride, and on our way, we were stopped several times by federal soldiers who politely made sure we were not smuggling Ibo men or arms.

The Ibos were the predominant tribe of eastern Nigeria. They referred to themselves as "the Jews of Nigeria," hinting perhaps at their having the largest rate of literacy in Nigeria, and better education, as well as Muslim animosity towards them. Most Ibos were Christians, the majority Catholic, some affiliated with the Church of England. Their opponents – in fact, enemies – were their northern neighbours, tribes of the Northern Province, most of them Muslims, headed by the Hausa tribe, who had taken over the federal government in Lagos after a bloody coup d'état.

After a long ride, we reached the Niger Bridge connecting western and eastern

Rabbi Shlomo Goren at The Wall with the liberating forces of the IDF.

The bridge[illegible] was now the Ibo soldiers' turn to stop and inspect us.

Driving slowly along the bridge, Menachem suddenly burst out laughing, pointing at packages lying along both sides of the bridge.

"That's dynamite," he said. "The problem with it is that it's on the wrong side. It should be underneath, not on top of it, if they really mean to blow it up."

After a few more inspections, we arrived safely in Enugu.

Early the following morning, May 30, we heard on the radio that the province had seceded from the Nigerian Federation and that the Niger Bridge had been blown up at night. All communications with the federation were cut off as well. So we were really cut off from home.

At 11 a.m., we approached the Eastern Province's governor's palace, where the governor was to declare the state's independence in a formal declaration. Well, we tried to approach, but the streets were crowded with hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people waving small flags and green branches of trees, singing and dancing. Happy faces and glittering eyes smiled at us, while people tried to draw us into their dancing circles.

"It reminds me of our first Independence Day," I said to Menachem, quite excited. "I'm so happy for them."

People were kind, allowing us to get closer to the square, where the declaration of independence was about to be heard. Someone handed me a few small pictures of General Odomegwe Odjukwu, the governor of the province, who was about to declare independence and become head of the new state. Below his picture were blown up letters saying: "Long Live Biafra." That is how we learned the new state's name.

I decided to keep the photographs for our Ibo employees in Lagos, if and when we managed to return there. I tucked them well into my purse, in case federal soldiers decided to inspect it. Then I went into a post office and mailed several postcards to Israel, to ensure having the "First Day of Independence" stamp. Later, I found out that none of the postcards ever reached its destination.

Listening to the declaration of independence of Biafra brought tears to my eyes – tears of happiness and of misgivings. I knew what was still in store for them before real independence was achieved, if at all. We left the square and set out on a tour, the whole time knowing nothing about the situation in Israel. We knew the Egyptians had blocked the Tiran Straits and that tension was mounting, but nothing more.

Our tour took us along roads, bush tracks, remote villages and jungles all over Biafra. Independence celebrations were everywhere, even in the remotest villages. It may have been before cell phones or even transistor radios existed, but the famous "bush telephone" proved as efficient as ever.

Arriving in Port Harcourt in the extreme south, we met other Israelis who were stranded in Biafra like us, unable to return to the federation, and like us, wondering what was going on back home. In the evenings, we gathered on the roof of our hotel to listen to the news on a portable radio, but we heard the BBC African Service quoting only Arab sources. According to them, all Arab states bordering on Israel had invaded it from all sides. Israel was clearly about to surrender. We even heard *Kol Zion Lagola* from Jerusalem (a special program for the Diaspora), but it said practically nothing about the ongoing war. It just played the new popular song *Jerusalem of Gold* repeatedly. It sounded to us like a prayer, and soon we were humming along.

While the British and American embassies in Lagos arranged for a way to evacuate their nationals from Biafra, we decided to return to Enugu and try to go by British airplane to Lagos. But on the way, we had a car accident. Though not our Nigerian chauffeur's fault, he had to remain in a small village police station, waiting for a higher rank police officer to free him, as well as to have the car repaired.

We decided to try and hitchhike. Eventually, a large black Rover passed us and after awhile, we heard it brake and reverse. Two white men were sitting in the car, quite obviously amused by the sight of two white adults and two young children standing in the middle of the bush, stretching out their arms for a lift – a most unlikely scene in those parts of the world at that time.

"Where is your car?" was their first question. They probably thought we had been robbed.

"Under repair," Menachem said.

They were headed for Enugu, so we got in the car, telling the kids in Hebrew where to sit.

Once we were settled, I said to the two men, "You are British, I assume."

"How did you know?" one of them laughed.

"By your car, of course, how else?" Their accent was so typically English you could not mistake it for anything else.

"I can't make out your nationality though," the man at the wheel said. He glanced at us in the mirror.

"We're from the Middle East," Menachem said.

"You're not Arabs, are you?" asked the other gentleman. "You don't have the right accent."

"We're Israelis," I said.

"What?!" the man driving exclaimed, in a very un-British manner, almost losing control of the car.

"Then you must be celebrating today," said the other.

"Celebrating what?" I asked.

"Your victory, of course."

"What victory?" Menachem and I asked together.

"You mean you haven't heard?" the man driving asked, all excited. "You have taken Jerusalem! The whole world knows!"

He tuned the car radio to the BBC. After a while the announcer confirmed that Israel had in fact taken the Old City of Jerusalem. In the middle of a jungle in the newborn state of Biafra, we were hearing the most wonderful news: Israel still existed and Jerusalem was ours.

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Today, Biafra no longer exists and remains an almost forgotten episode. It did not survive the Muslim onslaught nor a cynical international attitude which preferred economical interests to justice and was clearly indifferent to human suffering. But I remember Biafra and I remember that Israel was not all that far from a similar fate.

Adina Eshel is a writer in Israel.

Who's right, who's wrong?

By RABBI GUNTHER PLAUT

A future historian of our time who is concerned with the pace and politics of the Jewish community will surely deal with one subject: the conflict and/or competition between B'nai Brith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

For those who are on the "inside," such tension is no secret. They know there are some issues on which the two organization clash, and others upon which they cooperate, but both are anxious to have the Jewish community appreciate their particular contribution to the welfare of the whole. They are eager to obtain the proper publicity and will attempt to have radio or television favour their particular role in certain issues.

Occasionally, this competition goes off the rails and produces quite embarrassing situations. Time and effort that could be utilized for the benefit of all are wasted, and in the end, they are not even a benefit to the organizations themselves. To be sure, egos are smoothed and protected, but there is a gap between what individuals want and what the community requires.

There is no national organization corresponding to Canadian Jewish Congress operating in the United States, so that the issue there is non-existent. Canada's Jewish community is much smaller and concentrated in Toronto and Montreal (half the Jews of Canada live in Toronto alone), so that any Canadian organization faces a fairly identifiable audience.

Of the two organizations, B'nai Brith is the older. Founded in 1842, it spread to North America and eventually to Canada as well, where from the beginning it had an important place in the fraternal structure of Jewish life. Canadian Jewish Congress, on the other hand, was founded in 1919. It made its entry into the public realm in the 1930s, peaked for a while, then disappeared from the centre of activity, but in the last few decades has occupied a central place of honour.

Congress often calls itself the "Parliament of Canadian Jewry," which is a noble concept but falls somewhat short of reality. I hope that its recent Plenary (held every three years) attracted the interest of a majority of Canadian Jews. But it is not an organization with memberships in which individuals have a stake, and as a roof organization, it is by its very nature more remote.

We are too small a number in Canada to fritter our energy away with useless antagonisms. There is much to do for all of us, whether as individuals or as organizations. But we will achieve something worthwhile only if we do it in co-operation with as many groups and institutions as possible. The question is not to whom belongs credit or blame. The question is, when will we come to our senses?

Tongue-tied

Jews are a people of many tongues. While Hebrew remained the Holy Tongue in which the Torah had been written, as well as the vehicle for written communication among far-flung and boisterously different language communities, Jews took on many languages and fashioned literatures and lives in them. Thus, to read a book on "Jewish literature" is an adventure into dozens of cultures.

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

The Modern Jewish Canon by Prof. Ruth Wisse holds out great promises of defining what is (and is not) Jewish literature for our age. "Modern Jewish literature," she writes, "is the repository of modern Jewish experience. It is the most complete way of knowing the inner life of the Jews."

We owe Wisse a debt of gratitude for her achievement in introducing Yiddish literature into comparative literature courses, first at McGill University, and for her championing of Jewish literature – indeed, for her bold beginning in formulating what the modern Jewish canon may consist of, how one should approach the task of assembling it, and through what prism one should interpret its rich diversity.

Her definition of Jewish literature is succinct: "In Jewish literature the authors or characters know and let the readers know they are Jewish." She includes in her canon writers in many tongues. Beginning with Sholom Aleichem and his Tevye in Yiddish, through Russian, German, French, Polish and finally Hebrew and English, she chases the notion of what this definition actually includes and excludes.

However, her book has two voices. One is the literary critic, bringing formidable tools to probe the literature itself. The second is ideological, and it is here that the author seems at odds with her first goal. For what if the writer has impeccable credentials by her definition, yet writes a book filled with the nasty stuff of liberalism, which Wisse clearly identifies with the devil and all his works? Or writes in that language of destruction, German, as Franz Kafka did? Then we have a problem. As we progress through the book, it becomes clear that simply affirming one's Jewishness is not enough to make the grade. The deciding factor becomes the language in which one writes.

For instance: Wisse would have Kafka, who wrote in German, suffer mental anguish and "an adversarial relationship to his body," the "poisoned language affecting the body's health." I am more than uneasy with this. Can language carry such a burden? Is language itself the enemy?

Wisse goes further. Discussing *Mr. Sammler's Planet* by Saul Bellow, she asserts that Sammler "and his generation of liberal parents are implicated in the mess of their children's lives by failing to teach them discipline." The gloves come off in discussing "the hegemony of the liberal elites who sometimes control the democratic marketplace and try as viciously as repressive governments to silence and punish challengers." What Bellow does is "to champion, against the flood of self-indulgence, all the unpopular virtues: restraint, civility, wisdom, obedience to the law, familial responsibility, honesty, modestly and plain decency." All these, according to her, liberals lack.

This book was painful. What began as a clear indication of how we should seek to define a modern Jewish canon became a diatribe against the "left" and liberals in general. My worst moment of distaste occurred on page 236, where Wisse ends her chapter on the writers of the Shoah. About the East-Central Jewish writer in non-Jewish languages, she writes: "The suicides of [Paul] Celan, Jerzy Kosinski, Jean Amery and Primo Levi divulge the toll of writing about the destruction in Gentile tongues. Did their loneliness overtake them? Did they experience a common despair?"

In other words, Italian and French killed these people? No. What killed them was the murderous Nazi machine and its aftermath. Real life killed them. The assertion that languages have some life of their own, and are inimitable to Jews in their very essence, smacks of a different kind of racism, one which I cannot accept. Is writing in English, then, accepting the Jew-hatred of Frederick Charles Blair and his cohorts, and endangering us as we write? I think not. What is dangerous is the way that this book reflects the political ideology of the author, which has forced her to view with a distorted lens what she wanted to make so clear.

Re-assessing Yom Hashoah

Over the years, I have attended many Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance) services and programs. This Yom Hashoah, I was in Windsor. The service/program, organized by the Windsor Yom Hashoah Planning Committee and held at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, was the equal of any that I have attended. It was ecumenical: it involved public figures – the mayor of Windsor read a civic proclamation; there was a moving keynote address by survivor Sam Offen; survivors, assisted by the youth of the community, led an emotional candlelighting ceremony; the haunting tones of Laura Condlin's viola filled the sanctuary; the *kayle malei rachamim* was chanted and the kaddish recited. It had all the ingredients of a big time event.

Bruce Elman in Windsor

Later, reflecting upon the evening, I realized that there was, in fact, a problem here: Yom Hashoah has become "big" – perhaps too big. We used to deprecate some Jews' synagogue "inattendance": "He's not a shul-goer. He only comes to shul three times a year."

What we meant by this, of course, was that the individual concerned could be found in shul only on Rosh Hashanah (2 days) and Yom Kippur (1 day). (Some question whether we can even say this anymore. Shuls are crowded now for only a few hours every High Holy Day season – perhaps an hour or two on Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yizkor on Yom Kippur.) These days, however, we can say that many of these "infrequenters" come to synagogue "religiously" on Yom Hashoah. It is as if the Holocaust has become the central paradigm of Judaism.

Now, those individuals with even a little bit of a cheder education, will know that the central paradigm of Judaism is the series of events beginning with the redemption from Egypt, followed by the revelation at Sinai and culminating in the conquest of Eretz Yisrael as promised by God. The beauty of Judaism is embodied in the belief in God, the belonging to Kol Yisrael and the performance of the mitzvot. The Holocaust is *not* the central theme of Judaism and we should not treat it as if it is or should be. Holocaust education is important, but it is not, nor should it be, the essence of what it means to be a Jew.

On the Shabbat following Yom Hashoah, I was, once again, in attendance at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue. The crowd was a fraction of the number it had been a week earlier. All of those teenagers who had participated in the Yom Hashoah candlelighting, what of them? Not one was in shul on that Shabbat. As my father-in-law says about synagogues: "If there are no children, there is no future!" As my former rabbi noted: "If you are going to bring your children to shul only a few times a year, do not bring them on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur [and I would add, Yom Hashoah]. Bring them to shul on Purim and on Simchat Torah [and Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel Independence Day]. Let them see the joy of Judaism! Religiously (in both manner and persistence) commemorating the death and destruction of European Jewry will not ensure the continuity of the Jewish people."

Jack Wertheimer, the provost and professor of American Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary, authored a very interesting article, called "Surrendering to Intermarriage," which appeared in the March 2001 issue of *Commentary*. In it, he quotes the usual intermarriage rate, derived initially from a 1990 Jewish population study, of between 43 and 52 percent – figures well-known to almost everyone who has an interest in such issues. More unnerving for me at least, is the data on "life after intermarriage": intermarried couples participate in the life of the Jewish community at far lower rates than non-intermarried couples; they are far less likely "to join synagogues or other Jewish organizations, to celebrate Jewish holidays, to enrol their children in programs of Jewish education, or to contribute to Jewish charities."

In a recent survey conducted by noted sociologist Steven M. Cohen and cited by Wertheimer, just 20 percent of intermarried Jews agreed with the statement: "I have a special responsibility to take care of Jews in need around the world." This is frightening to say the least!

We will not reverse this trend until we get back to the basics of Judaism – redemption, revelation, and Eretz Yisrael; believing in God, belonging to the Jewish people, behaving as a Jew by the observance of mitzvot. Ensuring that our children are in shul for Yom Hashoah when they are anywhere else *but* in shul on Shabbat will not help, and may well hinder, our ability to deal with the problem of intermarriage which undermines the continuity of the Jewish people.

The Kirshner File

Acceptance turned into rejection in Hungary

Hungary was a comparatively safe haven for Jews as the furious storms of the Holocaust lashed neighbouring countries like Poland and the Soviet Union.

Although Hungarian Jews were subjected to racial laws and discriminatory measures that rendered them second-class citizens, their physical security seemed assured. But with the German occupation of Hungary on March 19, 1944, all bets were suddenly off. Jews were isolated and ghettoized, then deported to Polish death camps. Within a few short months, two-thirds of Hungary's Jews were consigned to death by their fascist, pro-German government.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

The Final Solution in Hungary, which claimed the lives of some 600,000 Jews, marked the brutal climax of a reactionary era in Hungarian politics that lasted approximately from 1919 to 1945.

A period marked by tribal nationalism, exclusion and anti-Semitism, it stood in sharp contrast to the previous four-decade, relatively liberal, epoch in which inclusion through assimilation had been the order of the day.

From the late 19th century to about 1918, Hungary was a model of tolerance. But in the aftermath of World War I, the situation changed radically as virulent nationalism inundated the country. Vera Ranki, a scholar of Hungarian origin, examines this phenomenon in *The Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion: Jews and Nationalism in Hungary* (Holmes & Meier). It is a major work that traces Hungary's ascent into modernity and its subsequent descent into barbarism.

During the 19th century, Hungary – an integral segment of the Habsburg Empire – was an agrarian society in which agriculture accounted for 90 percent of the gross national product. Being largely a nation of peasants, Hungary's future economic modernization hinged on the emergence of a strong middle-class. The Jews, among other minorities, filled that need. In time, they dominated the sugar, textile, food and heavy metal industries, pivotal sectors of the surging Hungarian economy. In recognition of their mercantile contributions, almost 100 Jews were ennobled.

The Magyars – the ethnic Hungarians who encouraged this trend – had another good reason to cultivate the Jews: the nationality question. Hungary, being a heterogeneous country, needed the Jews to ensure that the demographic balance of power would favour the indigenous Magyars.

Due to these imperatives, the Magyar aristocratic elite and the Jews formed an unwritten social contract. In exchange for their assistance in helping to establish a modern capitalistic economy and a Magyar-dominated nation state, Jews could expect complete emancipation, if not full acceptance.

Since Hungarian nationalism was then based on culture and language rather than on race and ethnicity, Jews had no problem with embracing this bargain. Much to the ire of Hungary's other minority groups, Jews took on the role of promoters of Hungarian nationalism.

Yet, as Ranki points out, Jews were never considered true members of Hungarian society. Although they assimilated with exemplary speed and thoroughness, and some even converted to Christianity, they were not viewed as genuine Hungarians, particularly by the working class and the peasantry. In any event, their political power remained marginal and random.

According to Ranki, the situation of Jews deteriorated drastically after World War I.

The 1919 "red" revolution, launched by the Jewish-born Bela Kun, prompted Hungarians of all classes to erroneously link Jews with communism. The alleged connection was continuously harped upon by Hungary's new ruler, Admiral Miklos Horthy, who ousted Kun in a counter-revolutionary coup. Within a year of his rise, Horthy introduced a *numerus clausus* law aimed at Jews. Regrettably, Ranki devotes exceedingly little space to the relationship between Kun's unsuccessful revolution and the upsurge of anti-Semitism.

The 1920 Treaty of Trianon – arguably the most painful event in Hungarian history – was also a factor in Hungary's lurch toward exclusionary politics. Under the terms of this draconian treaty, Hungary lost two-thirds of its territory – notably Transylvania and Fiume, its only sea port – and one-third of its population. Hungary's post-Trianon political culture turned nasty, unleashing a potent mix of chauvinism and anti-Semitism.

The position of Hungarian Jews was also undermined by the collapse of the Habsburg Empire and the concomitant flight of minorities from newly independent Hungary. Given these circumstances, Jews were no longer required as agents of Magyar dominance. More important, Magyars now clamoured to displace Jews from the ranks of the middle class.

With the fall of the Habsburg monarchy, Hungary became stridently anti-Semitic. The equality of Jews was increasingly questioned as the very concept of assimilation was attacked and rejected.

Rather acidly, Ranki comments: "Hannah Arendt wrote of German Jews that their 'relationship to Germany is one of unrequited love.' It was based on self-alienation, self-surrender and Jewish national negation. Arendt's description is true of Hungarian Jews after the decline of the monarchy."

Conversions to Christianity, nevertheless, continued apace. From 10,035 converts between 1896 and 1917, the number swelled to 30,774 between 1919 and 1938, and then declined to 16,049 from 1939 and 1942. It is estimated that about 100,000 such Jewish converts lived in Hungary when the Germans marched into Budapest in 1944.

Hungary institutionalized anti-Semitism by enacting three anti-Jewish laws from 1938 to 1941 and by forcing Jews into labour battalions. The legislation coincided with the return of pre-Trianon lands to Hungary. Was this a mere coincidence? Ranki thinks not.

The first anti-Semitic edict, borrowed from medieval guilds, was designed to limit Jews in the professions. The second affected lower middle-class Jews, while the third defined Jews by strict racial criteria. All these laws, however, contained provisions for exemptions.

Despite these edicts, Hungarian Jews remained patriotic and firm in their belief that they would survive the war more or less unscathed. They never imagined that their world would be uprooted by Nazi Germany and its local collaborators.

The chain of events that led to Germany's occupation of Hungary was set into motion by Hungary's efforts to find a way out of its alliance with Berlin. After Germany's crushing defeat at Stalingrad in 1943, Hungary scrambled to sue for peace. Alarmed by its overtures to the Allies, Germany invaded Hungary, thereby sealing the fate of its Jewish citizens.

At first, Hungary refused to surrender its Jewish citizens to Germany. The well-being of the economy was partially dependent upon Jewish industrialists, and Hungary valued its sovereignty. But once Hitler occupied it, Horthy placed the instruments of state at the disposal of Germany. Ranki accuses the Hungarian police, gendarmerie and civil service of collaborating with the SS in the Final Solution.

By then, the social contract that Hungarians and Jews had successfully forged during the halycon days of the Habsburg Empire had long dissolved and was but a distant memory.

Jews were sacrificed on the altar of rabid Hungarian nationalism.

Carl Lutz, a Swiss hero

Carl Lutz, to this day, remains a relatively obscure figure, notwithstanding his stellar achievement in saving Jews in Hungary. A Swiss diplomat posted in Budapest from 1942 to 1945, he is credited with rescuing 62,000 Jews from the clutches of the Nazis and their local collaborators. Yet, unlike Raoul Wallenberg, the Swede who saved some 100,000 Jews in Hungary, Lutz was almost forgotten after World War II.

Carl Lutz

His inspirational story is told in *Dangerous Diplomacy* (Eerdmans), a newly-published book by Theo Tschuy, a historian and theologian.

Lutz, who served briefly as Swiss vice-consul in Palestine after the outbreak of the war, helped Jews by issuing so-called *Schutzbriefe*, letters of protection that kept them out of brutal labour battalions and prevented them from being arrested and deported. He was hard at work helping Jews even before the Holocaust reached Hungary. Tschuy claims that Lutz facilitated the emigration of approximately 10,000 Hungarian Jews prior to Germany's invasion of Hungary on March 19, 1944.

When Lutz returned to Switzerland after the war, he was reprimanded for having exceeded his authority. But with the passage of time, the Swiss government came to realize that his disobedience was really an act of heroism. In 1999, Switzerland issued a postage stamp in his honour, years after Yad Vashem had recognized Lutz – who died in 1975 – as a Righteous Gentile.

Now, thanks to *Dangerous Diplomacy*, Lutz's extraordinary feat has been inscribed for the ages.

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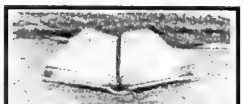
Jewish Life

Lesson of the sabbatical year

By RABBI REUVEN TRADBURKS

In Israel this year, the fulfilment of the first mitzvah in this week's parshah captures many of the emotions of the present state of the Land of Israel.

The Torah describes the mitzvah of shmittah, the sabbatical year. Just as there is a mitzvah of Shabbat on a weekly basis, there is a mitzvah of Shabbat for years. For six years, we are to work our fields, grow our crops and be creative in agricultural production. However, the seventh year is to be a sabbatical year to Hashem. We are not permitted to work the field, enhance the growing of the crops and be creative in our agricultural production. The land reverts back to its owner – the Master of the Universe. Anyone may enter my land and eat of the fruits that have grown by themselves – they can pick the grapes and enjoy them – for the grapes are ownerless, or at least have no earthly owner, only the Ultimate Owner.



Of course, if we think for a moment, this mitzvah is really hard to keep. If you have a contract with your employer that every seventh year you will get a paid sabbatical, then you have nothing to worry about – you'll get paid that seventh year and be free to pursue learning and other mitzvot unfettered by the need to work. But if I were to tell you that you had to take off the seventh year – but unpaid – that would be a bit tougher to do. How am I going to buy food, pay the rent, take care of the mortgage? What do we expect – that the money will fall from heaven? In fact, the Torah gives a guarantee that there will be extra blessing from above in the year preceding the sabbatical in order to help us through.

This mitzvah of shmittah, of the sabbatical year, is only applicable in the Land of Israel.

And herein, I think, is part of the present emotion of the Land of Israel. In Israel, they can live with uncertainty, with faith that things will work out, even if we don't work the land, that Hashem's hand is close, that miracles are daily occurrences. We, outside of the Land, we feel distant from Hashem, we would have trouble keeping a sabbatical year, so we suffice with a Shabbat, once a week.

My wife and I have just returned from a wonderful trip to Israel – the mood in the air is constantly animated by two conflicting moods – the real, which is a troubled mood, and the Divine, the walk with Hashem, which is confident and holy. The Torah in Israel is of a quality that is inspiring, deep, passionate and alive. Jews choose to plant themselves somewhere on that continuum stretching from the difficulties of the physical pressure to the clouds and inner contentment that the eyes of Hashem are watching over the Land.

This ultimately is the lesson of shmittah, of the sabbatical year. We work hard, but the success comes from above. We plant our crops, but the land belongs to the Master. We fight and worry for the Land – though the power of our connection to the Infinite, brings protection and peace.

Outside of the Land, the holy tries to infuse our physical lives – in the Land, the holy pervades and begrudgingly gives way to make room for the physical.

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Israel: 'We loved every minute'

By RABBI ELYSE GOLDSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Guest Voice

I have been to Israel dozens of times, but this last trip – five short days on a rabbinic solidarity mission last week – was the most interesting, difficult, inspiring and disturbing, all at the same time.

Interesting, because for the first time, I was accompanied by nine other rabbis on a mission: not of politics, not of religious issues, but simply of tourism. In response to a guest appearance at the Toronto Board of Rabbis by Arie Shevy-Shibi, tourism director for Canada of the Israel Government Tourist Office, I had decided that in order for us to gain momentum and inspiration for congregational and organizational tours of our own, we needed to go ourselves, see with our own eyes, hear with our own ears.

In the space of just two weeks, four Reform and six Conservative rabbis had signed up to go, along with three spouses, for only one reason: as tourists, to show that we would not let "the situation" (as Israelis call it) deter us from supporting Eretz Yisrael. Left and right wing, male and female, Reform and Conservative rabbis would go together and see the sights, eat falafel, shop, laugh and just walk the streets of Jerusalem.

Difficult, because we quickly learned that everything in Israel is political. You cannot "simply" eat and drink together without politics and denominationalism coming up. But also incredibly inspiring, because ultimately, filled with goodwill and desire, we did cross all those lines and end up as one unified group of rabbis dedicated to the common good. We met with the left wing and the right wing and the middle. We met with Israeli rabbis and government officials and even tour guides with whom some in the group strongly agreed and some strongly disagreed, but we listened and asked and engaged in honest dialogue with each other and with our speakers. We all felt we had our ears and our minds and our hearts opened together. The Talmud says even the air of Jerusalem makes one wise. If we as rabbis hope for wisdom, this trip made us wiser about each other as much as about Israel.

And it was disturbing, because the city of Jerusalem was empty. The tourists are gone. Shopkeepers hang out in front of the stores on Ben Yehuda Street with nothing to do. I bought a beautiful large shofar from a store with a "going out of business" sign in the middle of the normally busiest part of the walking mall. I stopped in a shop with a hand-written sign on the window that read "Discounts for brave tourists." But nothing hit my heart like the beautifully decorated, coloured sign in the window of an exquisite Judaica shop which read: "Dear Visitor: We would like to thank you for your support by coming to Israel despite the situation. We hope that you enjoy your stay and hope to see you again, and God bless you."

Everywhere we went we were generously thanked for being there, and begged to come again. We heard time and again that Christian tourists are pouring into Israel while Jewish tourists cancel trips and stay away. We learned that 120,000 families are now affected by the tourism crisis. More hotels, restaurants, shops and little charming out-of-the-way places are closing every day. Our guide and bus driver (with a family to support) hadn't worked in eight months. Our first dinner was in an elegant hotel restaurant that opened specifically for us, because it hadn't served a dinner in six months.

Beside for Birthright and March of the Living, Jewish groups were noticeably absent. I sat in the plane in the middle of a large Mormon contingent. I'll never forget our closing dinner when after moving goodbye speeches, our group broke into spontaneous song and dance, and then the rest of the restaurant joined in with us. The owner told me it was the first joy he had felt in his place in a year.

Jerusalem was so quiet it was eerie. We stayed in tourist areas, travelled by tourist bus or taxis, stayed together and played it safe. We didn't go near Gaza, and in East Jerusalem we walked between two guards, which in and of itself felt strange but safe. Did we miss anything? Not a thing: we saw it all and loved every minute.

If anything good comes out of this tourism crisis, it is an odd benefit to the few tourists who do go: El Al service is outstanding (not the El Al I fondly remember of surly stewards, but a warm, friendly crew); shopkeepers now say hello and may I help you; Israelis on the street express gratefulness that you are there; hotels go out of their way with little extras and personal service; guides give you full attention, flexibility and enthusiasm.

My last group tour was eight years ago and it was a different Israel as far as service and quality went. We laughed about it then; it was a kind of "in joke" to "survive" a trip to Israel. It's not funny anymore and in this climate, everyone in Israel knows it and is willing to compete with the best of tourist places. And they succeed.

Would I go again, even with "the situation?" Definitely, despite the situation and because of the situation. I plan to take a group tour after the summer, as do most of the other rabbis who went on the mission, some as early as this fall. Surely if not now, then when?

Rabbi Goldstein is rabbinic director of Kolel in Toronto.

Jewish Life

Shavuot – time for some dairy delights

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

From cholent to chicken soup, much of the Jewish gastronomic year seems to revolve around meat and poultry. But with the longer days and warmer temperatures of the Shavuot season, our palates turn to dairy foods. Today, some of the finest kosher dairy recipes on the Jewish Highway.

Shavuot is best known for the giving of the Torah, so why the association with dairy foods? Virtual Jerusalem lists seven reasons **[207.168.91.4/vjholidays/shavuot/dairy.htm]**. Two of the most famous: On Shavuot, the Jewish people received a new code of law, including the dietary restrictions that became part of their daily life. Since the new laws of separating meat and milk were still unclear, only dairy products were eaten on Shavuot to avoid transgressing against the unfamiliar laws. Another reason: The Torah is compared to milk, as it is written: "Sweetness drops/ From your lips, O bride; Honey and milk/ Are under your tongue." (Song of Songs, 4:11)

Let's start with some of the dairy classics. You can find recipes for blintzes (regular and low fat) at Beit HaChatulim **[www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/1259/shvdairy.htm]**. The Jewish-Food Blintz Archives has more than three dozen variations, including Asparagus and Cheese, Elaine's Bubbe's and Henny Youngman's **[www.jewish-food.org/recipes/bliindex.htm]**. (Take his cheese blintz, please?)

As for the other holiday staples, when I last checked, I found 16 cheesecakes and 19 varieties of kugel at the RFCJ Recipe Archives **[www.cyber-kitchen.com/rfcj/category.cgi?category=SHAVUOT]**. If you want to be more adventurous, check out this sites's large Shavuot recipe archives where you'll find out how to prepare Goat Cheese and Scallion Kugel, Carrot Vichyssoise with Orange Nectar and some good old Montreal Cheese Bagels.

Jewish Heritage Online Magazine has a lovely article that focuses on some lesser knownShavuot dairy foods **[www.jhom.com/calendar/sivan/dairy.htm]**. "Jewish women in oriental countries took pride in baking for Shavuot a seven-layer cake called Siete Cielos (Seven Heavens), symbolic of the traditional seven celestial spheres God traversed to present the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai... Jews of Kurdistan prepare large quantities of butter and cheese for the festival. Their special dish was ground wheat cooked in sour milk with dumplings of butter and flour. In some communities, it was customary to serve matzah remaining from Passover as a reminder that Shavuot is the culmination of the exodus from Egypt. In North Africa the matzah was shredded into bowls of milk and honey."

Having a Jewish holiday focused on dairy may seem liberating, but not so if milk products make you ill. Merrell Candace Mastin is lactose intolerant and wanted to know how she should celebrate the holiday **[aish.com/rabbi/ATR_browse.asp?l=d&offset=1]**. The Aish HaTorah rabbi put it into perspective: "When all is said and done, eating dairy on Shavuot is only a custom, whereas 'enjoying yom tov' has the status of Torah law. So when the two ideas conflict, as in your case, it is better to preserve your enjoyment of the Shavuot holiday and not eat dairy. Of course, you could try soy milk as a substitute."

The recipes mentioned above are undeniably delicious. But I believe that the tastiest part of any holiday is its memories. I'm sure that Cyndi and her beloved Auntie Rivka would agree **[www.empirekosher.com/shavuotblintzes.htm]**. It seems that Cyndi's family had mouse problems in their home and decided to lay out some mousetraps. When Auntie Rivka dropped by to make some Shavuot blintzes, her niece quickly scooped the traps up and hid them in the freezer. When her aunt reached into the freezer to put away the cream cheese... well, the rest is family history.

And finally, if someone you know loves cheesecake but lives far away, you still can mail them a piece – via e-mail. Just go to Virtual Jerusalem, where you can send off an electronic postcard with a delicious photo of a virtual cheesecake along with a virtual blintz and a virtual boureka **[207.168.91.4/vjholidays/shavuot/cheesecake.htm]**. Sure, they'll never compare to the real thing. But at least the calories are virtual, too.

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Inspiring collections: poetry, heroic tales

Books
Bernard Baskin

***Dungenessque*, by Ron Charach, Signature Editions, $12.95.**

A poet recently said that for him words were like tools for digging. To extend the simile, language for Ron Charach has the tactility of a good toolkit.

A practicing psychiatrist and the author of six previous volumes of poetry, Charach deftly manages to combine psychological insight with dextrous word play.

Some of the poems in his new collection refer to matters oblique and personal, but most are readily accessible. They do not, however, reveal their full meaning in a flash of epiphany. A close second reading allows them to seep gradually into the reader's consciousness.

Jewish themes are prominent: a portrait of the poet's father, attending a lecture by the writer Aharon Appelfeld, the ambiguity of intermarriage, a ritual conversion, reading Irving Layton on the subway.

In *Fancy Wedding*, the poet writes, "Grown up, how many fewer might choose/ to marry outside the faith/ if granted the chance to marvel at/ the magic of the *chupah* canopy,/ the hand-painted *ketubbah* contract,/ the orbiting ritual, and the groom/ smashing a glass underfoot/ to remember the great ruined Temple?"

In *Visitations*, the poet is awakened from a reverie, first by a baseball team and then by a ballet troupe, each eager to train his children. He is informed that they practise on Friday night and perform on Saturday. He is then visited by a tall young rabbi who carried an enormous book. "I stammered, invited him in for a *glayzeleh tay*,/ I sensed he might be the prophet Elijah/ or some other Messianic *geist*./ But as I backed into the house/ my head was deep in uneasy sleep,/ and I was fading fast in the eyes/ of zealots who know where my family lives,/ and who always come to play."

Charach's voice is pliant and sonorous; sinuosity of thought flowers into deep and true feeling. This is an impressive and engaging collection.

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***The Light After The Dark II*, by Alvin Abram, AMA Graphics Inc., $23.95.**

Alvin Abram is a superb storyteller. In this inspiring book he provides six true accounts of triumph by indomitable Jews when almost all hope was lost.

Young Joseph Morgenstern, on a train to Treblinka, forced his slender body through the bars of the death train. This harrowing experience was the beginning of a long uneven road to eventual freedom.

Escaping from the Germans, Jehoszua Cygelfarb found refuge with Czech partisans who put him in charge of a squad of wasted refugees and then rushed them into the battle for Bratislava. "Always we advanced, first crawling, then climbing, and running madly from obstacle to obstacle... in all this chaos, my men always moved forward screaming like mad men, their pent-up hate and anger urging them on." Astonishingly, still alive, Jehoszua watched the Germans withdraw from the city.

The survival of the Meisels twins of Vienna; the "Journey to Nowhere," of Michael Mayer and his Romanian family; the love story of Ibolya and Andy Reti told through letters from a desperate woman in Budapest to her murdered husband in a labour camp; the heroism of Avrom Feldberg confronting the Germans in the battle for the Warsaw Ghetto – all of these are heartrending and at the same time stirring and memorable accounts of victory over death.

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Plenary panel finds anti-Semitism thriving

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Is anti-Semitism back or did it never leave? Does it just look different?

A panel examining the phenomenon at last week's Canadian Jewish Congress plenary agreed that anti-Semitism has surged with a vengeance around the world thanks to the turmoil in the Middle East, the return of age-old canards and modern technology.

Because of fallout from the current Palestinian uprising, Arabs have adopted "a European style of anti-Semitism," Israel's deputy foreign minister, Rabbi Michael Melchior, told the well-attended session.

Across the Arab world, and in Egypt and Jordan especially, the media are using 19th-century anti-Semitic canards, Rabbi Melchior said. These include allegations that Jews are poisoning water and food supplies, and one report that Israel is spreading gas that induces gambling in Palestinians, he said.

Comparisons of Jews and Israel to the Third Reich, coupled with widespread Holocaust denial, are endemic in the Arab world, Rabbi Melchior noted.

According to World Jewish Congress executive director Elan Steinberg, there's a "retro-anti-Semitism" afoot, especially in Europe. In several nations, especially Poland and Russia, "traditional anti-Semitic lies" are being spread, and Jews should use the same tools today to fight the trend as they did in decades past. "The struggle is back," Steinberg said.

On the plus side, "attitudinal" anti-Semitism in the United States is way down, he stated, to the point where the vast majority of Americans had no problem with a Jewish vice-presidential candidate in the last election.

Anti-Semitism today is largely Muslim and intifadah-related, contended noted Mideast scholar Daniel Pipes. "The locus has moved from Christianity," he said, to among extremist Muslims, adding that the "new" anti-Semitism is "virulent, venomous and conspiratorial."

The Internet is proving to be fertile ground for neo-Nazis and modern anti-Semites, said Warren Kinsella, a former aide to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and an expert on ties between contemporary far-right groups.

In 1995, there was one neo-Nazi Web site. Today, there are over 3,000, Kinsella said. He called the Internet a "cyber-sewer... the most significant boost to neo-Nazis ever."

But Canadians are reluctant to see the web regulated, he contended. Surveys have also shown that Canadians surf the web more than anyone in the world.

Far-right hatemongers have adopted "a kinder, gentler tone" online, a tactic that is sucking in increasingly more impressionable young people. He called a wide-open, unregulated Internet "a potential threat to democracy."

MP apologizes for 'Nazi' remarks

OTTAWA — Kitchener-area MP Andrew Telegdi has apologized to the House of Commons for comparing Canada's citizenship adjudication process to those under Nazi or Stalinist dictatorships.

"I had no intention to imply or suggest that our country or our judiciary is in any way to be compared with Nazis or Stalinism," Telegdi told the House. "I meant no offense to any group or individual. If my lack of clarity caused hurt or discomfort to them, I apologize."

Telegdi ignited a barrage of criticism when he came to the defence of former Nazi killing squad member Helmut Oberlander, saying Canada's citizenship removal process smacked of totalitarian abuse.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) and the president of the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Kitchener were outraged at his remarks.

"Oberlander has been in the court system for six years. To suggest there is no due process is ridiculous," said Congress president Keith Landy.

"While Telegdi's statement in the Commons is a good beginning, we look forward to him apologizing to B'nai Brith Canada for misrepresenting our decades-long struggle to bring to justice those who have lied about their wartime past to gain entry and later citizenship to this country," said BBC president Rochelle Wilner.

Simon Adler, president of the Beth Jacob Synagogue, said he was shocked at Telegdi's remarks, saying the CJC was the only group that supported Oberlander's deportation.

"The whole idea behind these comments is Jews have too much power and are deliberately attacking Canada at large or some ethnic group in particular," he said, according to a report in the *Kitchener-Waterloo Record*.

Landy suggested Telegdi "got himself into hot water and took the way out the [Liberal] party offered him.

"But," he added, "one has to question why he's aligning himself with Oberlander."

Telegdi has argued that citizenship should only be revoked by the courts, not by a cabinet decision as is currently the case.

But in all cases involving alleged war criminals, including the Oberlander case, a trial is held in Federal Court to determine whether the defendant had misrepresented his wartime activities in order to gain admittance to Canada. The court's decision is subject to judicial review, as are the revocation and deportation procedures.

Telegdi concluded his remarks to parliament by repeating his view that "revocation of citizenship is a matter for the courts and not a matter for political decision."

Ronen's presidency ends, but not his activism

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Moshe Ronen, past national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, was installed at the last Plenary Assembly three years ago, delegates were told to fasten their seat belts and prepare for an activist three years.

"I can't say that it was because of me, but the issues and challenges that we faced and the way we dealt with them, certainly required all of us to fasten our seat belts," Ronen, 42, said in an interview before the recent 26th Plenary Assembly.

Ronen, Israeli born, is a lawyer, and the youngest president in CJC history. He began his community activities at age 16 as an active member of Betar, a Zionist youth movement.

As a university student he became involved locally in the Jewish Student Federation as well as the now defunct Network Canada, an activist Jewish students' organization. Eventually he became the first Canadian president of the North American Jewish Students' Network.

"Those were exciting times. I was given a New York office next to Edgar Bronfman in the offices of World Jewish Congress, and it was during the height of advocacy for Ethiopian and Soviet Jewry."

As he become more involved in student activities, he said, he began lobbying Canadian Jewish Congress to get the organization more actively pro-Israel and to get more involved in international Jewry.

He went on to become a national officer of CJC

"I ran for president of CJC in 1986 in order to raise the profile of students activities within Congress. Students made up eight percent of plenary delegates, so I expected to receive eight percent of the votes. I got 46 percent. It was both incredible and scary."

He went on to become a national officer of CJC, chair of the national executive, and chair of Ontario region, before becoming president.

As a child of Holocaust survivors, Ronen said, he feels "an obligation to work for the general welfare of the Jewish community. My parents always encouraged me and my brother Dan."

A highlight of his term and of his personal life, he said, was a trip he and his father Mordechai, took to Auschwitz with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, at the prime minister's invitation.

"My father said to Chrétien, 'The last time I was here I came with my family by cattle car, and most of my family was murdered here. I am returning with my son, who is president of a Jewish organization, in the presence of the prime minister of my adopted country.'

"That says everything that I can ever say. It was a phenomenal achievement to be able to tell the prime minister about the Holocaust," said Ronen.

During his term, he said, Yom Hashoah became a statutory day in nine provinces, with a tenth – Saskatchewan – due to be passed in the fall.

"We relentlessly pressed government to ensure that judgements against Nazi war criminals are seen through successfully to the end, and we played a role nationally and internationally in ensuring that Canadian survivors had their rightful access to the various restitution funds."

Congress also played an important role internationally and nationally, he said, in pressing successor governments to accept responsibility for the crimes against humanity committed by their states in the previous century, and to provide appropriate redress to the victims.

Under his leadership, Ronen said, CJC's advocacy staff was moved to Ottawa, "one block from Parliament Hill. This gives staff members the opportunity to attend events on a daily basis, and MPs can drop in on us. All this helps to keep us on the radar screen."

He has maintained throughout his presidency that the community remain passionate and relentless in its advocacy on behalf of Israel, he said.

"I accompanied Mike Harris on a trip to Israel, and I took the opportunity to lobby him on issues related to Israel and such things as school funding. He still jokes about being lobbied for three straight days."

Moshe Ronen

As Ronen's term comes to a close, he said, "the natural thing is to remain committed and involved in the community. I've been involved for more than 25 years. It is part of who and what I am."

Although he always strived to make a lot of time for his wife and two children, ages 11 and 5, he will now have even more time to spend with them, Ronen said.

He plans on becoming actively involved in Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, and he has taken on the position of chair of the board of governors of CJC.

"I intend to create a board of significant past senior officers who can advocate effectively both for Congress and its leadership, and for the community as a whole. The board will undertake certain projects that will advance the interests of Congress, such as the national Holocaust museum in Ottawa."

As well, Ronen said, he was appointed to the steering committee of the executive of World Jewish Congress, which is gearing up for its own plenary.

"I have enough to do," he said.

CORRECTION

Conflicting information about the number of Israel's fallen soldiers appeared in two recent articles about local Yom Hazikaron programs (*CJN*, May 3). In fact, 19,312 Israeli soldiers have been killed in battle since the country was established in 1948. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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דער דעפּוטאַט האָט אויסגעפּונקט, אַז די לערנביכער פֿון אַלע לימדים זיינען פֿול מיט האַס אַן שׂנאה צו ישׂראל אַן אַפֿילו מיט רופן צו מאָרד, אַ זאַך וואָס איז פֿאַרבאַטן דורך אַלע געזעצן. אין די ביכער פֿון געגרא־פּיע אין ישׂראל ניט דערמאָנט אַן אויף די מאָפּעס זיינען חיפה, יפֿה (תּל־אָביב איז דאָרט בכלל ניטאָ), ירושלים אַן באר־שבע איינגעגלידערט אין איין גרויסער פּאַלעסטי־נער מדינה. די ביכער פֿאַר געשיכטע זיינען טענדענציעז אַן גפּעלשט. די ביכער פֿאַר ליטעראַטור נעמען אַריין בלויז אַוועלכע שאָפּונגען, וואָס זיינען קעגנערש צו ישׂראל אַן רופן צו קרבנות־גרייטקייט מצד דער יוגנט. שוין אָפּגערעדט פּונעם לימוד פֿון קאָראַן, וווּ עס פּעלן ניט קיין אַנטי־ייִדישע סוראָטעס. עס איז אַ חידוש, וואָס די רעגירונג האָט אויף דעם ניט רעאַגירט.

די ערשטע ייִדישע פּאַדערונג בייַ וועלכער ניט איז אונטערהאַנדלונג, דאָרף זיך דאָס תּיכפּדיקע באַזייטיקן פֿון די דערמאָנטע לערנביכער. עס בלייבט נאָך אַ פּראָבלעם מיט די לערערס. דער דעפּוטאַט וויזט אויף, אַז אַ גרויסער טייל זיינען מיטגלידער אַדער סימפּאַטי־קער פֿון חאַמאַס. טאָ וווּ קען מען שליסן אַ שלום מיט אַ דור, וואָס איז אַזוי דערציִונג. אַזאַ שלום קען אָהנאַלטן בלויז דאָן, ווען ער איז געשטיצט אויף אַ גרויסער מילישטעריש אינערגעוואָכט, וואָס ווערט מיט דער צייט אַלץ קלענער אַן קלענער. ישׂראל איז שוין היינט אויסגעשטעלט ניט נאָר אויף שטיינער, נאָר אויך אויף אויטאָמאַטיש געווער.

אויב אַראָפֿאַט ווייל ניט קיין שלום, נאָר בלויז אינערוואַרטן בין ער ווּעט זיך געבוי באַוואָפֿנט צו פּיץ אַ מלחמה, איז גלייבער, אַז די מלחמה זאָל אויסברעכן וואָס פּריער, אידער ער פֿאַרוואַנדלט אין געווער די מיליאַרדן, וואָס ער באַקומט פֿון די אַראַבישע מדינות. דאָס ווּעט ברענגן וויניקער קרבנות. מען הערט ניט, אַז אין זיך פֿראָגראָם זאָלן זיך געפּינען ניט ווענג, שולן, שפּיטעלער, וויטונגען. דאָס ווייזט, אַז די געלטער ווערן פֿאַרנוצט אויף צוועקן, וואָס מען דאַרף ניט צושׂהילן.

די ישׂראלדיקע באַפֿעלקערונג דאַרף זיך איבער דעם ערנסט פֿאַראַכטן אַן באַשליסן, וואָס זי האָט צו טאָן. מען דאַרף זיך ווייניק רעכענען מיט דער עפּנטלעכער מיינונג פֿון דער ווּעלט, וואָס ווּעט זיכער פֿאַרוואַרפֿן ישׂראל מיט פֿאַלשע אינפֿאָרמאַציעס, בלבולים אַן פֿרא־וואַקאַציעס, וויי זיי טוען דאָס שוין היינט אין אַ גרויסער מאָס. דער אייגנטוואַרצלטער אַנטיסעמיטיזם וועט טאָן זייַנס. עס איז אַ נאַציאָנאַלער חוב צו שטיין היינטער דער מדינה, צו שטאַרקן צהל"ן אַן צו באַפֿרייַען ישׂראל פֿון די היינטיקע גפּאָרן.

Marxist professor explores contemporary capitalism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Leo Victor Panitch, a York University political science professor, has virtually devoted his 30-year career to understanding a system he would dearly like to replace.

"Most of my work as an academic has consisted of analyzing contemporary capitalism and understanding the nature of globalism," he explained.

Academia

Panitch, 55, is a Marxist, a proponent of scientific socialism, an economic and political philosophy that has profoundly affected modern society.

A New Leftist who believes in the primacy of economic determinants in history, he has written a panoply of books on his favourite topic, from *Social Democracy and Industrial Militancy* (based on his PhD thesis) to the forthcoming *Renewing Socialism: Democracy, Strategy and Imagination*.

Panitch, a Yiddishist, ascribes his fealty to socialism to his upbringing and to his maturation during the ferment of the 1960s.

He was born in north Winnipeg, a working-class district home to a left-wing Jewish community.

His father, Max, a furrier and Labour Zionist from the Ukraine, settled in Canada in 1922 at the age of 16. His grandfather, Yidel, was a watchmaker.

Panitch attended the Peretz school from kindergarten to grade 10, and there he perfected his fluent, idiomatic Yiddish. "Our teachers and principals were Yiddish intellectuals," he recalled.

As a student at the University of Manitoba and the London School of Economics and Political Science, he was caught up in the passionate debates swirling around nuclear disarmament and the Vietnam war.

By the time Carleton University hired him as a lecturer in 1972, he was a confirmed socialist. "The social science theory that made the most sense was Marxism. I became a Marxist despite the Soviet Union."

Like his father before him, Panitch rejected the "stultifying and authoritarian" Soviet model. Soviet and Chinese-style communism, he says, discredited socialism in the eyes of many people.

Although he votes for the NDP, he regards it as "another failure," a political party that has been co-opted by the system.

Like all Marxists, Panitch takes the long view, certain that a real socialist transformation will not take place in his lifetime.

"Capitalism will not pass away quickly. It took feudalism a millennium to vanish."

Yet Panitch, a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, does not despair. "One tries to keep a socialist vision and analysis alive, and to create the possibility of a socialist alternative."

He added, "That's a very long process, but along the way, we hope for [political and economic] reforms."

The editor of *The Socialist Register*, published annually in London and New York, Panitch claims that Marxism better enables him to understand the past and the present.

Yet, as he readily conceded, it cannot help him divine the future. "Futurology is not knowledge. Marxism gives you a strategy, but you can't determine in advance what future conditions will be."

Leo Panitch

Panitch, who considers Canadian democracy "very restrictive," contends that socialism in Canada is extremely weak. "There is an enormous vacuum on the left here. But there is a a lot of talent on the left and a great deal of that talent is Jewish, from Naomi Klein to Judy Rebick."

In his view, the 1917 Bolshevik revolution tried but failed to eradicate anti-Semitism. "It was deeply ingrained in Russian society, and Stalin – a Russian nationalist – did not challenge it."

Nevertheless, he does not quite buy into the belief that state anti-Semitism was a feature of the Soviet Union after World War II. "Jews were represented in the professions on a disproportionate basis." He conceded, however, that Jews were all but purged from the Soviet diplomatic corps and the armed forces.

He described Birobidjan – the autonomous Jewish republic established by the Soviet government in eastern Siberia in 1928 as an alternative to Zionism – as a fiasco. "It failed completely."

Panitch, who has visited Israel once, supports a two-state solution to resolve Israel's conflict with the Palestinians. "The occupation [of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip] has been a curse on Israel, and Israel's settlement policy there has been criminal."

He is broadly sympathetic to the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their former homes in what is now Israel. "But is it practical? That's a different question."

A secular Jew who observes major Jewish holidays, enjoys listening to cantorial records and contributes articles to *Canadian Jewish Outlook*, Panitch is married to Melanie Pollock of Winnipeg.

Pollock is the director of the School of Disability Studies at Ryerson Polytechnic University.

They have two children, Maxim, 25, and Vida, 23.

Come the summer, he and his son plan to travel to their ancestral roots in Ukraine. Call it a sentimental journey.

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Levy brings Sephardi music to life in Toronto

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For over 30 years, Solly Levy has been bringing Sephardi culture to life in Montreal.

In Quebec, Levy has received many awards for his "exceptional contributions to the artistic dimension of the Sephardi identity" as well as for the cultural advancement of the Jewish community.

This past year, Levy moved to Toronto. One of his first projects here has been to capture and record the *piyyutim* (liturgical poems) of northern Morocco.

"Historically, there have been poets, often rabbanim, who loved writing," Levy said in an interview.

Sometimes the spiritual content of their poetry was so elevated, Levy explained, that many kehillot decided to integrate their piyyutim into their services.

In the Sephardi tradition, these piyyutim would often become a part of the service – to the point that you couldn't imagine holidays such as Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur without *pizmonim* (liturgical hymns) by 11th-century rabbanim such as Yehudah Halevy or Shlomo Ibn Gabirol.

Over the course of the centuries, Levy noted, many rabbanim wrote liturgical, mystical poetry. But not all of them were included in services – the others were collected into books of Moroccan piyyutim.

When these poems were set to music, the melodies were often taken from the community's cultural surroundings. In Morocco, melodies for the poems were taken from both folk and popular music as well as the more classical Arabic Andalusian tradition. Andalusia is a region in southwest Spain.

Andalusian orchestras consist of as many as 75 instruments – such as ouds, violins, percussion, oriental citars and tambourines. However, the music can also be played by smaller bands, Levy said.

In the Middle Ages, bands were formed by Jews and Muslims in Spain. After the Expulsion and many difficult years, Jews and Muslims renewed the tradition of singing and playing together in North Africa.

While the art of the piyyut is not only restricted to Morocco, Levy believes that it flourished more abundantly in Morocco than in other countries.

It became an oral tradition that was passed from one musician to another, Levy explained. These musicians became known as *paytanim*.

"Even though the pieces were very well structured, the music wasn't transcribed into notation for many years. There were no scores," Levy said.

Today, prominent paytanim – including Sammy Anzalog, Haim Luk, Jo Amar, David Buzaglo and Emil Zrihan – have carefully researched and recorded many Moroccan piyyutim.

However, the pizmonim that are unique to the Tangiers area in northern Morocco have never been recorded, Levy said. Working together with ethnomusicologist Judith Cohen, Levy is hoping to organize and record the piyyutim from this area.

Many of the chazzanim familiar with this style are getting older and dying and this part of our heritage could be lost, Levy said.

Solly Levy and the Hallel ve Zimra Choir.

"We are losing the differences in style and pronunciation because of the influences of other cultures.

"It is difficult for me to tolerate and accept the end of something. If I can do something, even a small token of an action to preserve our traditions – I will do it."

Levy will be conducting the Sephardic Kehila Centre's Hallel ve Zimra Choir, which he founded, for the opening of a gala concert featuring Emil Zrihan and the Israeli Andalusian Orchestra of Ashdod.

The event on June 12th, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Or HaEmet Sephardic School, will take place at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts. For further information, call 905-669-7654, ext. 232.

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CHAT student wins Brandeis scholarship

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Gila Ashtor's poetry has appeared in 35 anthologies and in her own book published by an American company. She writes a monthly column in *The Canadian Jewish News*, and is involved in just about every school activity offered at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) – all while maintaining an average of over 90 percent.

Gila Ashtor

It's not surprising, then, that the energetic 18-year-old – who spends her spare time on projects like the school yearbook, school newspaper, an annual basketball tournament and, most recently, writing and producing a one-hour Yom Hashoah ceremony – is among an elite group from around the world to be awarded a full scholarship to Brandeis University.

Of more than 1,000 applicants this year, only five received the Wien International Scholarship, which amounts to approximately $58,000 (Canadian) per year for four years, covering tuition, residence, food and personal expenses. (About one-fifth of the amount is a loan, forgivable if Ashtor returns to Canada following her studies.)

Had she known how stiff the competition would be, she "never would have applied," said Ashtor at her kitchen table, near a cluster of congratulatory helium-filled mylar balloons bearing her name.

She was encouraged to apply for the scholarship by Brandeis' associate director of admissions, Nicholas Senecal, when he visited Toronto, and by Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, CHAT's director of guidance. Rabbi Sacknovitz confirmed recently that there are at least three other graduating CHAT students who have won prestigious university scholarships.

What appealed to Ashtor about the relatively small (3,800-student) Waltham, Mass. campus was its similarity to her current school. "It's like a bigger CHAT," she said of the only Jewish-sponsored, non-sectarian, secular university in this hemisphere, as it is described in the *Hillel Guide to Jewish Life on Campus*.

"While I probably would have been happy [elsewhere], I think there is something very unique about the CHAT experience. The more I'm involved in it, the more I love it. It's not just a school. It's a way of life."

CHAT has over 1,500 kids representing a range of Jewish backgrounds, she noted, "but they do pull together… We practise tolerance by example."

Ashtor applied to half a dozen universities, but Brandeis was the only American one, mainly because of the prohibitive cost.

Although she hasn't decided on a career just yet, Ashtor is very interested in psychology. "I love to know the way people think. That fascinates me," she said.

She described the application process she went through as "brutal." She collected more than 14 reference letters, for example, although she was only required to supply three.

Among the most profound influences in her life was her father Alex, who died of cancer when she was a 12-year-old student at Associated Hebrew Schools. He told her it didn't matter what career she eventually chose unless she was a decent human being, she recalls.

Having also lost an older brother in a car accident, Ashtor said that she thinks about herself not as having experienced so much tragedy – as others sometimes tell her – but rather as having learned so much about life.

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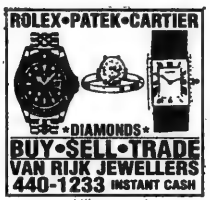

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Religious language said not conducive to peace

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel's haredi population seems ideologically and theologically incapable of making the concessions necessary for peace, says the executive director and counsel of the Israel Religious Action Centre (IRAC).

"The minute the Camp David talks suggested further territorial concessions, they jumped ship," said Rabbi Uri Regev at a recent talk sponsored by ARZA Canada, Temple Kol Ami and Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

IRAC, the social action arm of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, is the leading advocacy group in Israel promoting religious pluralism, social justice and human equality.

Rabbi Regev, a founding member of Betzelem, the organization monitoring human rights in the occupied territories, led battles in which he and IRAC's legal team achieved victories in the Supreme Court of Israel in cases involving the Who is a Jew issue, the fight for equitable funding for Reform and Conservative institutions, and on other central issues of religion and state in Israel.

He said that although Israeli public school texts talk about both the Oslo Accords and the fact that Jerusalem is a holy place for three religions, "none of that is integrated into the haredi educational system.

"There is not a word about the peace process, or about Jerusalem being holy to anyone but the Jews," he said.

The new Palestinian textbooks discuss religious tolerance, but they mean religious tolerance between Christians and Muslims, not between Jews and Muslims, he said. "There is not a good word about Jews or Judaism, and there is no Israel in the new texts."

It is clear that whether we are talking about Palestinians or Jews, he said, there is no religious language that is conducive to peace.

There is a relationship between the issues of religious pluralism and peaceful co-existence, he said. "Somehow there is a sense that the peace camp is not interested in religion, and the religious camp is not interested to the extent that some would have liked, in the cause of peace.

"I think it represents a misperception to a great degree on the part of both camps," he said.

"We have not paid enough attention to the founding vision of Israel as a Jewish state. We have not recognized that it is a commitment [towards] a society that is rooted in the principle of equality," said Rabbi Regev.

In 1947, David Ben-Gurion said that in the Jewish state, a Jew will not have any right that is not also granted to a non-Jew if he is a resident of the state, he said.

"In these 53 years, however, the vision…laid down in his blueprint have not quite been carried out. There has been progress in terms of allocations of resources to Arabs, but there are still Arab towns with no running water or electricity, and no health and welfare. We still have a long way to go."

For Ben-Gurion, said Rabbi Regev, equality was an extension of his vision of a Jewish state.

Israel set out to be a Jewish state, said the rabbi, but there is now in Israel a debate waging "in the scholarly world, amongst politicians and in the general public, about what a Jewish state is. For some, it is clear that a Jewish state is a theocracy. This is the guiding principle shared by most Orthodox establishments from moderate Orthodox to haredi."

The notion of the Jewish state, however, is a unique mixture of liberty, justice, peace, and a commitment to equality that overrides racial, gender and religious differences.

"It is in all our interests to see that Israel endorses Jewish diversity and empowers Jewish voices such as those of the Reform movement," said Rabbi Regev.

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Coast to Coast

Day's CJC speech brings plaudits, trouble

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Day rose in the House of Commons on Friday to state: "The Canadian Alliance supports the right of the State of Israel to exist within safe and secure borders, and the right of Palestinian people to negotiate for self-government through the peace process. We condemn any terrorism on any side of this complicated conflict.

"I want to assure all Canadians that this remains my position, the position of our party, and reflects my speech earlier this week."

Day also wrote a letter to the National Council of Canada-Arab Relations, but stopped short of an apology – the only thing the council says would preclude a lawsuit against Day.

CJC was quick with a defence for Day.

Legal threats against the Opposition leader are "an attempt to put a chill in those politicians who feel unconstrained about voicing their honestly held views," said CJC president Keith Landy. "It's unfortunate that Day even went so far as to seemingly back off from his earlier statement. He had nothing to apologize for."

And if Day is sued, "we'll do our best to ensure he has the best legal counsel."

Jewish officials were thrilled at Day's hard-hitting 30-minute speech on May 7, which was supportive of Israel beyond anyone's expectations.

Referring to mortar attacks against Israeli targets, Day said to applause: "It is certainly not plausible that these attacks are occurring without at least the knowledge or the tacit approval of some in the Palestinian police and their superiors. These are facts.

"We know," he continued, "that paramilitary organizations, including the Hezbollah, Hamas and Arafat's own militia, the Tanzim, continue to train and participate in attacks, not against Israeli military forces, but against Israeli civilian targets, and even against dissident Palestinians themselves."

There is "a moral difference between an accidental injury or death of bystanders who are tragically caught in the crossfire of violence, and the deliberate murder of innocent people in a premeditated act of terrorism," he said to spirited applause.

Day also slammed media coverage of the conflict.

"It's easy to watch through through the eye of the camera the consistent portrayal of modern tanks versus ancient slingshots. Is that an accurate image?"

Oversimplified conclusions about the conflict often form the basis for Canadian foreign policy, which Day condemned for being made behind closed doors.

Policies are "often not [based] on the facts of what's happening on the ground, but too often, the federal government bases its approach on a perception and sometimes on a 'groupthink,' and perhaps not on reality.

"There is something seriously wrong and seriously missing from Canadian foreign policy, and that failure is a real lack of full and honest public discussion, public involvement and public debate.

"Your issues are far more important than to be dealt with in such an abbreviated fashion."

He blasted Palestinians for violating an agreement to restrict the number of their police officers to 30,000. Palestinians "openly boast" of a police force "of over 40,000."

He also slammed the Palestinian leadership for failing to protect holy sites. The sacking of Joseph's Tomb in Nablus last fall "was a troubling signal that somebody was not fulfilling their side of the agreement."

Last fall, Day blasted Canada's support of United Nations Resolution 1322 as unbalanced and one-sided. At the plenary, he said Canada has since supported "literally dozens of resolutions which many of you feel are blatantly anti-Israel. And Canadians never get to hear about it."

These resolutions "pre-judge the outcome of negotiations."

He also called on Ottawa to verify that aid to Palestinians is "not being siphoned off" to fuel hatred and tensions.

Israel "needs the support of friends," Day said, and Canada "has the ability and potential to be a neutral, honest broker, and that can only happen if these things are discussed in a neutral arena and in an honest way."

Canada's deputy prime minister, Herb Gray, blasted Day's "completely inaccurate statements," and denied Canada has been unfriendly toward Israel.

"Canada has not adopted an anti-Israeli policy," he told reporters. "It continues to be a strong supporter of Israel and it is working for peace in the Middle East.

"Mr. Day is wrong in this, like he is in so many other things."

Day's address also contributed to the mutinous turmoil within his own party and caucus.

For many in the Alliance, the speech was a sharp shift from the party's traditional support for a negotiated settlement without apportioning blame.

Monte Solberg, the party's foreign affairs critic, said as "an important courtesy," he should have been informed about the speech because it didn't reflect party policy.

"You'll never get people to agree on who is responsible for what or who's at fault. So I think it's better to talk about the processes that can move the thing forward.

"Let's just hope this is another anomaly," said Solberg, adding he didn't think Day would be making more speeches on the Middle East "any time soon."

Keith Martin, the party's House Leader, said that from now, Day's speeches will be vetted by the appropriate critic.

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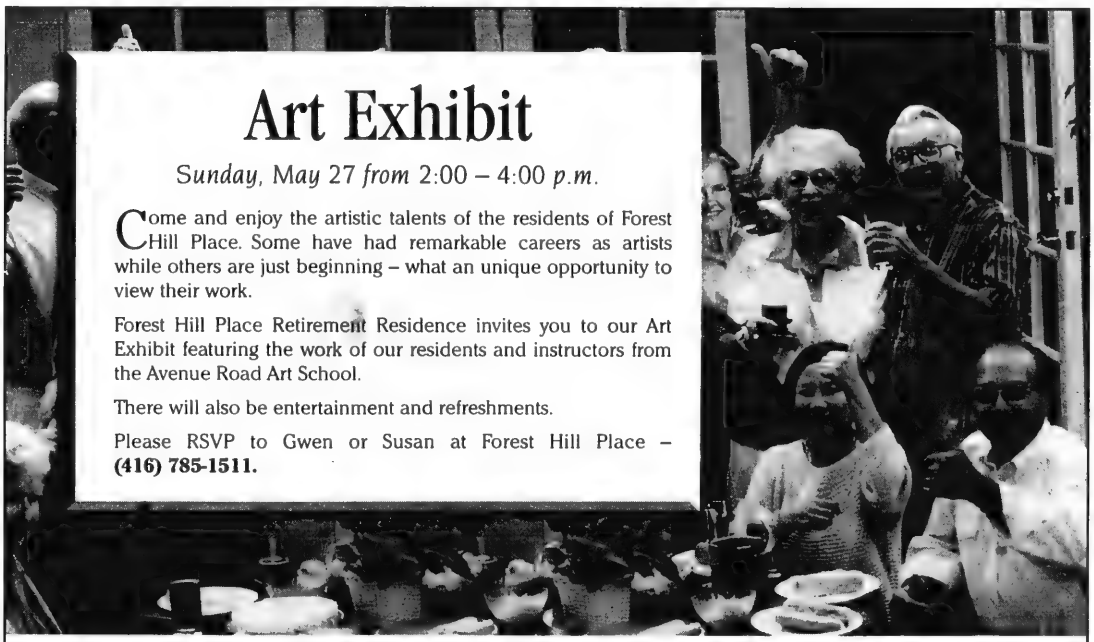
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Sunday, May 20

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JEWS FOR JUDAISM

Learn the basics about today's missionary threat and Judaism's response at the Jews for Judaism Counter-Missionary Survival Seminar 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building. Taught by **Rabbi Michael Skobac** and **Julius Ciss** Lunch included. Pre-register 905-761-0040.

Monday, May 21

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The New Fraternal Jewish Association social evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. Guest artist is singer **Yitzhak Argamon**. For information, **Millie Herzog** 905-882-5442.

Wednesday, May 23

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Adath Israel Congregation and **Malcolm Lester** invite you to the book launch of *The Very Narrow Bridge*, **Rabbi Erwin Schild's** unforgettable story, 7:30 p.m., at Adath Israel. **Sarah Edell Kelman**, past president of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Boston, chairs the program.

ART OF EATING CHAMETZ

Rabbi Nathan Lopes Cardozo lecture on Shavuot: The Art of Eating Chametz examines the relationship between Pesach and Shavuot and unveils some of the mystical and kabbalistic elements of the day. 8 p.m., at The Village Shul. 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. Rabbi Lopes Cardozo comes from the Portuguese-Spanish Jewish community of Holland.

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WHAT IS TORAH?

Elliott Malamet series concludes with What is Torah? 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Thursday, May 24

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Canadian Friends of Herzog Hospital presents an evening of stand-up comedy featuring **Lawrence Morgenstern**, **Steve Levine**, **Simon Rakoff** and **Daniel Cole**, a juggling comic. Comedian **Les Cole** is MC for the evening. 7:30 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre. Reception and silent auction follow the show. Proceeds go to build a playground at Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem. 416-256-4222.

AN EVENING OF COMEDY

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, presents an evening of comedy and a silent auction with comedian **Larry Horowitz**, 7:30 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Information or RSVP, 416-635-5100.

And What Else Is New

SHAVUOT DINNER

Kiever Synagogue, 25 Bellevue Ave., Kensington Market, 2nd annual Shavuot Dinner and Learning, Sunday, May 27. 4 p.m. (Minchah), guest lecturers, kiddush following. Gourmet dairy dinner. RSVP **Dave Pinkus** 416-593-9956.

ORAYNU CONGREGATION

Oraynu Congregation for Humanistic Judaism presents five events featuring **Rabbi Sherwin Wine**, founder of Humanistic Judaism, Saturday, May 26, and Sunday, May 27. Call 416-385-3910 for details regarding topics and location.

ISRAEL TODAY

Solel Congregation and B'nai Brith Halton Peel invite you to the B'nai Brith Halton Peel lecture, Israel Today – Peace or Security with guest speaker **Col. Vaen Vered**, Jewish National Fund, Friday, May 25, at Solel. Services 8:30 p.m.

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The Shavuot event at Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum includes a chance to taste milk 'n honey treats, the 7 Kinds game, a first fruits procession and dance, making marzipan flowers, milk and honey prints, and fun for all, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 27. 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880, ext. 456.

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EARLY BIRD DRAW

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation is hosting its annual dinner draw, this time as part of its 50th anniversary Wednesday, June 27. An early bird draw of one round-trip ticket to Israel takes place Wednesday, May 30, 7 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Pride of Israel's first Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Sunday, May 27. Festival evening service 7 p.m., yom tov dinner (featuring cheese cake) and Torah learning to follow. Reservations required. 416-226-0111.

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An evening of enchantment with violinist/composer **Mirel Reznic**, a leading Jewish soul music artist, at Toronto Centre for the Arts Recital Hall Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p.m. Concert is sponsored by Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, Beit Halochem Canada. For tickets 416-787-8950.

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Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada's Shoppers Walk for the Cure, Sunday, May 27, 10 a.m. (registration 8:30-10:30 a.m., Coronation Park (across from CNE) 905-944-8700 or 1-877-CUREJDF.

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Jewish Family & Child Service workshops. Information/registration **Shawna Sidney** 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

When You Are About to Separate: What to Tell the Kids? Tuesday, June 5, 7-9 p.m., Promenade Mall office.

Grandparents Are Forever, the important role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren, June 5, 7-9 p.m., 4600 Bathurst St.

Developing a Successful Parenting Plan, the importance of establishing a business-like relationship with your "ex." June 12, 7-9 p.m., 4600 Bathurst St.

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FOR SENIORS

Meir Romem, consul general of Israel, is guest speaker at **Beth Tikvah Friendship Group** meeting Wednesday, May 23, 8 p.m.

Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting, Thursday, May 24, 9:30 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Educator **Chana Werner** speaks on Shavuot Thoughts. **Goldie Leibman** 416-635-2860.

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement special event, Two Violins in Concert with **John** and **Diane Robinson**. Wednesday, May 23, 1 p.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building), May 17, lecture by **Rabbi Israel Landau**; May 24, Israeli supper celebrating Jerusalem Day, members only; May 31, bingo. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

LZA Seniors ladies folkdancing classes Thursdays 1:30 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets available for *Sound of Music* Oct. 4 in Stratford. **Libby** 416-782-2959 or the office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. in the boardroom.

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Opposition parties condemn announcement

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"Any time you have a government telling you they're prepared to do something, then it's an obvious sign something has gotten through to them. It's a sign the efforts of the community have made an impact."

Radio call-in shows and editorial pages last week were radiant with opinions that the move will benefit the rich and siphon millions from a cash-starved public system. Opposition Liberals and New Democrats condemned the announcement in similar terms, warning of two-tiered education.

Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty called the measure the first step toward a voucher system, and vowed to fight it "tooth and nail."

But Flaherty said most students in private education are in religious and ethnic schools and not upper-crust institutions that cater to the wealthy.

"Students who attend these schools are from working families, middle-class and lower income families. This is about more money for children; it's about more choice for parents who value the cultural and religious traditions which they cherish in their own communities."

Later, he told reporters that independent schools "serve a purpose for many of our communities, for our cultural and religious communities, in Islam, in the Jewish community, in the Christian schools."

Georgeanne Burke of Jewish Parents for Equality in Education Funding (JPEEF) said the move is "an opportunity to show that this will work and not be harmful to public schools." The government, she said, is also acknowledging that not all parents of children in private schools are wealthy.

"We're not rich. We're regular people like everyone else."

Meantime, members of the recently formed umbrella group, Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools (OAJDS), will meet in the coming weeks to study the measure, said president Yisroel Janowski.

Rather than altering the group's mandate, the development will mean "we will get busier than ever," Janowski said. "Our second phase [after securing funding] was to be at the table to represent the schools."

In all, Ontario's initiative is "comparable" to the situation of private and independent schools in other provinces, said CJC's Rosenblum. But, he added, in Ontario, "Catholics still get 100 percent [of tuition publicly funded]. That's where Ontario is still unique."

Seymour Epstein, executive director of the UJA FEDERATION Board of Jewish Education, said he's "personally disturbed" at widespread rumblings that the measure is an attack on the public school system.

Similar tax breaks and funding measures have taken place in other provinces, "and nothing has happened to the public system. Ontario is just growing up."

Toronto financial consultant honoured

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – Sonny Goldstein, founder of Goldstein Financial Consultants, was recently presented with The Servitium, Nobilitas et Generositas Award by the Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Toronto Chapter (CAIFA).

The presentation was made at a Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fund-raising dinner during the 2001 Congress of Ontario Insurance and Financial Advisors meetings at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Established in 1994, the award has since been bestowed on three recipients "to recognize exceptional members of the association for outstanding service and leadership within the insurance and financial services industry."

The recipient, from the greater Toronto area, must demonstrate an exceptional level of achievement and commitment to the industry and to the community.

"I received this honor along with the late David Cowper, Sr. – this makes it even more special," Goldstein said. "David was a legend in the industry and contributed much to the country. A real mentsch.

"It is wonderful to be recognized by my peers for the community work that I so much enjoy."

Born in Toronto and raised in Ingersoll, Ontario, Goldstein attended the University of Toronto. He has worked in the insurance industry for 35 years, and in 1995 established Care For Kids, a charitable foundation which raises funds for the Palliative Care Program at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

Goldstein entered the insurance business in 1966, and in 1974, qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table, an honour given to those in the industry who sell a certain amount of insurance. Over the years, he became a life and qualifying member, achieved Court of the Table six times and received the National Quality Award 16 times.

In 1991, he served as president of the Life Underwriters Association of Toronto (now CAIFA Toronto), and was active on the national level.

A speaker and writer, he writes for several trade publications, is heard on radio, and is featured six days a week on his own CHIN radio spot titled Managing Your Money With Sonny Goldstein.

Goldstein is also on the executive of the 65 Roses Sports Club, a fund-raising arm of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

In 1998, as head of Goldstein Financial Consultants, an independent financial planning practice, he purchased a 50 percent interest in his own Mutual Funds Dealership, Goldstein Snider Investments Inc. The company serves more than 4,000 clients and looks after some $200 million in investments.

An avid sports fan, a photography buff and a golfer, Goldstein is on the executive board of Beth Tikvah Congregation. He and his wife Edie have three daughters.

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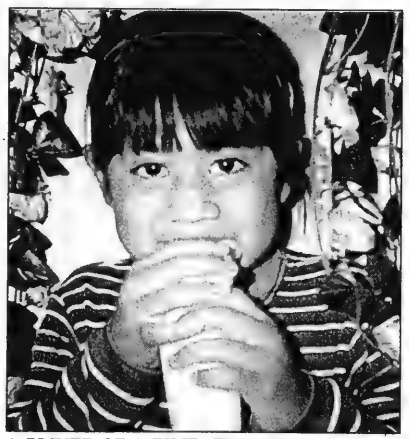

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On Campus

Student energy belies reports of apathy

By LARA RABINOVITCH
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The room was packed. The energy level was palpable. Yet Jewish student leaders from across Canada – panelists at a session titled Issues Facing Jewish Students at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly on May 6 – claimed that one of the largest problems facing Jewish students is apathy.

CJC Plenary

Although universities such as York, Dalhousie, Western and Concordia have large Jewish populations, attendance at most Jewish programs remains low, the five panelists said, suggesting that Jewish students across Canada are largely uninvolved with Jewish causes and events.

"The majority [of Jewish students] are apathetic" even at York University, which has the largest percentage of Jews in a Canadian university, said Sandra Ziskind, a recent graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School and an active member of the Jewish Student Federation.

"Apathy is a wide-ranging disease that is easy to succumb to," argued Barbara Zeller, recent graduate of the University of Toronto, and, beginning in the fall, a law student. Creating excuses is "ridiculous," she said. "Find the time to do the things that you care about."

"The problem of attendance at events is not unique to the Maritimes," said Leigh Lampert, an MBA and law student at Dalhousie University and president of the Canadian Jewish Law Students Association. "It's difficult to get people to come out, and the question becomes, how do you do that?"

One of the reasons for low attendance, Lampert suggested, is a lack of resources. "A lot of people... especially, from Toronto... aren't aware of what happens in the smaller Jewish communities and the situations that exist."

Incoming president of the Jewish Student Union at the University of Western Ontario, Josh Chuval, corroborated, indicating that there is a "serious lack of funding in London... We're still looking for a few people... [who are] willing to provide us with the means in order for us to do our outreach."

The panelists had other explanations for the lack of interest in Jewish programs on campus; many noted that the current Mideast crisis is a point of contention on some campuses, and as such, reason to disssociate from Jewish or Zionist events. Ziskind claimed some students are "embarrassed" about Israel and therefore become detached from Jewish causes.

According to most of the panelists, the situation in Israel was another large issue facing Jewish students on campuses across Canada this year. Avi Finegold, co-president of Hillel at Concordia University, said that his university "was one of the most volatile campuses in North America in terms of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Other universities such as Dalhousie and Western have also been confronted with Arab-Jewish problems and anti-Semitism on campus. Panelist Michael Jankelowitz of the Jewish Agency for Israel in Jerusalem stated: "Students... have got to be prepared" to face the reverberations of the Mideast crisis on campus.

"The only way to correct stereotyping is through inter-cultural programs that push awareness," Zeller argued.

Using the metaphor of the "tossed salad" that represents Canadian society, she suggested we encourage our multiculturalism and not become segregated like a "compartmentalized lunch box."

Questions and comments flew rapid-fire as soon as the discussion was opened to the multi-denominational audience of students and non-students. Strong applause followed the statement made by Beth Suraski, former president of the University of Waterloo and Wilfred Laurier Jewish Student Association (1997-2000).

"We're the leadership," Suraski said. "Even if ten people show up to a program...take those people and show them a good time... get them Jewishly excited. We have to get them doing Jewish. Next thing you know, they tell ten people, [and] there's a hundred people coming out... There's a lot of positive things to say" about small Jewish communities, noting that Waterloo was recently granted a house and a staff member.

"Students have to fight for those things."

The audience also advised other approaches. Some suggested open-minded programs that are more inclusive to a wide range of political beliefs. Eddie Shostak, president of McGill Hillel, suggested that exciting and diverse programming is key to attracting more students. He described successful Jewish programs in Montreal such as the annual Purim party, which this year drew a crowd of almost 1,500 young adults, and a luncheon for management students and local businessmen and women.

David Silverberg, one of the panelists and a Ryerson Journalism student who is the associate editor of the Canadian Jewish student newspaper, *Afterword*, recommended a re-vamping of the image of Jewish organizations "to make them more human" and therefore more attractive to students.

After the session, Prof. Irwin Cotler, Member of Parliament and former president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, praised all the students.

"I was very impressed," he said. "I have been encouraged by this session. I would like to commend them for their involvement, for their initiative, for their courage. And I think this bodes well for the Jewish future."

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CJ Food

Blintzes & other Shavuot traditions

BY RIVKA TAL
Special to The CJN

In Israel, Shavuot, the holiday commemorating the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, is accompanied by all-night Torah study marathons.

Houses are decorated with boughs of green and fresh cut flowers, bringing to mind the transformation of Mt. Sinai into a veritable garden. Children dress in white, and the usual heavy holiday meat-laden meals are generally replaced by lighter, dairy fare.

There are several reasons for the custom of eating dairy foods on Shavuot. One is that until the giving of the Torah, Jews were permitted to eat the meat of any animals, including those that had not been slaughtered in accordance with the laws of ritual slaughtering.

These laws, as well as those of ritual slaughter were given to the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai on Shavuot, and all dishes became unkosher and could not be used until they were koshered. Dairy foods were the answer. The Torah has been compared to milk and honey, and this, too, has been cited as a reason for the day of milchige dishes.

The word blintzes seems to almost automatically follow mention of the holiday of Shavuot. I can picture my mother preparing the blintz wrappers one by one in a small frying pan, then knocking them out to cool on a clean white dish towel on the kitchen table.

But other communities have their own unique Shavuot traditions, and the older Israeli population still keeps up these traditions from their countries' of origin. In Iraq and Afghanistan, Shavuot was called the Holiday of Roses. Children would scatter rosebuds onto the Torah scroll as it came out of the ark. In Libya, children were given seven leaves from a plant symbolizing the burning bush.

The Jews of Aden would bake a special cake from coconut, almonds and honey, while Persian Jews prepared a cake from rice and walnuts for the holiday. Yemenite Jews eat potato fritters, while many Jews from the Far East eat rice and milk.

Jews from some Sephardi communities bake a challah with seven columns, symbolizing the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot. Kurdistan Jews eat a wheat cereal with leben (a cultured milk product) and cheese-filled fritters on Shavuot, while many Jews hailing from Afghanistan cook rice and serve it with butter and yogurt.

My friend Miriam was born in Casablanca. Her Shavuot specialty is dairy couscous. While couscous, prepared from semolina, a coarsely ground durum wheat, is usually served with an elaborate combination of chicken or beef, zucchini, winter squash and chick peas, on Shavuot she prepares couscous with milk and butter.

She says that her children and grandchildren look forward to it all year. While she prepares the real thing, steaming the grains with a couscoussiere, then rubbing with her hands to separate and fluff the grains, we lesser mortals might take a shortcut, using the readily available quick-cooking couscous.

COUSCOUS

2 cups boiling water or vegetable broth
1½ cups quick-cooking couscous
1½ tbsp. butter
½ cup slivered almonds
¼ cup golden raisins
2 tbsp. sugar
⅛ tsp. ground cinnamon

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salt to taste
dash ground cloves
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Pour boiling water over couscous in a bowl. Cover and let steam for 20-30 minutes. Uncover and break up any clumps with your fingers. Melt butter in a large skillet. Add almonds and raisins and saute for a few seconds.

Add couscous, sugar, cinnamon, cloves and salt; saute for a minute or until all of the ingredients are hot. Serve individual portions; pass softened butter, milk, sour cream and sugar. Yield: 8 servings.

CHEESE AND SPINACH BOUREKAS

1½ kilo frozen puff pastry
1 pack of spinach (1½ lb.)
½ lb. ricotta or mild feta cheese
1 heaping tsp. sifted flour
pinch of salt
1 egg yolk, beaten
½ cup sesame seeds

Remove puff pastry from freezer 1 to 2 hours before beginning. Stem spinach. Wash in water, lifting and shaking to dislodge sand. Repeat until completely sand-free. Shake to remove excess water. Steam with no additional water for 5-7 minutes, until wilted. Drain very well and chop finely in food processor. Strain off any excess water.

Combine spinach with cheese, flour, and salt. Preheat oven to 350. Unroll pastry and place on lightly floured surface. Roll out. Cut out circles using a glass. Place a heaping tsp. of mixture in centre of each circle and fold each circle in half.

Brush with egg yolk and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Place on a parchment paper-lined baking tray. Bake for about 35 minutes, or until golden brown. Yield: about 48 bourekas. Note: 1 10-oz. package of frozen minced spinach may be substituted for fresh spinach.

TARATOR SOUP

4 6-in. cucumbers, peeled and coarsely chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
4 cups unflavoured yogurt
½ cup water
½ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. chopped fresh dill
3 tbsp. snipped chives

Puree cucumber and garlic in a blender. Add yogurt, water, salt and dill and mix well. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.

When ready to serve, ladle into bowls and sprinkle with snipped chives.

Seniors Scene

Can't get to sleep? Then get up, doctors recommend

By BEN ROSE
Special to CJN

TORONTO — Don't raid the refrigerator if you can't sleep. Instead, get up and knit or do some paper work until you get drowsy again.

This was the advice given 45 seniors at a forum on sleep disorders by two doctors from the Metropolitan Toronto Sleep Disorders Centre, sponsored recently by the 55 plus department of the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre.

Get up at the same time every day, and don't sleep in, even if you lost two hours during the night, advised Dr. Jeffrey Lipsitz, the centre's executive director, and Dr. Jaan Reitav, a clinical psychologist.

Furthermore, avoid fluids during the evening. It would also help if you walked around the block after supper and did some relaxing exercises before hitting the hay.

Don't go to bed earlier than usual if you missed sleep the night before, they said.

Since it is not recommended that naps be taken in the daytime, Reitav noted that bright lights help keep you alert and prevent you from nodding off during the day, especially after lunch.

"Sleeping problems are quite common," Lipsitz said. "There are 90 different sleep disorders, and except for apnea [breathing difficulties], they are easily recognized and treatable."

Lipsitz encouraged seniors to volunteer at his centre if they still have trouble sleeping after implementing his suggestions.

Taking sleeping pills may be a controversial solution, Reitav said, and if medication is taken, do not do so more than two or three times a week.

New, promising drugs for sleep will soon be on the market, Lipsitz said.

In the 65 and over category, the number of women having difficulty sleeping jumps to 38 percent, while with men it rises to 24 percent, he said.

Between the ages of 50 and 80, prepare to lose 27 minutes of sleep for every 10 years you age, Reitav said.

The good news is that there is no proof that sleep problems shorten your life, Reitav said. The bad news is that snoring may be a sign of apnea.

Lipsitz is currently working on a $6-million project involving fatigue and truck drivers. Reitav told the seniors that in one case a driver had only four hours sleep before driving a big rig for another 19 hours.

Lipsitz also does research on airline pilots and gambling casino staff.

In a survey conducted in the United States, 70 percent of the respondents stated that they did not mention their sleeping problems to their doctors.

A young, fit person needs 8½ hours sleep a night and most young people are not getting it, Reitav said, due to modern life and its whirl of activities.

OMISSION

In last week's issue of *The CJN*, the article on Telaide, The Jewish Distress Line, omitted the organization's phone number. Those interested can reach the organization at 416-636-9610.

Seniors & Health

Dr. Shelley Veinish

Dear Dr. Veinish,

My mother died after a brief illness last November. Since then, my father has lost interest in many activities, including his passion for the stock market! Whenever I visit, the house is a mess, he is unshaven and his clothes appear soiled. Last week, he missed another appointment to have his hearing aid checked. When I asked him about it, he said he thought it was cancelled. I think he's still grieving, but he denies it. He also insists his memory is "just fine." What can I do? I feel very alone.

John

Dear John,

You are not alone. These are questions which most of us must confront as our parents age: "How do we distinguish between depression and dementia?" and "How can we help our parents as they grow more frail?" I will attempt to address both issues in this and next month's column.

Your mother died six months ago. Your father's behaviour today thus reflects more than a simple grief reaction. Although sadness and preoccupation with loss are common after the death of a loved one, persistent symptoms associated with a functional decline usually suggest another diagnosis.

Is your father clinically depressed? This can certainly cause a person to withdraw and lose interest in activities. Difficulties with concentration may also occur, leading to problems with attending and remembering. You indicate his hygiene has deteriorated. This may reflect the lack of pride and poor self-esteem often seen in a mood disorder. Your father clearly requires a medical evaluation. Regardless of the precipitant, depression is a medical illness that requires treatment and follow-up by a skilled practitioner.

Your first contact should be your father's family physician. Your father may then further benefit from referral for a comprehensive geriatric assessment to further delineate his mood and memory problems. Ideally, a home visit by a multidisciplinary team can address all of the issues, identify potential safety concerns and better define your father's needs to help you develop a plan. It is therefore important for you to attend all appointments with your father – to both ask and answer questions which may arise.

You can also request a referral to your Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) in Ontario, or to the community or home-care program in your province, for in-home services including personal care assistance. You need not go it alone. Good luck.

Next month, I will explore in more detail how depression may sometimes masquerade as dementia, and how the reverse is often true as well.

Dr. Shelley Veinish is a geriatrician at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and assistant professor in the faculty of medicine at the University of Toronto.

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Canadian rabbis visit MPs on Parliament Hill

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Fifteen rabbis went to Ottawa May 3 to present Israel's case because of a perception that "grassroots" lobbying by Canadian Jews is sorely lacking, according to the rabbi who conceived of the mission.

Mount Royal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, "was nudging me that [grassroots] Jews were not lobbying effectively in Ottawa," Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz of Montreal told *The CJN*.

"The 'professionals' were lobbying, but from the base of our community, they were just not there."

The result, after a month of planning, was a first-time mission of rabbis from all streams of Judaism, who went to Parliament Hill from four Canadian cities: Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston.

The message they brought was clear and unequivocal: that Canadian Jews support Israel as one and that they expect Canadian policy, including at the United Nations, not to apply any "moral equivalence" between Israel and the Palestinians.

Although Rabbi Steinmetz was instrumental in conceiving of the mission, the real preparatory work for the trip was done by the Canada-Israel Committee in Quebec and Ontario.

Rabbi Steinmetz said the impact of the trip could not be overestimated.

Rabbis, he said, spoke with a "moral authority" that Parliamentarians could not ignore.

First on the day's six-hour agenda was a meeting with Israeli Ambassador Chaim Divon.

Then at a luncheon hosted by the Canada-Israel Friendship Group's Carolyn Bennett, the rabbis were joined by several MPs and senators, among them, Cotler, Alphonse Gagliano, senators Lise Bacon, Leo Kolber, Sheila Finestone, Jerry Grafstein and Marcel Prud'homme, the latter a longtime critic of Israel.

The rabbis next held talks with two senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Steve Hibbard and John Grant.

They did not meet, however, with Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley, who was about to leave for his trip to the Middle East.

The rabbis then split up to meet with officials from the Canadian political parties, including Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe and representatives of the Alliance, Conservative and Liberal parties.

Rabbi Steinmetz, who was at the meeting with the Alliance, said he was sure that what they expressed "got back to" leader Stockwell Day, and it may have influenced Day's strong pro-Israel message at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly in Toronto that weekend.

Typical of the message sent to Parliamentarians during the course of the day was that of Rabbi Moïse Ohana of the Ohr Hahayim synagogue in Montreal.

In a prepared text, Rabbi Ohana spoke of Israel's determination to have peace, but only one that cannot threaten her existence. "A peace for which one would be prepared to pay any price, including acquiescing to intimidation, violence, and to fanaticism... is the surest road to ruin."

He urged supporters of Israel in a position of leadership not to "inflict" on Israel the "politically convenient but morally repugnant" route of applying some sort of moral equivalence to the two sides.

Rabbi Steinmetz said the day in Ottawa was not intended to produce any immediate consequences with respect to Canadian policy.

"It's not a question of immediate accomplishment," he said. "it's a question of pattern.

"This, we felt, was a beginning," the beginning of grassroots initiatives that will continue.

"I'd love to tell you that the mission changed foreign policy. It didn't," Rabbi Steinmetz said, "but it will make a difference. Perhaps we can move the ball only three inches at a time, but it will go forward. The participants felt very, very good about it."

Rabbis who came from Quebec were rabbis Steinmetz, Ohana, Chananya Berzon, Moshe Jablon, Leigh Lerner, Reuben Poupko, Yonah Rosner, Mordecai Zeitz, Lionel Moses and Meyer Kizelnik.

From Ontario were rabbis Reuven Bulka and Ely Braun of Ottawa, Daniel Elkin of Kingston, and Moshe Shulman and Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Toronto.

–With files from Diane Koven in Ottawa.

STOCKWELL'S KIPPAH: Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day holds a personalized kippah presented to him at last week's Canadian Jewish Congress plenary. Looking on are new CJC president Keith Landy (left) and former president Moshe Ronen. [Ron Csillag photo]

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JNF to honour Secters at Negev annual gala

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — In the early to mid-1990s, while Harvey Secter was studying law at Harvard, his wife Sandra served as a volunteer with the Boston Symphony, but she says it was difficult to find ways to be involved in community work in Boston.

When Harvey, who is now the dean of law at the University of Manitoba, finished at Harvard, he and Sandra were very happy to be coming back to Winnipeg.

"It is easy to become involved in community work in Winnipeg," Sandra says.

In recognition of their contribution to the Jewish community and Israel, the JNF this year is honouring Harvey and Sandra Secter at its annual Negev Gala Concert on June 19. The headliner will be stage and screen star Joel Grey.

The Negev Gala, which regularly draws up to 1,500 people, is the Winnipeg Jewish community's largest annual fund-raiser outside of the CJA campaign.

In fact, the Secters are second-generation philanthropists and community workers. The Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre – the National Council of Jewish Women's senior centre here – was named in honour of Harvey's late mother. His late father, Joe, was involved in many organizations, including the Jewish National Fund. Harvey's brother-in-law, Sam Guralnick, is a past president of the JNF, while Harvey serves on the board of advisers.

Harvey and Sandra Secter both began their community work some 40 years ago, as leaders of youth groups at the YMHA and BBYO. That's where they first met.

After university, Harvey went into the family retail clothing business. In the 1970s, he was invited to join the old Community Council board. He was a member of the committee struck to study the Jewish education system in Winnipeg. The result of that study was the formation of the Board of Jewish Education in the early 1980s and the amalgamation of the Talmud Torah and Peretz Schools.

In the general community, Harvey chaired the United Way Campaign in 1988, and in that capacity, he became involved with the University of Winnipeg, where he chaired the University Board of Regents.

"Winnipeg is amazing in that way," he says. "It is small enough that you can meet people, and one thing leads to another. My time with the University of Winnipeg was a wonderful experience."

In recent years, he has been mainly involved with foundations, including the Toronto-based Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation. He feels that the future of philanthropy is largely dependent on endowment funding.

"The CJA does great work," he says, "but the demographics and government policies have changed. We need a sustainable source of long-term funding to maintain and enhance our current institutions and services."

Sandra was a founding member of the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre and was involved in helping to establish the new Sharon Home, south Winnipeg's Jewish care home for seniors, but she has probably made her greatest mark with the CJA campaign.

For the past few years, she has served as co-chair of the CJA Women's Campaign with Marcia Cowan. This year they are co-chairing the overall campaign.

The Secters have three children. Alan is in Monsey, N.Y., Beth in Calgary and Joel in Montreal.

Rabbis made a 'big' impression

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

As mentioned last week, a delegation of rabbis came to the Hill and brought a message of support for Israel and a call to politicians to echo the rabbis' concerns.

These religious leaders of the Jewish community felt a compelling need to share their angst over developments in the Middle East and over the perception that responsibility for the crisis rests with Israel. There was, according to some observers, no mistaking the passion with which they delivered the message. The question is: did their visit accomplish anything?

I do not know the rabbis' assessment of the exercise, but there was no shortage of comment about the visit from those on the Hill.

The group met with MPs and senators from all caucuses and, strange as it seems, all five parties were of one voice about the impact of the visit – albeit, for slightly different reasons. In a word, the visit made an impression on the parliamentarians… a big impression! Even the indefatigable pro-PLO booster, Senator Marcel Prud'homme expressed a heartfelt desire to pursue dialogue with the Jewish community.

For the Alliance MPs, the visit afforded them the chance to do some "spiritual" bonding. Especially for the evangelical component of the Canadian Alliance (which is significant), the encounter served as an opportunity to establish links that could translate into more political support amongst Jews. All they want in return for their support of Israel – which they claim would be forthcoming irrespective of partisan considerations – is some recognition within the Jewish community for the Alliance position.

For Liberals, this was an opportunity to continue the process of mending the fences damaged during the last election. MPs like Joe Volpe, who has been one of Israel's strongest and most effective supporters on the Hill, came out of the election with a slightly bitter taste in his mouth. For him and the rabbis of two very influential synagogues in Toronto, the exchange was all about "healing and reconnecting."

The Bloc has a particular interest in ensuring cordial relations with the Jewish community of Quebec. Word has it that the meeting on the Hill will be parlayed into even more high-profile encounters back home in Montreal – where it counts. Finally, much like in all else they do, both the NDP and the Tories managed to secure some presence, modest but nonetheless valuable visibility within a community that was once active within their respective ranks. (Hope springs eternal.)

So it would seem that for all sorts of the reasons, "the rabbis' done good"! Now if they could only get a couple of female colleagues to round out the group…

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Jewish heritage captured in Bayefsky's works

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A year ago, Bayefsky donated 22 of his Holocaust-themed works to Yad Vashem. These were part of the artist's Epilogue series, consisting of four large oil paintings and 41 pencil drawings, so named because they were completed between 1988 and 1994 – nearly five decades after his war-time experiences.

From Slavery to Freedom, **oil on canvas by Aba Bayefsky 1923-2001.**

The death camp "was shocking to the point that you can't really explain it," he told *The CJN* in an interview last April. "I was so affected by it, I couldn't abandon it." But years would pass before he could muster the strength to re-visit his memories.

Bayefsky often utilized biblical and talmudic themes in his work and published a portfolio of paintings titled "Tales From The Talmud."

The Canadian government presented a copy of the portfolio to then Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin when he visited Canada in 1978. President Josip Tito of Yugoslavia was also presented with a Bayefsky portfolio on his visit to Ottawa.

But it was with his Jewish heritage that Bayefsky was most fascinated.

He made thousands of sketches and paintings of Kensington Market, and painted scenes of Jerusalem and other locales in Israel.

"He was drawn to marketplace life," said his daughter, Anne, a law professor at York University and a leading human rights advocate. "He drew market scenes all through the world. He celebrated life in the markets and people who toiled in them."

Bayefsky also explored the legends, mythologies and tales of Indian, Japanese and other cultures in his work, which has been exhibited in, among other places, New York, Chicago, London, Tokyo and India.

He "applied an understanding of humanity to many cultures, peoples and their environment," said his daughter.

Bayefsky often chided Canadian artists for ignoring the larger world. Goya, he said, commented on the Inquisition, and Picasso's most famous work was *Guernica*, an indictment of the Spanish Civil War.

It was his belief in the interconnectedness of art and social commentary that drove him to his Holocaust themes, she said, "to show that anti-Semitism was still around – and today is often turned into anti-Israel [sentiments]."

Bayefsky visited Israel many times and painted its landscapes and sketched in its hills. "He captured the light and mood of its physical beauty, as well as its historical dimensions," Anne said.

Her father had a strong sense of family, she said, noting that he spent every Friday night with his children, and then his grandchildren after they were born.

"He was my teacher; my guide. He had an inner courage and strength of character which was committed not only to his family, but was shared with the world at large through his paintings."

Bayefsky was born in Toronto in 1923, the second son of a Russian-born father and a Scottish mother. During his teens, he attended after-school classes at the Children's Art Centre of the Art Gallery of Ontario. There he was encouraged by Group of Seven artists Arthur Lismer and A.Y. Jackson.

Bayefsky once told *The CJN* it was the 1938 biographical movie *Rembrandt*, starring Charles Laughton, that persuaded him to switch from the academic stream at Central Tech High School and enroll in the Academy Julian in Paris.

He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 and after winning an art competition in 1944, was given the rank of Flying Officer and appointed an official war artist.

He was attached to 39 Reconnaissance Wing of the 2nd Tactical Air Force in early 1945. In May, he was moved forward to an airbase in northern Germany.

"A few miles away was Bergen-Belsen," he said in 1998. "When I heard what was there, I went immediately and it has clearly affected my thinking."

On his first visit to the camp, he sketched a newly dug pit filled with the bodies of inmates. He returned in a week to sketch another pit and a starving German Jewish boy. The boy died the next day. On his third visit he sketched a slave.

Consumed with the inhumanity he witnessed, Bayefsky created works in which skeletal figures and dark colours were prominent.

"For the first time," he would recall, "I became aware of man's monstrous capacity for evil." One would think, he mused, "that after such a catastrophic occurrence, anti-Semitism would have disappeared."

Bayefsky was "always a gentleman and a mensch," remarked artist Charles Pachter, a former student. "I took Saturday morning art classes at the Art Gallery of Ontario, and he would always shlep us down to St. Lawrence Market or Kensington Market to draw. He was very dignified."

After the war, Bayefsky returned to Europe on a French government scholarship and depicted displaced persons living in DP camps.

He went on to become the first faculty member of the Ontario College of Art to have a one-man show there. In all, Bayefsky had some 50 one-man exhibits showcasing both his European and Canadian works. He served as president of the Canadian Group of Painters, the successor to the Group of Seven, and in 1979, was named to the Order of Canada.

In addition to the Canadian War Museum, Bayefsky's work hangs in the Art Gallery of Ontario, Hart House and in many corporate halls and private homes.

Despite twice-weekly dialysis treatments toward the end of his life, he still spent six and seven days a week in his King Street studio.

"I am never blank," he said once. "I have more material in my mind today than I can possibly use in a lifetime."

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children Anne, Edra and Eban; and grandchildren Rachel, Daniel, Sarah, Michelle and Sammy.

– With files from JTA's Bill Gladstone, Leila Speisman and Ron Csillag in Toronto.

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Manley calls for end to settlement construction

By DAN IZENBERG
CJN Israel Bureau

JERUSALEM — Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley capped an eight-day whirlwind tour of the Middle East with a visit to Israel, during which he called on the government to stop all settlement construction.

Israel was the last stop on Manley's trip, which also included Egypt, the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Jordan. He arrived in Jerusalem late Saturday night and met with President Moshe Katsav, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres the following day.

Earlier, Manley had visited Yad Vashem and the new foreign ministry building, currently under construction, which was designed through a joint Canadian-Israeli venture that included architects A.J. Diamond, Donald Schmitt and Company.

Manley tried to play a conciliatory role during his Middle East trip and during his visit with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat earlier in the week, said he had not come to "assign blame."

In his talk with to Peres, however, he clearly called for an end to Jewish settlement construction in the West Bank and Gaza.

"I restated our view that the Mitchell report provides a sound basis for moving forward from here, and I urged very strongly Mr. Peres to give me the ability to say that Israel was ready to act on the recommendations of the Mitchell report, including the recommendation on settlements," Manley told reporters at a press conference following his meeting with Peres.

"Canada's position is consistent with the Mitchell report, which is that the continuation of the settlements must stop. That is what needs to be done for there to be a basis in order to move forward with any peace process."

Peres said that Israel's attitude to the Mitchell report, which calls on Israel to stop settlement construction and on the Palestinians to halt the violence, was "positive." However, he said, the government planned to submit "one or two remarks," including a rejection of the call for a halt to settlements.

Sharon's government has undertaken not to build any more settlements or to confiscate Palestinian land, Peres said. However, it insists on providing for the natural growth needs of the more than 200,000 Jewish settlers currently living in the West Bank and Gaza.

"If a couple gets married or a child is born, and if you have to build a kindergarten, it is very difficult to stop it," Peres said, adding that the settlement issue should be one of the subjects of discussion after the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians resume.

First and foremost, the violence must stop.

"We must return to the negotiations," Peres said. "We must stop shooting and start talking. It's as clear cut as that."

When asked why Israel insisted on building more apartments in the settlements when large numbers of the ones already completed stand empty, Peres replied, "There are empty houses in places where people don't want to be and there is a demand for houses in other places.

"We cannot force people to go to one place and not another. So, while the picture is as you have described it, people are making their own choices."

Peres also told reporters he had informed Manley of the unilateral steps Israel intends to take in order to ease the Palestinians' plight. These include reducing the IDF closure on Palestinian towns and villages, increasing the number of Israeli work permits for Palestinians, allowing free movement within the Palestinian areas themselves, easing restrictions on imports and exports, and increasing the number of Palestinian merchants allowed into Israel from 1,000 to 5,000.

Israel intends to repair the railway line connecting the Gaza Strip to Tulkarm in the West Bank, Peres added. According to the Oslo Accords, Israel was supposed to have opened two "safe passage" highways between the two sections of the PA, but has never done so because of the security risks involved.

Manley's first stop in the morning was at Yad Vashem, the memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. The foreign minister, who was seeing the shrine for the second time, wrote in a guest book: "Although my last visit to Yad Vashem in 1994 was a powerful and moving experience, today's special exhibit, No Child's Play, was even more profound. No parent of healthy, well-adjusted children can avoid the sense of good fortune that is mixed with sadness when one's own experience is compared with that of parents whose children lived in such horrors. May it never occur again."

Later in the afternoon, at a meeting with Sharon, Manley clashed with the prime minister when he once again called on Israel to adopt the Mitchell report recommendations and the terms of the Egyptian-Jordanian initiative.

When Manley said that Egypt and Jordan "took a risk" in proposing theat initiative, Sharon replied, "They did not take any risk and no one has to take risks at our expense. I will never compromise on the safety and lives of Israeli citizens."

Sharon also rejected the call to halt all settlement construction and said that all the governments of Israel had supported the settlement enterprise.

Curriculum changes: Livnat

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JERUSALEM — A new subject, Jewish heritage, will be introduced in middle schools from next year, Education Minister Limor Livnat announced Sunday.

Livnat told a news conference in Jerusalem that the new course will be taken by all students registered in the secular state schools for seventh, eighth and ninth grades, and will teach sections of the Talmud, the weekly Torah portion, as well as about Jewish holidays and "important figures in the history of Zionism." It will also prepare students for bar or bat mitzvahs.

The new course is part of Livnat's campaign to introduce more "Jewish, Zionist and national values" into the curriculum.

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Israel attacks PA militia

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Palestinian officials decry as war crimes Israel's "pinpoint" helicopter strikes – including a recent one that killed a militia member suspected of planning attacks on Israelis.

But an Israeli cabinet member says they are acts of self-defence.

"They are not assassinations," Science Minister Matan Vilnai told Israel Radio on Sunday. "We are hitting the people who attack us or are planning attacks.

"If you are fired on and you fire back, that is self-defence. So if you do it 10 minutes earlier, is that not self-defence?"

Vilnai turned to the Talmud to justify killing Palestinians suspected of plotting violence against Israelis.

"If somebody comes to kill you, rise early and kill him first," Vilnai said.

Palestinians say the attacks are extrajudicial assassinations of figures Israel accuses of planning and carrying out attacks.

According to witnesses, on Saturday, Israeli army helicopters fired on a car travelling in Jenin, a West Bank city. The car was carrying members of the Palestinians' Tanzim militia.

One passenger, Motassem Sabah, was killed. Palestinian sources said a Palestinian police officer who was standing nearby also was killed and 17 Palestinians were wounded.

Reports said the first rocket missed the car, and the other passengers were able to flee before a second rocket hit the mark. Sabah could not get out in time because of a previous injury.

Among the passengers who fled the car was Abdel Karim Oweis, whom Palestinian sources said could have been the target of the strike.

Israeli security officials said Oweis heads a militia cell – whose members include Sabah – that was working to transfer mortar bombs from the Gaza Strip to the West Bank and that was planning to fire them on the Israeli settlements of Kadim and Ganim.

Israeli security sources also said Sabah had been involved in shooting attacks on Israelis and in planting bombs.

The head of Palestinian intelligence in the West Bank, Tawfik Tirawi, was quoted as denying the Israeli allegations.

Palestinian officials denounced Saturday's strike, and a group affiliated with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's Fatah party vowed to avenge the killings.

Following Israel's capture last week of a Gaza-bound fishing boat carrying weapons – including Katyusha rockets and shoulder-launched anti-aircraft missiles – from Lebanon, Israeli officials have warned against Palestinian efforts to escalate the fighting.

In other weekend violence, two Israeli soldiers were lightly wounded last Friday when a grenade was thrown from a passing Palestinian vehicle toward an Israel Defence Force outpost in Gush Katif in the Gaza Strip. Palestinians also fired 11 mortars at Israeli settlements inside the Gaza Strip and at kibbutzim in Israel.

A resident of the Neveh Dekalim settlement in Gaza was wounded in one of the mortar attacks.

A 16-year-old Palestinian boy died of wounds sustained during clashes with IDF troops while demonstrating last Friday in Gaza.

In another incident that day, two Polish tourists were treated for shock after a pipe bomb hidden beneath some bushes exploded near the Jaffa Gate outside the walls of Jerusalem's Old City.

On Saturday, a 13-year-old girl from the Israeli community of Bat Hefer was lightly wounded Saturday by gunfire from the West Bank.

Sunday reports said Israeli security forces detained eight Palestinians in the Tulkarm and Bethlehem areas for suspected involvement in terrorist activity.

And on Sunday evening, an Israeli was lightly wounded in the hand when shots were fired at his car in the West Bank.

Reports said IDF troops on Sunday also neutralized bombs discovered in southern Gaza near the border with Egypt.

Israel gives OK to Mitchell Report

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel was expected to announce this week that, on the whole, it accepts the international, fact-finding Mitchell Committee report, but with reservations about two items: the demand for an absolute settlement freeze and criticism of Israel Defence Forces (IDF) operations in the territories.

— This response was finalized at a late-night meeting called by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Sunday.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres proposed adopting the committee's report in its entirety, but the proposal was rejected. Peres explained that from his talks with Palestinian officials, he believes the report can serve as a basis for negotiations, while from his talks with European and American officials, he fears an Israeli rejection of the report would bring international isolation in its wake.

"We agreed to accept the Jordanian-Egyptian initiative as a basis for discussions, so there is no reason to reject the Mitchell report, which is more balanced," a senior government source said last night. He added that according to the proposal, the settlement freeze would take effect only after the violence stopped.

Both Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) were slated to submit their official responses to the report this week.

The U.S. administration, though it has welcomed the report in general, will issue its detailed response only after it has received and studied the responses from the two sides.

Editorials in several leading American newspapers have urged the Sharon administration to adopt the report as the basis for a new diplomatic initiative. But government sources in Jerusalem believe the United States will refrain from adopting the report's specific recommendations, saying instead this is a matter for the parties to the conflict to decide.

Former senator George Mitchell, who chaired the committee, said in an interview with the *Washington Post* that, although the Bush administration will have to play an active role in achieving peace, Israel and the PA are the ones that will have to decide if they find the report useful.

The Israeli response would object to the report's linking the ending of the violence with the freezing of settlement construction, pointing out that under the Oslo accords, the fate of the settlements is to be determined during the final-status talks.

Israel was also expected to point out that the coalition guidelines already pledge that no settlements will be established, but that the government is obliged to provide for the settlers' "ongoing needs." Peres added yesterday that Israel will not confiscate any additional lands in the territories; any additional housing needed in the settlements will be built on existing lands.

Israel's other main objection to the report is its criticism of the IDF's responses to Palestinian violence, which the report said were sometimes excessive. Israel argues that the IDF has generally been restrained in its use of force against Palestinian attacks.

Europe, meanwhile, is stepping up its pressure on Israel to adopt both the Mitchell Report and the Egyptian-Jordanian peace initiative.

Both call for an absolute freeze on settlement construction, as well as a ceasefire, a cooling-off period and confidence-building measures, followed by the resumption of diplomatic negotiations.

UK Muslims targeting pro-Israel MPs in vote

By SHARON SADEH
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair's recent announcement of a June 7 election has opened a second race: efforts by activists in the 1.5 million-strong Muslim community to defeat pro-Israel candidates, mostly from Labour, in the upcoming vote.

An Internet site dubbed www.votesmart.org.uk was established "to help Muslim voters take an active role determining the identity of the next government."

The site's slogan is "Don't just vote. Vote smart," and it tries to persuade Muslim voters to take advantage of their numbers in constituencies where the MP is "not so committed to Muslim goals," and to vote for the sitting MP's opponent.

The site ranks candidates in every voting district according to their commitment to Muslim causes, with the rankings determined by parliamentary votes, speeches and the number of Muslims in the constituency.

Some of the information is wrong, but three constituencies are singled out as particularly important, and in them, Labour MPs with pro-Israeli views have been identified for defeat. The site lists issues of concern to Muslims, with the foremost the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Under the heading "How one nation's dream turned into another nation's nightmare?" the site's editors – who remain anonymous – describe the establishment of "Zionist Israel" in "Muslim Palestine" as a "bizarre exploitation of 20th-century diplomatic efforts that since 1948 have complicated the lives of millions of Arabs and Jews."

The Web site is just the tip of the iceberg. MP Barry Gardiner from North Barnet, a member of the Labour party's Friends of Israel Association, says he has been told that he's been "targeted" because of his "Zionist connections," and adds that he's been warned to "watch my back."

Another MP, Mike Gapes from South Ilford, who serves as the deputy chair of the friendship society, has been under general attack for weeks, with leaflets against him distributed in his constituency by an organization called The Ilford Muslim Association, whose purpose is to decrease the massive popularity Gapes enjoys in his district. In the last election, he won by 14,000 votes.

The leaflets handed out in the mosques of the district claim that Gapes is a "Muslim-hater," an Israel-defender, an enemy of human rights, and is hostile to Muslims wherever they may be. The leaflets carry a picture of a Palestinian youth standing opposite an Israeli tank with a caption saying, "Mike Gapes is no friend of the Muslims."

Gapes rejects the criticism. "A small group of fanatics opposed to the peace process and to Israel's right to exist are running this campaign. They pretend to speak on behalf of the Muslims in my district, but beyond the fact that they present inaccuracies, like the number of Muslims in the district, the fact is that most support my candidacy. In their obsession to beat me, they are dangerously exploiting the religious card, which is not usually used in British politics because of the dangerous influence it had in Northern Ireland. Quoting me, they deliberately ignore my real positions, some of which are not popular among Israelis, like the rights of the Palestinian people to a state. I am in favour of dialogue and general compromise and they don't like that."

British security officials say there is a possible connection between the activity in Ilford and a group called The Islamic Human Rights Commission, which acts as a mouthpiece for radical Islamic groups. They are worried that some of the militant activists from Ilford may become involved in hitherto moderate groups.

Gapes is particularly angry about a report on Channel 4 that covered the struggle against the pro-Israel candidates. What sparked his ire was that the reporter, a journalist named Faisal Bodi, recently wrote in the *Guardian* that Israel has no moral right to exist. In a letter to Greg Dyke, the BBC director general, Gapes writes that the report was "totally imbalanced," and that he felt he was ambushed because he was asked to comment on the subject for the report, which was merely a platform to "advance an extremist position."

The radio program's editor, Prue Keely, said the reporter was chosen for the report because of his "known connections to elements who represent extreme Muslim views," but she admitted that it would have been proper to emphasize at the opening of the report that the reporter had declared himself pro-Muslim. Bodi claims that he knows how to distinguish between opinion and news reporting and that he never belonged to any Muslim organization.

Gapes told *Ha'aretz* that he is not satisfied with the BBC's answer, and that he wants a full apology.

Israel intercepts deadly cargo

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Last week, for the first time since the Palestinian Authority (PA) began its violent activities against Israel, Israel's security forces succeeded in intercepting a large quantity of arms, ammunition and explosive material being smuggled into the Gaza Strip by sea. The arms came from Lebanon, and their seizure was the result of a joint operation by the intelligence corps, the navy and the air force.

It is known that the yacht was never intended to land in Gaza, but that it was supposed to be met by a fishing boat, manned by Egyptian fishermen, who would transfer the arms to a Palestinian fishing boat that would then carry them to Gaza. It is only recently that Israel has responded to Palestinian requests to ease life for the local population by expanding the stretch of water in which Palestinian boats are allowed to fish.

Since the start of the intifadah, it has been clear that the Palestinians have been smuggling arms and ammunition, including mortars, into the territories. The fact that they are demonstrating no real lack of ammunition is proof of this. Various reports indicated that the Palestinians planned to smuggle in a mortar with a larger diameter from either Egypt or Lebanon, or even Katyusha components that would be put together in the territories, in order to increase their striking range within Israel.

An IDF officer examines the captured weapons. [Israel Sun photos]

The cache of arms pulled from the smugglers' boat.

Most of the smuggling is presumably done via underground tunnels between Gaza and Sinai. Other routes are via the Dead Sea or in trucks crossing from Jordan to the West Bank. There are also indications that some smuggling is occurring by sea, and that this is Hezbollah's preferred route for sending arms to Gaza. The intelligence services and the IDF consider their inability to block any of these routes a failure. Had they been able to so, the Palestinians would have been suffering a shortage of ammunition for some time now.

The capture of these arms increases the question marks surrounding Arafat's recent claim that he wants to resume security co-operation with Israel and has instructed his security forces to do so.

It is also proof that the PA is violating security agreements, and that such violations began long before the outbreak of the violence last September. The purchase of arms in Lebanon should make countries that are sending money to the PA begin asking questions about how part of this money is being used.

From a military standpoint, this recent capture clearly will not end the smuggling; the Palestinians will try to develop new routes. This obliges Israel to tighten the siege and increase security checks of ships en route to Gaza, and to once again restrict the waters in which Palestinians are allowed to fish. It also makes it imperative for Israel to refuse permission for construction of a deepwater port in Gaza as long as the Palestinians are waging war against it.

Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command has since stated that his group sent the weapons. — Ed.

The Week in Israel

May 7

• Prime Minister Ariel Sharon apologized after IDF troops killed a Palestinian infant girl when they shelled the Khan Yunis refugee camp. The troops were responding to a mortar attack from the building in which the infant and her family lived.

• The IDF announced that the navy had intercepted a Lebanese boat carrying Katyusha rockets, anti-aircraft missiles and other weapons bound for the Gaza Strip. Much of the weaponry was forbidden under the Oslo accord.

May 8

• Ahmed Jibril, the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command, acknowledged that his group sent the weapons seized by the IDF navy. He vowed there would be more shipments.

• A 44-year-old man, Aryeh Agranioni, was killed while guarding empty mobile homes near the community of Itamar. A previously unknown terror group claimed responsibility.

May 9

• The mutilated bodies of two 14-year-old boys were discovered in a cave near the boys' homes in Tekoa. Yosef Ishran and Kobi Mandell were killed with stones and knives.

May10

• The Vatican said it hopes the Pope's silence in the face of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel comments by Bashar Assad during the Pope's visit to Syria would not damage Vatican relations with Israel.

May 11

• IDF tanks sent five surface-to-surface rockets whistling into Gaza City, hitting a Fatah office and the Palestinian Authority's agency responsible for arms manufacturing in Gaza. It was in retaliation for the bombing of a group of Romanian workers repairing an electronic security fence near Kisufim.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Fairness in journalism possible

In the Spring/Summer 1998 issue of Media Studies Journal, which was devoted to the topic What's Fair?, two dozen journalists and professors of journalism grappled with the hard-to-define, yet intuitively graspable concept of "fairness" in news reporting.

One editor wrote of journalism as a "quest for accuracy and perspective that would eventually produce truth." "News," he went on, was best defined as a "truthful, comprehensive, and intelligent account of the day's events in a context which gives them meaning." In fulfilling this definition, it was suggested, the journalist achieves fairness.

Easier said than done, perhaps, but possible nonetheless.

Mike Hornbrook's two-minute report on May 8 for CBC Radio's *World at Six* serves to illustrate this definition of fairness. (Fairness is also one of the CBC's three guiding journalistic principles, along with accuracy and integrity.)

Hornbrook was reporting on the funeral in the Gaza Strip for the four-month-old Palestinian baby in the Khan Yunis refugee camp. The baby was tragically but accidentally killed by shrapnel from an Israeli shell launched in retaliation for Palestinian mortar attacks near her home.

Hornbrook described the "rage against Israel" that characterized the funeral and related how pictures of the dead baby "appeared on the front pages of Arab newspapers" across the region, "stirring grief and hatred."

Hornbrook's report went beyond merely explaining that Israel had fired the shell "after four mortar rounds landed in Jewish settlements in Gaza," and beyond citing Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's repeated apology for the baby's death and his plea to keep children out of the current conflict. Hornbrook provided important context that, within the limits of a very brief report, filled out the picture: "Ariel Sharon said Palestinians shoot mortars from behind schools and then disappear within minutes. He called on Yasser Arafat to stop the violence."

That was not all. Hornbrook then widened the lens to provide additional meaning for the events in Gaza: "Yesterday the Israelis intercepted a boatload of heavy weapons bound for Gaza. The weapons included Katyusha rockets, anti-aircraft missiles and anti-tank mines. Together, they represent a serious escalation in Palestinian fire power. The death of the Palestinian baby was a public relations disaster for the Israelis, but with evidence of powerful new weapons in the hands of militants, Israel can show the world what it's facing in the ongoing conflict."

Both sides' views were presented in this report. Hornbrook betrayed no bias towards one party or the other. No sarcasm, which other reporters sometimes display, intruded into his script. He played it straight, providing facts within layers of context that lent his report meaning. Fairness achieved.

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Arts & Travel

Shopsy's scion lives out her film-making dream

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When she was only 12 years old, Karen Shopsowitz already knew she would be a filmmaker – some day at least.

Today, with more than a dozen films behind her, mainly documentaries, she has achieved her childhood ambition.

Two of her latest movies, *My Father's Camera* and *I Am A Rose*, were recently screened on TVOntario and Vision TV, respectively.

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Shopsowitz, 42, is now hard at work on a new Women's Network series, *Family Dance*, scheduled to air in the autumn.

She attributes her interest in film to her late father, Israel Shopsowitz, an avid home moviemaker who was hooked on the medium by the time he was a teenager.

Although her dad thought he would be a professional photographer, he drifted into the family business, Shopsy's Delicatessen, founded by his parents in 1922.

Still, even as a restaurateur, Israel Shopsowitz never lost his yen for home movies, and encouraged his daughter's cinematic dreams.

Her entry into cinema was by way of journalism. After earning a degree from Carleton University in 1981, she became a freelancer, reporting on sports and entertainment.

In 1987, she enrolled at York University, taking a post-graduate degree in film and video. " I always wanted to make films," she explained. "It nagged at me."

Looking back at the trajectory of her career, she is anything but sorry she did not get into film earlier.

"I needed more maturity and journalism was great training," she said.

Shopsowitz made her first film, *My Grandparents Had A Hotel*, in 1989 as an MA thesis.

Broadcast on Vision TV, it was an affectionate portrait of Harry and Jenny Shopsowitz, the operators of the Monteith Inn, a Jewish resort on Lake Rosseau in Muskoka.

Since then, she has churned out six independent documentaries and a dozen films for the National Film Board of Canada, the History Channel, Vision TV, CBC Newsworld and TVOntario.

"I like films with a great story line and compelling characters," she said.

Two of her documentaries, *A Lot To Share* (1994) and *A Place To Save Your Life* (1992), have strong Jewish themes.

Karen Shopsowitz

The first one is about a Toronto synagogue and a mosque that share a parking lot. The second one tells of European Jewish refugees who found a haven in Shanghai, China, during the Holocaust.

My Father's Camera, which she claims is the first documentary about home movies, relies heavily on her father's 16mm and Super 8 footage.

I Am A Rose, on the other hand, is about a grieving father who completes his late daughter's climb to the summit of a mountain in Mexico.

Family Dance is far different, being a drama about middle-aged women sandwiched between career, family and aging parents.

Apart from television, Shopsowitz's films are usually seen at movie festivals and museums.

In recent years, she has exhibited them at the Montreal International Film Festival, the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, the Judah L, Magnes Museum in California, the Jewish Museum in Berlin and the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Shopsowitz, whose husband Marc Landau is a camerman at the Weather Network, has hardly grown rich as a filmmaker.

Nevertheless, she is supremely fulfilled. "You do it for passion," Shopsowitz said. "You have to love what you're doing and I do."

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Jewish audiences are hard to please

By BEN ROSE
Special to CJN

TORONTO — Jews like to make fun of themselves, but not in front of non-Jewish audiences, a Comedy on Wrye panel agreed at the recent Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

This is all the more ironic, said panelist David Steinberg, because most of the Hollywood and TV writers and executives are Jewish. "They are worried that they [have to] stay in tune with mass entertainment and they don't think Jewish jokes are in," he said.

Steinberg and the other panelists, Mark Breslin, Gail Singer and Diane Flacks, and moderator Michael Wex also agreed that Jewish audiences are hard to please.

In Vancouver, Singer said by way of example, she once publicly thanked a lot of relatives by name for coming out, but one little old aunt later asked her, "Why didn't you ask us to stand up?"

Flacks said she got a lot of criticism over her portrayal of what went on at the Passover seders in the play *Sibs*.

"Jews have an extraordinary ability to deliver humour under surprising conditions," said Wex, who bemoaned the fact that he was given the job of handling four performers with different opinions. "Don't expect to leave here happy," he said.

Breslin said he had a grandfather who counted up the number of Jews and non-Jews in the death notices each day to see what side was gaining in population.

A mirth-provoking film clip of Sid Caesar playing a Nazi general on the *Show of Shows* illustrates how Jews will make fun of their oppressors, said Wex, adding that ironically Erich von Stroheim, who was Caesar's hilarious batman in the sketch, converted from Judaism to Catholicism.

The "big book of German humour" is a pamphlet, chimed in Breslin.

The days are over when a comedian could get a laugh just by mentioning the word *gatkes*, because Jewish audiences are more sophisticated today, Wex said.

Steinberg, the Winnipeg-born comedian, said show business is so crazy that one time, the agent for Sholom Aleichem at the last minute withdrew permission to use a story, and so he had to improvise a script for which he couldn't claim credit.

"The final blow came when a critic said the major credit for the show should go to Sholom Aleichem," he said.

The comic said he was asked once by Johnny Carson not to use certain material with a Jewish angle because "audiences weren't ready for it."

He said many Jews wait for the credits of a TV show or film to come on and get satisfaction out of seeing how many Jewish names there are among the actors or crew.

Breslin said he knew a popular Reform rabbi who lost his congregation because he turned up at the wrong funeral and delivered a eulogy.

Later, on a more serious note, Breslin asked why "doesn't Israel rub off" on Jews who still see themselves as inferior?

This drew a reply from several in the audience, who said Canadian immigration patterns are 50 years behind those in the United States and that eventually Jews in Canada will feel more at home.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

CANTORIAL CONCERT FEATURES YAAKOV MOTZEN AND FRIENDS

An exciting repertoire of cantorial, Hebrew, chassidic and operatic compositions is on the program of the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's fourth annual cantorial concert, featuring Toronto's own **Cantor Yaakov Motzen** and some magnificently voiced friends.

Cantors Benjamin Warschawski and **Avi Albrecht**, both of Baltimore, and Toronto **Cantor Shlomo Simcha Sufrin** (who is the synagogue's second cantor) join with Motzen in song.

Motzen, a Tel Aviv native, joined Shaarei Shomayim about four years ago.

The cantors will be accompanied by pianist **Daniel Gildar** and the Shaarei Shomayim Choir. Tickets ($50, $36 and $20) are available from the synagogue office. Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave. Tuesday, May 22, 7:45 p.m. 416-789-3213.

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Reading at Israel's: Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, author of *Women's Torah Commentary*, presents a Rosh Chodesh evening of study for women (men welcome) prior to the holiday of Shavuot, which celebrates the receiving of the Torah.

Israel's Judaica, 897 Eglinton Ave. W. (one block west of Bathurst Street). Refreshments; admission free. Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. 416-256-1010.

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Defending the Caveman: Rob Becker is described as a "peacemaker in the ongoing misunderstandings between men and women," and his one-man show, *Defending the Caveman*, is said to inspire roars of laughter as well as much post-performance tenderness and hand-holding between married couples.

Becker has performed his award-winning monologue from Iceland to Israel, and brings it back to Toronto May 30 to June 17. Pantages Theatre. $25 to $69.50. 416-870-8000.

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Holocaust Books for Young Readers: Second Story Press publisher **Margie Wolfe**, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, has established a Holocaust Remembrance Series for young readers. The inaugural volume in the series is *Clara's War*, by **Kathy Kacer**.

Kacer is the author of *The Secrets of Gabi's Dresser*, a work of historical fiction for young people that has won a Jewish Book Award and other prizes and commendations, and has gone into five printings since its release several years ago.

Clara's War tells the story of a 13-year-old girl and her family who are imprisoned in Terezin, and therefore acquainted with hunger, disease, filth and brutality. But Clara also makes friends and learns about art and culture, and finds that with "faith and courage" she and her fellow inmates can "rise above the tragedy" and experience "moments of joy and laughter."

The quotes are from a Second Story press release. If they seem a trifle upbeat, consider how difficult would be the task of producing a Holocaust book for juveniles without any such uplifting moral in tow.

Those familiar with the Terezin legend will correctly surmise that Clara becomes immersed in the children's opera *Brundibar*, the now-famous theatrical production that Terezin inmates performed more than 50 times between 1943 and 1945. For some, the opera provided a welcome distraction from the morbid reality that Terezin's inmates were being systematically shipped to the Auschwitz death camp.

Clara's War goes beyond the normal requirements of fiction by providing some documentary accoutrements – a map and photographs of the ghetto, and a reproduction of an underground ghetto newspaper review of *Brundibar*.

Kacer, a former psychologist who worked with troubled teens in Toronto, now speaks frequently to groups of young people about the Holocaust. She acknowledges the tremendous assistance she had in writing the book from Torontonian **John Freund**, a survivor of Terezin and Auschwitz.

Clara's War is available at select bookstores. (Paperback, $8.95.) To reach Second Story Press, call 416-537-7850.

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Arts Briefs

• Congratulations to Toronto writer **Erna Paris**, author of *Long Shadows: Truth, Lies and History*, which won the $10,000 Writers Trust Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for political writing recently in Ottawa. The book also won the $10,000 Writers Trust Pearson non-fiction prize in March.

• Spring Rites 2001, a series of new choreography events by **Lawrence Gradus, Nenagh Leigh, Graham McKelvie, Andrea Nann** and **Jessica Runge**, runs June 6 through 9 at Premiere Dance Theatre, Harbourfront Centre. $25-$20. 416-973-4000.

Reznic performs at veterans' aid concert

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Romanian-born, Israeli-raised violinist and composer Mirel Reznic will perform at a concert presented by Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, Beit Halochem Canada on Thursday, May 31, at the Toronto Centre for the Arts Recital Hall.

Reznic has an extensive repertoire of the gypsy music of his youth as well as Jewish folk and religious songs, classics by the great American composers, and jazz standards.

Born in 1955 in Romania during the Communist regime, Reznic started to play the violin at age 5. At 17, he applied to study classical violin at the music academy of Cluj, Transylvania. He was one of 360 students applying for eight places.

Though Romania at this time was a very difficult place for the Jews, after a comprehensive series of tests and despite the anti-Semitic attitude of the rector, he was admitted to the academy and graduated in 1975.

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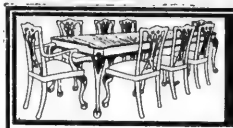
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Wildlife on demand at game reserve in South Africa

By BARBARA KINGSTONE
Special to The CJN

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, South Africa — I'm currently on a soft adventure kick in my travels and I've discovered that a vast variety of themes are available. I've crawled through tunnels in Vietnam, stayed overnight in a "renovated" cave in Spain. In Sarawak, I witnessed six million nocturnal bats clinging to the interior ceiling of one of the world's biggest and oldest caves.

Another unique experience was my stay at Singita Game Reserve, a private lodge in South Africa. Singita means "the miracle," and in my short time there, I felt it was just that.

Located near the renowned Kruger National Park, Singita offers luxurious accommodations and majestic views of the animals that roam freely in the area, making this the photo opportunity of a lifetime.

The lodge is divided into two sections of nine double suites each. In both lodges, there is a glassed in bathroom with a shower that allows you a view of the giant ebony trees. And if by good luck, a roaming cheetah or lion were to pass, just a glance out at the African bushveld would make it a memorable stay.

After the first early morning safari, while I had breakfast on the terrace of the main building of the Colonial-style Ebony Lodge, I could hear the soft sound of the gently flowing Sand River just below. At the next table were newlyweds on their honeymoon from Kuwait. Guests became acquainted by comparing notes on what they had seen – a score card of the animal watching "buffet" that was was served via safari, twice a day.

Daily at 5 a.m., a knock on the door would wake me for the day's first safari with our ranger Lee, a Robert Redford look-alike, and Reckson, our Shangaan tracker.

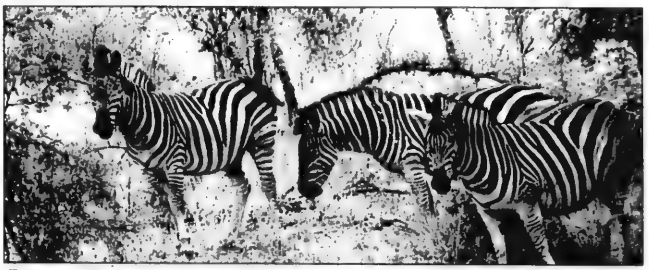
After our first trip, impalas became ho-hum, since there are so many and they are so visible that they become the plat du jour for the more aggressive animals. Nonchalant about these svelte, graceful animals, we wanted bigger and better, and we were rewarded.

A giraffe was gorging on leaves, with its elegant neck stretching for higher branches. A wildebeest and her baby calf, came into view and we saw a few bull elephants – and then the unimaginable – a wild dog. "We hardly ever see them," Lee told us.

I later told my new Kuwaiti friends of our unexpected sight. They too, had had great luck. How is it possible? I wondered. The answer came later. With the newest technology, I learned, whenever there's a sighting, the guides use a car radio to relay the news to a sort of animal central.

It was not surprising that Singita is so well organized. "For the amount we're paying," one guest said, "they have to show us a full complement of animals."

That first evening I fell asleep to the growling of some not-so-far-off beasts and the croaking of frogs.



Zebras are among the many exotic animals you can come across in Singita Game Reserve. **[Barbara Kingstone photo]**

Awakening to the sound of trickling water from the private outdoor plunge pool made it easier to get up the next morning, although the sun had not yet risen.

During our ride, Reckson, the tracker, sat on a special seat on the car's hood. Only when we got close to certain animals like a lion or cheetah did he climb inside our open vehicle.

That morning, a lioness passed our car so closely that I could have reached out and touched her. The rhinos were wallowing in the mud near a man-made lake and zebras nuzzled each other. The birds in the torchwood and marula trees added more colour to the rainbow palette. A red-billed qwelea fluttered off, as did the very fashionably coloured lilac breasted roller.

In Singita, you can see a dazzling array of wildlife – and I have the photos to prove it.

For travel information about Singita, e-mail: reservations@singita.co.za, or fax: 27 11 234 0535.

Renowned violinist to perform

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Mirel Reznic

In 1976, at age 21, Reznic moved to Israel with his sister Miriam Reznic-Wolf, who is his producer and accompanist for this concert.

Working as a security guard, Reznic developed a sideline playing his violin at bar mitzvahs and weddings. His popularity grew, and his repertoire expanded. He served in the army in the entertainment section in 1980-81.

Also in that year, Reznic was invited to travel for the Foreign Ministry. He soon became internationally known as a composer and a performer. Over his career, he has made several recordings, including *The Magic Violin of Mirel Reznic-Jewish Gypsy*, *Amen*, *Violin* and *Gypsy Jazz*.

Reznic has been fascinated by gypsies since his youth, when he would steal away from his disapproving parents to visit the gypsy encampments outside the city and listen to their music.

In an interview, Reznic said that he believes that gypsies and Jews have a great deal in common, including that they were both persecuted by the Nazis, and that they are both emotional and warm and know how to enjoy life. Jewish folk music has gypsy influence, he said.

The funds raised at the concert will support disabled veterans' rehabilitation and support facilities in Israel.

"Even as the search for peace continues, the casualties haven't stopped," says Toby Feldberg, national executive president of Beit Halochem Canada and chair of the concert.

Beit Halochem centres are located in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv and Naharia and offer state-of-the-art rehabilitation facilities for veterans and their families.

"We are committed to provide much-needed funding for the equipment and programs in the four centres," Feldberg says.

She notes that today, in Israel, there are close to 50,000 disabled war veterans that attend Beit Halochem.

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Infrared therapy helps relieve pain

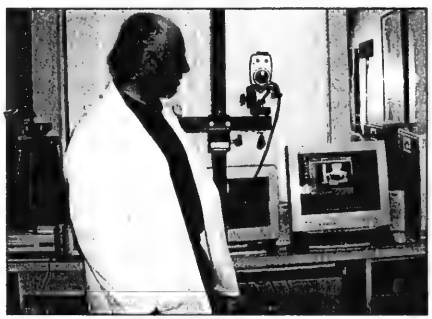
By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Connie Haber, a chiropractor in Pittsburgh, Pa., has discovered a method of relieving chronic pain with lasers.

The procedure uses "breakthrough technology" as the first step in healing and has helped hundreds of patients, Haber says.

Using a photosonic stimulator, cold laser light awakens damaged nerve endings, increasing blood flow to areas of pain.

There are some 12 doctors in the United States and two in Canada who are using this treatment. Chiropractor Toffy Kobrossi, who is in private practice in Toronto, and Harry Pollett, an anesthetist at the Northside General Hospital in North Sidney, N.S., where he operates the hospital's pain clinic, are applying it in Canada with success.



Toffy Kobrossi is seen with the pain-relieving infrared photon stimulator.

"We use a temperature monitor to determine how much laser to apply," Kobrossi says. A light is waved over the painful area, "and the nerve is able to do what it did before it was injured."

The therapy has helped many patients for whom traditional models of treatment have been ineffective. Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), a state of chronic pain caused by soft tissue, bone, or nerve injury, creates pain which has been so severe that in the past very little medical treatment could manage it, Kobrossi says.

"RSD is difficult to treat, but we have been successful and the RSD Society is referring patients to us," he says.

Kobrossi adds that Haber and others have had very few failures but hundreds of successes treating such conditions as diabetic neuritis, peripheral neuropathy, complex regional pain syndromes and other pain disorders.

Haber has successfully treated individuals after a car accident which incapacitated the victim, and has treated people with sports-related injuries as well as with various diseases.

Kobrossi says, "Many disorders of the muscles have also been successfully treated: whiplash, muscle spasm, and fibromyalgia. Other successes have been patients suffering from failed back surgery, TMJ dysfunction, sprains, joint pains, carpal tunnel syndrome, frozen shoulder and others."

He explains that the photon therapy acts in four ways: it provides localized muscle relaxation, serves as an anti-inflammatory, relieves pain and helps heal injured nerves.

"Photon therapy will work in harmony with seniors taking extensive medication and it is helpful for children," Kobrossi adds.

The American Academy of Pain Management has issued a report on this new form of chronic-pain therapy. It states that with more than 500 total infrared exposures, "Overall results were positive, and no deleterious effects were detected in any of the controls or pain patients."

Data analysis and thermography plates are available on the following Web site: www.aamii.com.

New retirement home a family legacy

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Judy Cohen, founder of L'Chaim Retirement Home, set to open this summer, sees the home as her father's legacy.

Her father, who died in 1990, was 53 when she was born. He had lost his first wife in childbirth, and then his second wife and two children in the Holocaust.

"He was special. He instilled in me a love of the elderly; when he died, I knew I had to do something for them," says Cohen, 48, who grew up in Israel.

He had lived in a retirement home for seven years, she says, and it was important to him that he live somewhere "where people spoke his language. Too often, the elderly get forgotten. It can be very difficult for them to move to a strange environment."

In Israel, Cohen says, there is a degree course in retirement home management. "I studied books from that course, and after receiving financial backing, I felt I was ready to pursue my dream."

She chose a location near Sheppard Avenue and Bathurst Street, "because elderly people should be able to remain in their familiar surroundings. If they choose, they should be able to easily get to their own bank and grocery store. We will have counselling services available for those who want to talk to someone while they are adjusting to their new home."

She is keeping occupancy to a maximum of 30 residents because she wants a place in which she will know everyone well. "I want to be their friends. I am fascinated by people's life stories. Their wisdom is priceless. I have called the home L'Chaim, because it is all about life."

The home will have a *heimishe* environment, she says. "It is their home, and I want it to feel like home. We will all spend Shabbat and Jewish holidays together."

Rooms are private and comfortable, and they are designed so that residents can "age in place. It is a good place for people who enjoy their independence, yet want to be prepared for future changes."

It is essential for seniors to keep busy, Cohen says, and "with that in mind we plan on offering a variety of activities – fitness classes, weekly movies, outings, cultural programs, entertainment, as well as a television lounge and computers with e-mail and Internet access."

For visiting families there will be a play area complete with toys, and a facility for private family functions. "We want everyone to feel at home."

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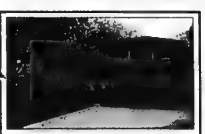

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HERE I AM

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Israel wins silver in world hockey tournament

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel won its second consecutive medal in international play, hammering Bulgaria 5-1 to take the silver medal at the IIHF World Senior Hockey Championships, Group B, Division II.

Israel rode the strong goaltending of Russian-born Yevgeny Gusin, who had brief stints in the Colonial and East Coast Hockey leagues, and balanced scoring to the second-place finish. Last year, Israel won its first-ever gold medal in IIHF play and the year before that it won silver.

Romania beat the Israelis 7-2 to hand the boys in blue their only defeat of the 2001 tournament – and only their first loss in three years – relegating them to a silver medal match.

"It was a great feeling to win the silver, but we could have won the gold," said defenceman Ron Berman, one of six Canadian-based Israelis to participate in the tournament.

Berman, who plays junior hockey for St. Mikes Buzzers, believes Israel was only one or two players short of winning the gold.

Star forward Max Birbraer, a stalwart on last seasons' gold medal team, was unavailable this year, Berman noted. Birbraer was drafted by New Jersey Devils in the third round of the 2000 NHL entry draft and was playing for the Devils' AHL farm team during the IIHF tournament.

Still, two-thirds of Israel's top line last year was back to contend for the gold. Centre Alon Eizenman of Penn State and winger Sergei Zak, who plays in Europe, teamed to lead the Israeli offensive charge, along with captain Sergei Belo.

First loss in three years for boys in blue

Israel started the tournament strong, rolling over Belgium 5-1 and Mexico 7-1 in what were little more than tune-up games.

Its third game against Yugoslavia, the tournament's second seed, was a different matter. A win guaranteed the Israelis a medal and the game was "hard fought" and tough, Berman said. Israel scored late to edge the Yugoslavs 2-1.

The fourth game pitted Israel versus the host Romanians, who, like the Israelis, were 3-0 at the time. Three thousand fans packed the rink in Bucharest for the game. Israel jumped into a 1-0 lead, but Romania evened the score by the end of the first period.

In the second, Israel ran into penalty trouble and did not play very well, Berman acknowledged. The Romanians responded with an onslaught of goals, vaulting into a 6-2 lead and cruising to a 7-2 win.

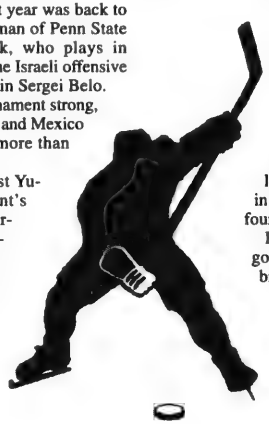
Berman maintained "the score was not indicative of the play."

Relegated to the silver medal match, Israel defeated Bulgaria, with Gusin turning away 36 of 37 shots. Gusin finished as second-best goalkeeper in the tournament.

After Bulgaria jumped into the lead, Edward Raviaga, with an assist by Zak, evened the score on a power play. Just before the end of the opening period, Berman put Israel ahead for good, on a power-play goal, assisted by Ran Oz.

The second frame was scoreless, in a rough, penalty-filled period.

Near the start of the third period, with the teams at equal strength, Sergei Frenkel netted one.



Sergei Belo, with Raviaga's second assist, put Israel ahead 4-1, and in the closing seconds of the game, Oz scored with an assist from Belo to put a convincing finish to the game.

Zak led Israeli scorers in the tournament (he was also last year's leader) with three goals and seven assists. Frenkel, the leading scorer for the Israeli under-18 squad in their recently completed tournament, added four goals and three assists.

Romania downed Yugoslavia 6-1 to take the gold medal, while Yugoslavia settled for the bronze.

For Berman, the silver medal marked his third medal in the last three years playing for Israel's senior team. He's also won an assortment of medals playing for the juniors.

"It was a fun tournament," he said, quite different than he's used to playing in Toronto. On the big ice, there's not much hitting, more penalties and less action than you'd find on NHL-sized rinks, he said.

Joining Berman on the trek to bolster the Israeli lineup were brothers Alon and Erez Eizenman, Ron Soreanu, Frenkel and Daniel Bochner.

Berman is optimistic about the team's prospects in 2002. Frenkel, who was second in team scoring, and Bochner add youth and talent to the team, he said. If Birbraer can be freed up from his AHL duties, Israel has a legitimate shot at a gold, he added.

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Bill Gold excelled in many sports

TORONTO — Multi-sport athlete Bill Gold, a fixture on the Toronto sports scene in the prewar period, died recently at age 95.

A former member of many Elizabeth Street (Lizzies) Playground teams, Gold excelled in baseball, softball, basketball, hockey and boxing. As a member of the all-Jewish softball team, Herzl Zion, circa 1930, Gold won an Ontario championship.

Gold and other Jewish athletes of the day often faced anti-Semitic crowds and felt the best way to respond was by winning games. In one year, the Lizzie won championships in hardball, softball, basketball and quoits, a form of horseshoes.

Following his athletic career, Gold spent 35 years in the hotel business, operating several downtown establishments, including the Barclay, a meeting spot for sports figures, entertainers and other colourful characters.

Last July, Gold was honoured by his athletic buddies at the Lizzies Old Timers annual dinner

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Martial arts seminar to be held at BJCC

TORONTO — The Kensho Jiu-Jitsu club at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre will open its doors on Sunday, June 10, for a one-day exhibition and seminar on the martial arts.

Instructors will be on hand to demonstrate a variety of fighting techniques, said the club's head instructor, Greg Samuelson. Seminars will be held in jiu-jitsu, sambo (a Russian form of wrestling featuring lots of leg moves), arnis (a stick and knife combat style from the Philippines) and ken-jitsu (a Japanese sword-fighting technique).

Club members and newcomers will be welcome to get on the mat and participate in the seminars, Samuelson said.

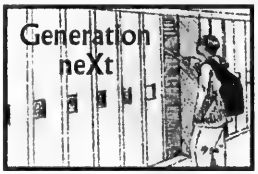
The Kensho Jiu-Jitsu club has 30 students who practise three times a week. For more information, Samuelson can be reached at 416-824-1922.

The Jewish freshman

By GILA ASHTOR

We are small but we are many
We are young but we unite,
To the candle of continuity
You are the flame, and we're the light

Allow me to begin this column by prefacing it with a dose of humility, a sign that what follows shall be a forum for questions, and not a catalogue of answers. This is the first of a two-part series on the role our Jewish identity plays in our futures. With the end of the academic school year fast approaching, the decisions we make promise to impact our lives in more ways than we perhaps ever dared to imagine.



Where do we go from here? What do we do? What is our duty as Jewish youth in secular schools? Until now, our parents have sent us to be educated in the ways they have deemed suitable, whether that be Hebrew schools, public systems, both of the aforementioned, or neither. We have been taught to follow a routine designed for the maintenance of our Jewish heritage. We have never really had to actively determine our own goals and how they relate to our Jewish values. We have never had to create uniform moments to appreciate our Zionism. And we have never had to schedule opportunities to remind ourselves of the roots that strengthen our global presence.

Some of us are heading to York, U of T, Ryerson. Some of us are venturing outward to McGill, Western, McMaster, Carleton, Queens. Some of are exploring Israel, through yeshivas, one-year programs and internships. But all of us are moving on, regardless of where we go and how we get there. All of us are changing, growing and learning to grow with our changes.

As the next several months mark the finale to a memorable high school career of laughs, tears and memories, we must question ourselves just as much as our futures promise to question us. If we want to continue our Jewish lives outside of the classroom, then we must create our spiritual curriculum now, before our leaders are lost and our directions blurred.

More than anything else, we must share with each other the enthusiasm that lifts us, the fear that stumps us, and the natural adolescence that confuses us all. If we fail to act now, then we are inviting a collective demise of the Jewish spirit and the obligation of youths everywhere to embrace and nurture that spirit.

Over the next month, high school students and graduates will be questioned and interviewed about their hopes, dreams and experiences so that through their words we may gain some insight into our own thoughts, feelings and opportunities. If we are successful in our pursuit of answers then we may consider ourselves blessed. And if all we are left with are more questions then we may at least consider ourselves wiser – partly because we challenged reality, and partly because we remained loyal to the doubt and ambivalence that characterizes our age and our potential for change. After all, our excuses for confusion will not be excusable for too much longer. We should enjoy it while we can, and live it in the only way we know how, united and together.

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1 pre-baked 10" tart shell

Sauté leeks in butter until wilted. Add vinegar, salt and pepper, cover and cook on low heat until leeks are tender (about 30 mins.). Remove lid and increase heat to moderately high, add cream and cook, stirring, about 1 min. Remove pan from heat and let cool.

Spread goat cheese evenly over bottom of tart shell. Spoon leek mixture evenly over cheese. Bake at 350°F until browned on top (about 15 mins.). Serves 6.

About Parenting

CJN is happy to introduce a new monthly column on parenting young children.

Imagine how easy child rearing could be if our kids came with an instruction booklet at their birth. But no definitive manual exists to guide parents through the complicated stages of a child's development, and parenting is, undeniably, one of the most challenging jobs we do!

Books such as Rudolph Dreikurs' *Children: the Challenge* offer some invaluable tips on parenting. As well, one can always gather some useful parenting techniques from synagogues, hospitals and private parenting courses.

However, the fact remains that often our first-borns bear the brunt of our mistakes, while subsequent children suffer less.

One obvious and seemingly effective way to protect our children from the negative effects of our naiveté is by listening to the advice of those who have raised little ones before.

Unlike our Jewish ancestors, we seem less likely to welcome outside opinions to help us shape our roles as parents. I hear from many mothers of young children that it is stressful to listen to their parents or in-laws give advice on how to raise their children.

What do they know anyway? They have only raised a few healthy "solid citizens," to borrow my pediatrician's label.

In Israel, the kibbutzim raise their children communally. Assistance and advice on teaching and disciplining children seems welcome. So why does sharing advice or commenting on the effectiveness of parenting techniques cause crunched up brows and rolled eyes among some new parents today?

Perhaps it boils down to a person's insecurity about his or her ability to raise a child, or the level of comfort with the choices made thus far.

However, in those exceptional cases where parents are not insecure about their abilities to raise happy and healthy children, they can learn a lot about the dos and don'ts of child rearing from ever-present "may I offer a suggestioners."

In his book, *The Wonder of Boys*, Michael Gurian argues that community should play a significant role in the upbringing of a boy – I would argue that this could apply to girls as well.

And so, in this first column on parenting issues, I hope to lure the "may I make a suggestioners," secure and insecure parents, as well as their friends, family and neighbours, to share ideas, interests and opinions on parenting – in a community-style parenting column.

Together we can explore the issues that have kept the act of parenting in business from the days of Cain and Abel to the implementation of one-year pregnancy and parental leave from work.

Readers may submit questions or comments to Rebecca Katz at rlkatz@hotmail.com. *But she is not a professional, and her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, please consult a professional.*

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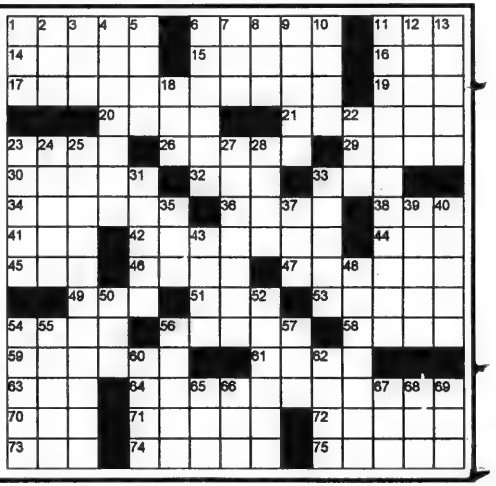

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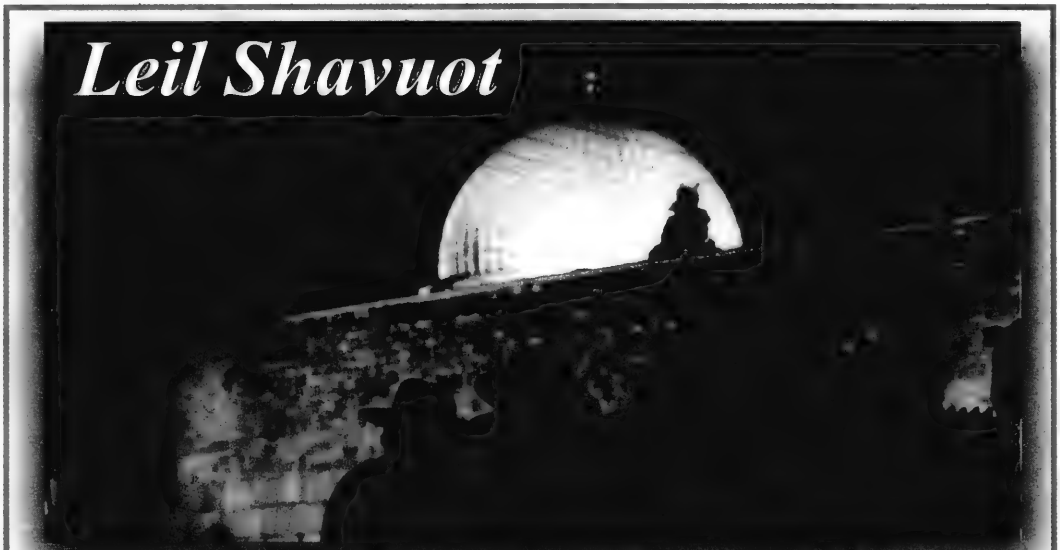

This photo is of worshippers at the Western Wall on Leil Shavuot. Tradition calls upon Jews to study through the night as a remembrance of the moment, more than 3,500 years ago, when the Jewish people received the Torah on Mount Sinai. This year Leil Shavuot falls on the evening of May 27. *[Israel photo]*

Rivalry, animosity not helping: Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz' chest-length beard and salt-and-pepper payes give no hint of his secular Israeli upbringing, his recent lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation and the interview that preceded it affirmed his broad range of worldly knowledge, with offhand references ranging from Voltaire to machismo.

"There are lots of things I don't agree with, from aleph to taf – from alpha to omega – but as long as we can still talk to each other, that's very important," Rabbi Steinsaltz said in an interview May 13 at Beth Tzedec, North America's largest Conservative synagogue.

Referring to his own lecture that evening at the non-Orthodox venue, Rabbi Steinsaltz – who is internationally renowned for his formidable intellect and storehouse of Judaic knowledge – decried "political fights" that stand in the way of dialogue.

The author of more than 60 books including, so far, 30 volumes of Talmud translation and interpretation, Rabbi Steinsaltz admitted that a certain amount of "politics" is grounded in meaningful issues, but his blunt assessment – tempered slightly by the twinkle behind his wire-rimmed glasses – was that some of the "big leaders... need a good spanking for misbehaving."

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Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz speaking to *The CJN* last week. **[Frances Kraft photo]**

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Money for Victims

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish Congress president Keith Landy last week presented a $10,000 cheque to Debashish Chakravarti, deputy high commissioner of India. The money was raised by Canada's Jewish community through a special fund set up by CJC in conjunction with UIA Federations Canada and affiliated Jewish community federations across the country following the devastating earthquake in Gujarat.

ISRAEL

Officers Charged

JERUSALEM — Seven Israeli police officers were charged last week with beating a Palestinian detained in connection with the lynching of two Israeli reserve soldiers in Ramallah last October. Israeli media reported that the officers allegedly threw water on the detainee after the beating to remove signs of bleeding and cover up the incident.

Train Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's rail authority has inaugurated a double-decker passenger train that will serve suburban communities surrounding Tel Aviv. The train can seat 505 people and reach speeds of 87 miles per hour.

WORLD

Cemetery Vandalized

WARSAW — Vandals toppled 39 gravestones at the Auschwitz cemetery last week, including the stone of Szymon Kluger, the last Jewish resident of the Polish town. Several stones reportedly were destroyed, and the cemetery's walls were defaced with anti-Semitic slogans, swastikas and an image of a gallows with a Star of David hanging from it.

Rabbi Killed

DETROIT — A prominent Michigan rabbi was killed in a car crash earlier this month after a pre-dawn visit to the grave of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson. A leader of the Lubavitch movement in Michigan, Rabbi Yitschak Meir Kagan, 59, was driving to New York for his flight home when his car collided with a van.

New President

PARIS — Roger Cukierman, 63, a banker, has been elected president of CRIF, the umbrella group of secular French Jewish organizations. Cukierman replaces Henri Hajdenberg, who is completing his two-year term. Cukierman narrowly defeated Roger Benaroch, the first Sephardi candidate to run for the top non-religious post in a community with a growing Sephardi majority.

Kalejs Charges

SYDNEY, Australia — A hearing has opened here to determine whether Konrad Kalejs should be extradited to his native Latvia to face genocide charges. For years, Kalejs has faced charges of being involved in the wartime slaughter of civilians when he served as an officer in Latvia's pro-Nazi Arajs Kommando. The militia is held directly responsible for the deaths of some 100,000 civilians, including 30,000 Jews, between 1941 and 1943.

Polish Memorial?

WARSAW — Poland has agreed to buy a plot of land as a memorial for Jews massacred by their Polish neighbors in 1941 in the town of Jedwabne. The memorial is set to be completed by July, after government officials negotiated with the owner of land adjacent to a grave that is believed to hold the remains of the 1,600 victims.

Dutch Donation

AMSTERDAM — Three Dutch insurance companies have donated $4.2 million to a nonprofit foundation helping impoverished Holocaust survivors in California. The money from Aegon, Fortis and ING America will fund the California Humanitarian Foundation for Holocaust Survivors.

New Chairman

NEW YORK — The United Jewish Communities has offered its top volunteer position to the president of UJA-Federation of Greater New York, according to a report. James Tisch of New York was reportedly asked to replace fellow philanthropist Charles Bronfman as chairman of the board, but has not yet responded.

Bills Could Affect Relations

WASHINGTON — Two pieces of legislation being considered in the U.S. Congress could change the way the United States interacts with Israel's neighbours.

The first bill, sponsored by New York Rep. Gary Ackerman, would require the State Department to ascertain whether the Palestinian Authority is complying with peace agreements with Israel – and, if not, to impose sanctions.

Also under consideration is a bill to limit non-humanitarian aid to Lebanon if it does not secure its border with Israel.

Ackerman's bill, the Middle East Peace Commitments Act, would add teeth to current State Department reports that chronicle Palestinian actions but do not judge their compliance with peace agreements, and do not impose consequences.

His bill "goes a mile further," said Ackerman. "This helps us all to see clearly what the facts are and whether or not there have been violations."

Ackerman said legislation is needed to impose sanctions because he does not believe the State Department will do so on its own.

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Tax credit plan divides Jewish Liberal MPPs

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ontario's surprise announcement this month of provincial tax credits for parents of children in independent and private, faith-based schools is threatening to put one of the province's two Jewish Liberal MPPs on a collision course with many of his constituents, and the other in direct conflict with his leader.

David Caplan, MPP for Don Valley East, says he's against the initiative "because it's the first step toward a voucher system."

And Monte Kwinter, who represents the heavily Jewish riding of York Centre, supports the measure – with reservations – putting him at odds with Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty.

Canadian Jewish Congress met last week with McGuinty to address his fierce opposition to the credit.

Some of the harshest criticism of the Equity in Education Tax Credit came from the Liberal leader, who at one point promised to kill the measure should his party come to power.

McGuinty initially said he will fight the plan "tooth and nail" and called it "a new voucher program."

The two sides more or less agreed to disagree following last week's 30-minute meeting.

Ed Morgan, CJC's Ontario region chair, said McGuinty has softened his view that private schools are only for the rich, and that while McGuinty recognizes the unfairness religious schools face, he cannot commit to funding independent education when the public system is so strapped.

"He acknowledged a point of principle and fairness for religious schools but not for non-religious, independent schools," Morgan said. "He said this was not a tax credit, but a voucher."

Later, McGuinty told reporters his party will allow "nothing, no initiative of any kind, to put [the public system] ar risk, and this one surely does."

Caplan echoed that view, telling *The CJN*: "It's a voucher. You can dress it up or term it anything you want, but it's really a down payment, a first step toward a voucher."

While acknowledging an "unfairness" when it comes to education funding, Caplan said there are "other ways" to address inequities, such as religious schools affiliating with public boards.

He said he knows his views are at odds with those of most of his Jewish constituents. "I believe this is wrong in principle, and they really go against the values I hold." However, "most" of the general feedback he's received has been against the measure, he said.

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Anti-funding arguments flawed: Epstein

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The arguments against funding for faith-based schools are flawed, says Seymour Epstein.

Epstein, executive director of UJA FEDERATION Board of Jewish Education, said there is no evidence in any jurisdiction that funding will diminish the quality of public education in any way.

"My sense is that the effect on the public system will be positive and that this is the future of public school education in Ontario," Epstein said.

"Public schools should be reflective of the population.

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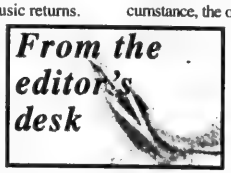
Two masters of music

The unique period in the Jewish calendar of counting the Omer from Pesach to Shavuot, which tradition calls on us to observe with some of the trappings of mourning, is "interrupted" on Lag b'Omer, the 33rd day in the counting cycle.

After Lag b'Omer, music returns.



In that vein, I want to bring readers' attention to two recently released works of two very special, very gifted, Canadian masters of music.

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Louis Danto is one of the most venerated cantors on earth. His voice, gentle manner and rare lyric sensitivity are renowned in synagogues, theatre stages and opera houses throughout the world.

Danto's musical gift was established when he was but a child in Poland. At an early age, he studied in music academies in Minsk and Lodz.

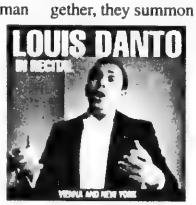
Eventually, his skills and pursuit of constantly higher levels of musical excellence took him to Rome where he learned what was to be his unique trademark signature, bel canto singing.

Now, the cantor emeritus at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto, Danto is still the embodiment, in this generation, of the rich Jewish musical heritage that has its roots in Eastern Europe but whose branches span across diverse continents and cultures.

Louis Danto in Recital, Vienna and New York is Danto's 21st recording. It offers to listeners the impressive technical musical skills and remarkable interpretative abilities of the man when he was a much younger singer.

The concerts by the young tenor – at Carnegie Hall in New York and the Mahler Symphony Hall in Vienna – were recorded in 1961. Through a quirk of circumstance, the original tapes only recently came to light and were re-mastered with the aid of digital technology.

Aficionados of Danto's splendid voice and stylings will take special delight in the recording because it provides them with a trip back in time, as it were, to hear the cantor as he sounded some four decades ago. Those unfamiliar with Danto's talents will find in the recording an example of unparalleled voice control; he demonstrates subtlety and nuance in every phrase. Moreover, he demonstrates his musical mastery in 49 different songs sung in a number of languages: Italian, Russian, German and Hebrew.



This recording is an important work – almost an archive of musical history and a pleasurable gem. The voice remains in one's memory long after the disc stops turning.

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Toward the Sun is an extraordinary testament to the wondrous musical talents of Srul Irving Glick and his colleagues, soprano Valerie Siren and pianist Cecilia Ignatieff, violinist marina Dancheva and cellist Grigory Goldberg.

The recording offers 20 different songs organized according to three themes, or "song cycles." It is a poignant series of works that grips the listener's heart and throat, sung hauntingly by Valerie Siren.

The first "cycle," entitled We are Children Just the Same, is a compilation of five poems that Glick has set to music. The poems were written by three young boys while imprisoned at Terezin during World War II. The boys were part of a group who, during their internment, published a newspaper called *Vedem*. This cycle of five songs was commissioned in honour of the 70th birthday of George Brady, one of the young internees.

The second "cycle," South of North, is an evocative journey along a trail of eight "nature" poems written by Richard Outram. Glick's music is a perfect partner to the poetry.

The third cycle brings together seven songs from the love poetry of The Song of Songs. Glick's music, Siren's voice and the accompanying instrumentation provide a sensuous auditory experience.

Toward the Sun is familiar and even comforting territory for Glick fans. He pools together prodigious composing skills with a vibrant, bold imagination; together, they summon forth evocations of ancient and modern sounds.

Glick has been described as "one of Canada's most prominent composers."

His compositions have been performed around the world. In 1993, he received a Governor General's medal and the following year was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada for his "outstanding achievement for service to Canada and to humanity at large."

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Louis Danto and Srul Irving Glick are bona fide Canadian treasures, but their music and their souls reach farther. They add splendour to the culture of the world.

These two recordings show us why.

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LAG B'OMER CELEBRATION: Members of the Petah Tikva Synagogue auctioned off memorial candles that were lit in the names of tzaddikim. This is a Tangerian tradition, which the congregation has continued over the years, said Robin Benmergui, current president of the synagogue. Benmergui, whose father Moses was also president of the synagogue, said all sorts of items are donated and auctioned off – from cakes to candelabras – and $35,000 to $40,000 is raised every year with hiloulas and singing. Seen, from left, are Esther Oziel, Cantor Samuel Oziel, Noemie Buzaglo and Isaac Oziel. Photo inset: Petah Tikvah Congregation's Rabbi Yoseph Oziel and his wife, Muriel. [Anna Morgan photos]

Conservative rabbis to convene in Toronto

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A major rabbinical conference will take place here from June 3 to 7 when approximately 350 members of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly (RA) gather for the international umbrella organization's 101st annual convention.

"This is the beginning of a new century for the Rabbinical Assembly," said Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, the assembly's Toronto-born, Chicago-based president, in a phone interview last week. "The needs and concerns of world Jewry are on our minds in a very real sense, with Israel being at the forefront."

Among the delegates will be a contingent of Masorti rabbis from Israel, along with colleagues from North America, South America and Europe.

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl

The convention, which is being held for the most part at the Inn on the Park Hotel, kicks off on the Sunday afternoon with a two-hour session on challenges facing Israel in the new century.

The session is expected to address issues of culture, religion, law, politics, international relations and military strategy, said Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, who is chairing the convention along with co-chair Rabbi Lionel Moses of Shaare Zion Congregation in Montreal.

That evening Rabbi Harold Kushner, best known as author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, will speak at a session entitled Celebrating the Publication of a New Chumash. *Etz Hayim*, the new Conservative Torah commentary that is expected to replace the 65-year-old Pentateuch and Haftorahs (commonly known as the Hertz Chumash), will be previewed at the convention.

Its publication is "an important milestone for North American Jewish life," said Rabbi Frydman-Kohl. The text will become "the primary instrument of public education in Conservative synagogues for the next generation."

The new Chumash is linked to the convention's theme of Teaching Torah in a New Century, featured in a number of sessions including a "master class" led by Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

There will also be opportunities for the public to study with biblical and rabbinics scholars on the Tuesday evening, at five different locations – the Bloor JCC, Kolel, Adath Israel Congregation, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, and Associated Hebrew Schools' Kamin branch in Thornhill. The event is being organized as the RA's "gift to the Toronto Jewish community," said Rabbi Kurtz.

"This is very unusual. We've tried to do different things [at different conventions]. Last year in Philadelphia we did social action projects," he said.

Among the other main events is a lecture by Irwin Cotler, MP and professor of international law, on Human Rights and the Rule of Law, to be held at Beth Tzedec on June 4. He is expected to discuss the tensions between human rights and Jewish interests. The same event will honour Manny Batshaw, Judge Abraham Lieff and Judy Feld Carr as outstanding Canadians.

On the last day, the convention will feature a dialogue on rabbinic leadership, with three rabbis – Howard Joseph, Jeffrey Salkin and Alan Silverstein – representing the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative denominations respectively. Rabbi Joseph is spiritual leader of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in Montreal; Rabbi Salkin, of Long Island, N.Y., is the author of *Putting God on the Guest List*; and Rabbi Silverstein, of Caldwell, N.J., is a past RA president. Among the issues, according to Rabbi Frydman-Kohl are questions like what possibilities exist to work together, and what impediments stand in the way.

Rabbi Kurtz said the convention will also be an opportunity for rabbis to share personal and professional issues ranging from dual-career households to the proliferation of non-pulpit career opportunities.

In fact, he noted, the RA has established a task force for its growing contingent of non-pulpit members, to determine how to service them.

Implications for pulpit rabbis and Conservative congregations are also an issue. "Many congregations are looking for rabbis. We do not have enough Conservative rabbis to fill those positions," said Rabbi Kurtz, speaking from New York, where he was attending the Jewish Theological Seminary graduation. Of 29 rabbis being ordained this year, he noted, 13 are entering pulpit positions.

"We are encouraging that there be more Conservative rabbis, period," he said, adding that there is also discussion about how to encourage the pulpit rabbinate.

"We're like the front line," said Rabbi Frydman-Kohl. "We really want to create an opportunity [at the convention] for rabbis to talk with each other. We wanted to create a space where not only could they study, but they could share what they're doing that's working, and what they're doing that's troubling them."

Jews facing new challenges, says Chief Rabbi

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Whereas the challenge for Jews in the 20th century was to return to Israel, the challenge for Jews in the 21st century is to be united and to stand proud and strong as Jews, British Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks told a large gathering in Toronto on May 10.

British Chief Rabbi Sacks

"The challenge of the 20th century was bringing Jews back to Israel. The challenge of the 21st century is bringing Jews back to Judaism," Rabbi Sacks said to rousing applause at a recent free public lecture at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Although we lived in "remarkable times" whose wonders the ancient prophets like Jeremiah and Ezekiel "could only dream of," Rabbi Sacks lamented the high rate of Jewish intermarriage and the low level of Jewish learning among the general Jewish population.

"Many Jewish children know very little about Judaism," he said. "Some can't even name the five books of Moses. Did our ancestors live and die as Jews, and pray as Jews, so that we their descendants could cease to be Jewish?"

The Jews became slaves in Egypt after Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, Rabbi Sacks recounted, and the Jews later lost the First and Second Temples and were twice forced into exile because of their unfortunate predilection for civil war.

"The Jews were busier fighting each other than fighting the Romans outside. The Rabbis said the only reason that Jerusalem was destroyed was because the Jews couldn't live together in peace.

"We were attacked by the greatest empires of the world. Every one of them has ceased to exist and we're still here. The greatest empires of the world can't threaten the Jewish people. There is only one people who can threaten the Jewish people, and that is the Jews."

Interspersing his lecture with lively anecdotes, Rabbi Sacks told one story based on the fact that Theodor Herzl and Sigmund Freud both lived briefly on the same street in Vienna. What if they had met?

"Herzl would have said, 'I have this dream of a Jewish state,' and Freud would have said, 'How long have you had this dream? Lie down on my couch and I will cure you of this dream.' And Herzl would have lied down on his couch and Freud would have cured him of his dream.

"Baruch Hashem, we are the people who were never cured of our dream."

For Jews, the challenge of the 21st century is different than that of the 20th, he said. "You helped to build a land, now help to build a people."

Since the audience included many members of the Mizrachi Organization of Canada, which had co-sponsored the talk with Shaarei Shomayim, Rabbi Sacks occasionally addressed them in particular:

"I want you to tell your friends in Israel, forget about how many seats you have in the Knesset. Forget about how many portfolios you have in the government. Nothing could be more irrelevant. Right now, the task is not politics, it's social. You have hundreds of thousands of Jewish children who know nothing about Yiddishkeit."

Similarly, he urged the audience to listen less to divisive voices from the political right or left, or from any particular branch or faction of Judaism, and more to "Rabbeinu shel Olam." As well, he said, the Jews should pay more attention to the universal, secular wisdom known in Hebrew as chochmah, not just the particularized Jewish wisdom of Torah.

"Our sages said very simply, 'There is wisdom among non-Jews.' Believe it!" he said. "It's because of Torah that we are Jews; it is because of chochmah that we are part of the universal project called Mankind."

Rabbi Sacks recalled speaking with British Prime Minister Tony Blair at a Jewish communal dinner where most of the participants were not wearing yamulkes.

"He [Blair] said, 'Jonathan, should I wear a yamulke when I'm speaking?' I said, 'Prime Minister, as a personal favour to me, wear a yamulke.'

"So he gets up and makes a speech – a d'var Torah on the parshah. I looked at my wife and said, 'We've converted the prime minister, now we have to convert the Jews!'

"Friends – wake up already. Don't be embarrassed. Be proud to be a Jew."

During his four days in Toronto, Rabbi Sacks spoke to students and educators at Ulpanot Orot, Or Chaim, CHAT and other Jewish day schools and junior high schools. He also met with representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Va'ad Ha-Rabonim, and a group of academics from York University and the University of Toronto.

Besides the public lecture at Shaarei Shomayim, Rabbi Sacks spoke several times to that congregation on Shabbat. Before leaving Canada the following day, he also visited Niagara Falls.

PAINFUL MEMORIES: Leo Beliak wipes away a tear before accepting a special commendation from Ontario Premier Mike Harris at last week's eighth annual Queen's Park reception honouring Holocaust survivors. In all, 13 local survivors received certificates at the event, co-sponsored by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. [Ron Csillag photo]

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The Airline of the Jewish People

Rabbi warns about Christian 'Trojan Horse'

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Michael Skobac has spent years tangling with Christian missionaries, trying to undo their proselytizing efforts.

As head of Jews for Judaism, he's become adept at recognizing the tactics of Christian evangelists who have developed sophisticated means to recruit new converts. He's also very familiar with their jargon and the way they communicate, both to each other and to the outside world, including their potential recruits.

That's why the rabbi contacted *The CJN* about an article (April 19) concerning two Christian groups that support the State of Israel, one of which actively assists European Jews to make aliyah by ferrying them to embarkation points in an "Exobus" program.

Rabbi Skobac believes the group, Christians for Israel, has a "hidden agenda" whose ultimate goal is to bring Jews to Jesus.

Dean Bye, executive-director of the group's Canadian branch, rejects that suggestion. He says the group is motivated out of a sense of regret for past injustices done to Jews in the name of Christianity, and now wishes to "be a blessing" to Jews and Israel.

Rabbi Skobac's evidence is based on his interpretation of the group's statements, publications and analysis of the group's pronouncements.

He compares the organization's tactics to the Trojan Horse, ostensibly offering a gift of friendship to Israel but at heart wishing to convince Jews to accept Jesus as the messiah.

> *Group has a 'hidden agenda'*

Bye, for his part, says he understands Rabbi Skobac's concerns, but he maintains that with Christians for Israel, what you see is what you get.

"First and foremost, for the last 2,000 years, the hidden agenda that Christianity presented itself with has hurt our Jewish brethren… We're not about evangelizing the Jews," he said.

Christians for Israel is concerned primarily with educating other Christians and secondarily in helping the Jews return to their ancient homeland, and "to be a blessing to Israel, to bring comfort to Israel," he said.

Yet those words cause Rabbi Skobac's antennae to pop up. He lauds the group's good works, like helping in the aliyah of Russian Jews to Israel, but he believes they are trying "to convert the Jews by being nice to Jews. You can't criticize them for being nice… but there's an agenda behind it and it's not good for us."

Rabbi Skobac insists that to fully understand groups like Christians for Israel, you must understand the means by which they operate.

In South America, he said, Christian groups are building medical centres in Jewish neighbourhoods as a means of evangelizing Jews. In other locations, English as a second language classes are offered as a forum in which to better preach the gospel.

"These Christian projects are done ultimately with the goal of being a vehicle to bring Jews to Jesus. I'm not negating what they are doing. I just want it to be clear they have an agenda," Rabbi Skobac said.

Groups like Christians for Israel want to see Jews back in Israel "to fulfill a prophetic destiny and hasten Jesus' coming and embrace Jesus," he said.

Rabbi Skobac's views are backed by Mark Sanders, a former evangelical Christian who has converted to Judaism.

Sanders, who "spent 20 years of my life in that movement," said Christians for Israel employs a methodology similar to evangelical groups, with various "code words" giving the game away.

"Christians," Sanders said, "believe their spiritual destiny is tied to developments in Israel and to bringing Jews into the Christian fold."

Although he was not fully familiar with the Canadian branch of Christians for Israel, he rejected suggestions the group has not embraced the missionary ideal.

Behind closed doors, Christian groups' ultimate goal is to convert Jews, he said.

When he was working towards that goal in the 1980s and '90s, "we believed Jews were blind and that the blindness was removed when they came to Jesus," he said.

Bye rejects suggestions the group is evangelizing Jews. In fact, he said, "we have been criticized within Christian circles [by those] who think we should try to reach people for Jesus, and we've been criticized by some for not giving New Testaments away. That's not our purpose. We are there to give comfort. We have to do that without condition."

Rabbi Skobac believes the group hopes to attract interest in its works from Russian Jews and entice them into a Christian life by virtue of their good works and moral rectitude.

Bye acknowledged that while he doesn't advocate proselytization, he would readily explain the source of his hope and motivation if someone asked him about it.

"I would not turn away anyone who's interested in my Christian faith. I would not try to convert them, but to explain it to them," he said.

For Rabbi Skobac, those words no doubt are enough to prompt wariness. As he put it, "honour them but verify. Be a little bit cautious… Be aware of their agenda."

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Manley missed the opportunity

An eight-day visit to the Middle East would be exhausting for anyone. We well understand and appreciate therefore that the pressures and demands of the jam-packed agenda of Canada's foreign minister John Manley earlier this month, visiting three countries and four governments, must have left him fatigued and probably a bit frazzled too.

Manley visited Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Israel and consulted with the area's respective leaders. It was his first visit to the region as foreign minister. We commend his initiative. And indeed there were some aspects of Manley's visit that warrant commendation: He extended an official invitation, a significant gesture of friendship, to Israel's head of state, President Moshe Katsav, and he offered Canada as a venue for bilateral negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

But there was also a key aspect of the foreign minister's visit that warrants criticism. Seizing conveniently on the Mitchell Commission's report regarding settlements, Manley hectored Israel about a matter which is, in all truth, a straw man in terms of the current violence. In so doing, he actually retarded rather than advanced the possibility of imminently ending the horrible bloodshed.

"The continuation of the settlements must stop. That is what needs to be done for there to be a basis, *in order to move forward with any peace process,*" Manley told the Israelis at a press conference.

But his prescription is wrong. Progress in the peace process is not contingent on the settlements. Regardless of one's opinions on the substantive, legal, pragmatic, moral, biblical or any other merits of those settlements, they are not the issue at the heart of the current violence.

Honest people know that this round of violence began as a tactical decision by Yasser Arafat after the exposure of his false game by former U.S. president Bill Clinton at Camp David last July. Arafat did not mention the settlements as the ignition for the fiery violence he let loose in late September. His excuse then, of course, was the Temple Mount walk by Ariel Sharon.

The reference in the Mitchell Commission report to settlements is a PA smokescreen obscuring the truth, a sham "justification" for Arafat's duplicitous, deadly direction of Palestinian affairs. Numerous times in the Oslo process, Arafat committed to negotiating, not terrorizing, over the fate of the settlements. When he speaks to his people about liberation from the "occupation," he refers explicitly to the "occupation" that began in 1948 with the creation of the State of Israel. Every Palestinian and every Israeli knows exactly what Arafat means.

Manley does too. But by ignoring this truth, by reinforcing the false link between the violence and the settlements, he let Arafat off the hook and merely encouraged him to continue his violent ways.

Manley thus missed an important opportunity to truly "move forward with any peace process."

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Why is there no cry of horror?

Much of the media have a pronounced anti-Israel bias. It is certainly the obligation of the Jewish media to try to correct the imbalance which characterizes a great deal of reporting. There are many questions which go begging to be asked and yet are not.

In reference to the murder of Naftali Lantzkoren in April, I have to ask how can a 14-year-old Arab walk over to 14-year-old boys and murder them? Who taught this child such hatred and brutality, to be capable of such an act? Who provided him with the explosives and helped to bind them around his body so that he might kill himself and others? Why isn't there a unified cry of horror by every nation that loves its children against the people who would train, equip and poison the mind of a child in this manner?

Barbara Freedman
Montreal

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Funding opponents are wrong

The opponents of the new government initiative to alleviate religious discrimination in education funding are "throwing the baby out with the bathwater." They see the partial elimination of this inequity as an attack on the public school system, when in fact, it seeks to address a problem as old as Confederation.

While funding non-religious independent schools has nothing to do with human rights and equality, the tax credit is a good first step in trying to adhere to our international human rights commitments and eliminate religious discrimination in education funding. Instead of removing funding from Catholics, this government has chosen the high road of multiculturalism and started to extend funding (or give tax breaks) to non-Catholics.

Protecting religious minorities in Canada is something we should be proud of, not rail against.

Arieh Waldman
Toronto

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CJC should rethink funding

Before the Canadian Jewish Congress is overcome by celebration, I would suggest it reflect and take a more farsighted view on the effects of having tax dollars support for private and religious schools. It only stands to reason that before long, religious and ethnic divisions will be reinforced as more and more people send their kids to schools teaching one religion and dogma often not favourable to Judaism and Israel.

Surely in a multicultural society such as ours, it would behoove Congress to join with other religious and private schools in lobbying the government to bring equality to school funding by removing *all* tax credits, such as they have done in Quebec and Newfoundland.

A well-funded public school system can only benefit the country and ultimately produce a well-educated and thoughtful population, open to ideas and tolerant of all religious persuasions.

Grace Brooker
Toronto

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Disturbed by 'Clinton' event

The Canadian Society for Vad Vashem is holding a fund-raiser in Toronto on June 25. With the goal of the event to build another Holocaust memorial, the cost per ticket is $250. Former U.S. president Bill Clinton will receive a fee of about $100,000 to make a speech. Whether this fee is in Canadian or U.S. dollars is not clear.

I find this information disturbing on two counts: Firstly, I find it wrong to pay such an amount to a man who showed continual moral turpitude while in office. He faced impeachment for perjury and abuse of office and only escaped indictment with a deal, where he gave up his right to practise law for five years and paid a fine.

Secondly, to build at enormous expense, yet another Holocaust memorial, is unwarranted. We must not and will not forget the Holocaust, but there seems to have developed a competition between cities to see which can have the most impressive and expensive monument. The monies would be better spent on Jewish charities. Jewish exhibits should focus on Jewish achievements, which we can take pride in seeing. We should not always concentrate on our role as victims. Similarly, Jewish studies and literature should have a broader outlook and not be so Holocaust oriented.

Stanley Baker
Westmount, Que.

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Commendations to CJC

I found it heartwarming to read, that Keith Landy, incoming national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, plans to place affordable housing for the elderly, child poverty and the status of women on his agenda, in addition to items of specific concern to the Jewish community (*CJN*, April 26).

The concept of "tikkun olâm" is shared by all sectors of our community, and the issues Landy will confront affect us all as Canadians. Poverty is increasing throughout society, and is felt particularly by the most helpless: children and the elderly.

As members of the Older Women's Network, we are involved in promoting awareness of the vulnerability of women who face poverty and isolation as they age. OWN and other like-minded organizations defend the rights of those no longer able to stand alone.

We wish Landy every success in his endeavours to share responsibility for safeguarding the rights of the elderly to affordable housing and the rights of the young to a brighter future.

Ruth Goldsmith
Ann Wirsig
Older Women's Network
Toronto

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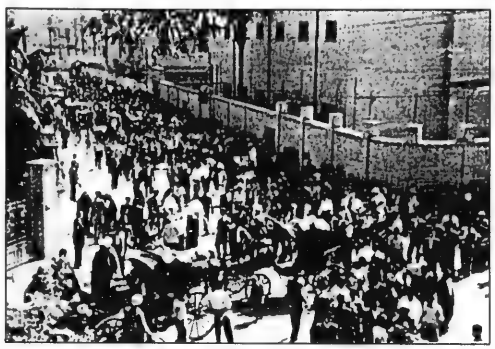
Perspectives

60 years since Shavuot pogrom in Baghdad

By AVNER MEIRI

If you just mention the word *farhud* to Iraqi Jews, you will send a chill down their spine.

For hundreds of years, the Jews of Iraq lived peacefully, enjoying the freedom to practise their religion and their culture. Synagogues and private Jewish schools were evident throughout Baghdad and other major cities. Most of the merchants in Baghdad were Jews, and important finance and administrative positions in the government were held by Jewish intellectuals.



Thousands of Jews crowd the Meir Tweiq Synagogue in Baghdad in March 1950 to register to leave the country.

The seeds of hatred were planted in the mid-1930s, when a group of politicians and army leaders were inspired by Haj Amin Al-Husseini, the mufti of Jerusalem, who sought to be allied with Nazi Germany. He was expelled from Palestine by the British authorities because of his hostile activities against the Jews and the British.

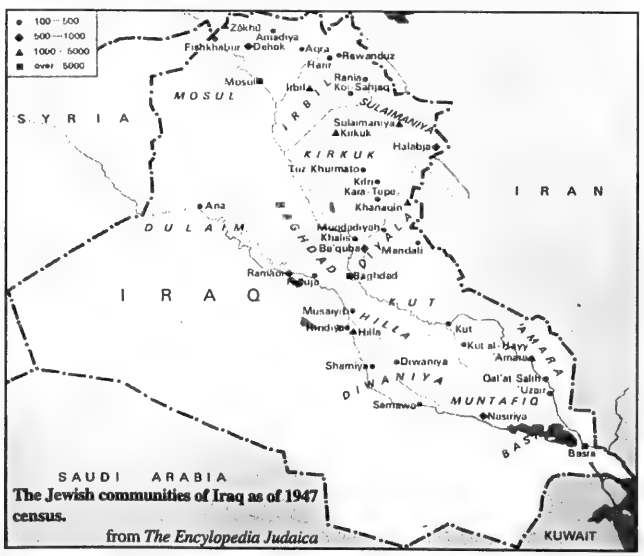
On April 1, 1941, the military junta of the Iraqi army (nicknamed the Golden Square) attempted a coup, with the co-operation of pro-Nazi politicians, took control in Baghdad and appointed Rashid Ali Al-Gailani as prime minister. The pro-British prime minister, Nori Al-Saaid, and the Prince Regent Abdul-Ilah fled to Amman, Jordan.

At the beginning of May, the new regime declared war on Britain, a war which lasted until the end of the month. During April and May 1941, the Jews were terrorized by the militia, Kataib-Al Shabab and other youth movements. But surprisingly, nothing serious happened to the Jews during this period, except that 10 Jews were killed by a mob in the northern village of Sandor.

The coup failed, and Rashid Al-Gailani, his followers and the leader of the uprising fled across the border to Iran.

Meanwhile, for unexplained reasons, the British army came very close to the capital but failed to enter the city. This created a vacuum; in fact, there was no government in Baghdad at that time.

On June 1, 1941, the first day of Shavuot, the Regent Abdul-Ilah and his company were to arrive at Baghdad's airport from Amman.



The Jewish communities of Iraq as of 1947 census.

from *The Encylopedia Judaica*

The Jews of Iraq were in a festive mood for the holiday, as well as being joyful about the end of the uprising. Some decided to go to the airport and participate in the ceremony welcoming the regent.

That day, the Jews were attacked by a mob of soldiers from defeated army units and other hooligans. Public buses were ordered to stop at the main streets of Al-Rashid and Ghazi, and Jews were ordered to step out. After taking their money and jewelry, the mob started beating them. The police watched but did not interfere. Some officers urged the mob to kill the Jews.

The merchants closed their shops in a frenzy, but as the streets were cleared, rioters started attacking Jewish homes and shops. Soldiers fired machine guns at Jews who were trying to escape by jumping from rooftop to rooftop. Fortunately, since the houses were attached on all sides, it was easy to move from one house to the other. A few Jewish homes and businesses were set on fire. The situation deteriorated by the hour.

The Jews of Baghdad had been anticipating a certain amount of rioting, but had not expected a pogrom. As a result, they were not prepared to defend themselves. They used what weapons they had: some threw stones, hot boiled water and oil on the rioters, while others fought with household tools. The result was that there were some mob casualties.

At midnight the situation became calm; the gunshots and the crying ceased. Most of the Jewish people in the city went to bed exhausted but kept their clothes on, ready to escape across the rooftops once more in case there was a need.

The next day, gunshots erupted again. Thousands of looters from the outskirts of Baghdad came with their wives and children to take part in the *farhud*.

The turning point in the rioting came when the city's wealthy and respected Muslim families, fearing for their lives and property, urged the regent to intervene immediately. Early that afternoon, the government radio announced the appointment of Jamil El-Madfaai as the new prime minister; he immediately proclaimed a city-wide curfew.

A Kurdish unit from the Iraqi army, loyal to the regent, was sent to keep order. Unaware of the announcement, the mob continued to loot and kill Jews, until the unit swept the streets in their armoured cars, shooting hundreds of looters and sending the rest fleeing for their lives. In a few hours, the streets were empty, except for the patrolling ambulances and security cars.

A week later, it was announced that during the days of the *farhud*, 179 Jews had been killed by the rioters, over 600 wounded and an unknown number of women had been raped. At least 1,000 homes, 2,500 shops and four synagogues had been plundered.

It should be mentioned at this point that many Muslims tried to protect their Jewish neighbours, and even risked their lives in doing so. Among those Righteous Gentiles who endangered their lives to save our own family of 11 in a mixed Jewish and Muslim neighbourhood, were Haj Mousa Al-Javad and his four sons. It is really to them that we owe thanks for our lives with the sincerest respect.

The new government in Iraq expressed its regret and took certain measures to reassure the wounded Jewish community. Many leaders of the attackers were arrested,

The mass grave at the Baghdad Jewish cemetery of the victims of the pogrom. The cemetery has since been destroyed.

sentenced to death and hanged in public. The four Golden Square officers who had carried out the coup d'état were executed. The mufti and Rashid Ali Al-Gailani were tried in absentia and sentenced to death.

The pogrom of 1941 shook the Jews of Iraq by shattering their hopes for a future in that country. Some of them tried to assimilate into Arab society, assuming that loyalty to the state would prevent similar attacks in the future. Others immigrated to India, Europe and the United States.

In addition, the underground Zionist movement was revitalized and hundreds of young people from high school and their parents left for Palestine. With the help of the Jewish Brigade during World War II, many of them were successfully smuggled there.

The wave of illegal immigrant activity to Palestine continued after the war. With the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, thousands of young men and women crossed the border to Iran, Turkey and Jordan, endangering their lives to reach their homeland.

When the Iraqi government realized it could not stop the mass flight, it legalized the Jewish exodus. On March 2, 1950, the minister of the interior, Saleh Jabir, introduced a bill in the Iraqi Parliament that allowed the Jewish people to leave the country providing they renounced their citizenship. Some 93 percent of the Iraqi Jews registered to do so.

By early 1952, 108,000 people had been lifted to Israel in operations Ezra and Nehemia, in addition to the 25,000 who had left illegally. Today, there are fewer than 50 Iraqi Jews left in Baghdad, most of them too sick and old to leave their birthplace.

Avner Meiri lives in Toronto.

The ultimate voyeur

I am writing this column as a personal reaction to the impending execution of Timothy McVeigh, the convicted Oklahoma bomber, who took almost 168 lives some years ago. After many years of incarceration, he said that he preferred death to spending more time in jail. Now his wish will be fulfilled.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Following good Jewish tradition, I am not a supporter of the death penalty. As many readers probably know, the rabbis of old took a very clear stance regarding the many instances in which the Torah demanded that the culprit be executed in one way or another. Different times and circumstances, they argued, made the application of Torah law in this instance very difficult, if not impossible. But since they felt that they had to respect the law, they managed not to apply it by asking the required witnesses questions that they were unlikely to answer properly.

For instance, they would ask where the moon was standing at the time of the killing, which was said to have taken place at night. Needless to say, the witness was not necessarily aware of certain external conditions and was unable to answer this and similar questions appropriately. The rabbis then concluded that in the absence of proper testimony, the two reliable witnesses required by the Torah for the conviction were not at hand – and thus the law demanding execution was effectively bypassed.

The State of Israel has followed this tradition and has abolished the death penalty for instances of genocide. The execution of Adolf Eichmann was the one exception.

Unlike Canada, the United States still knows the death penalty; many states have maintained it and have applied it frequently. President George W. Bush's home state of Texas probably leads the country in this dubious honour.

It appears that the execution of McVeigh will be thrown open to a sizable group of voyeurs who are not among the required witnesses, and that fills me with dismay. I thought the days were long past when public excutions were routine. Do the authorities have to satisfy the morbid feelings of anger and revenge – which have at least the sheen of legitimacy – to the extent that they will abort the common tradition of privacy and respect for life, even that of a murderer like McVeigh?

The fact that McVeigh himself probably wants as much publicity as possible is one of the reasons that his desire should be disregarded and thereby, too, public dignity will be maintained. Catering to the desires of people who want to watch the last-minute contortions of another human being before his soul departs is nothing but disgusting, and society should never cater to it.

An unwritten but important commandment

Shavout is a time for us to celebrate the receiving of the Torah. The Hollywood version reduces it to Moses climbing down Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments. Seeing as how most do not come close to observing even half of those commandments, I have always thought that we should have been presented with 100 commandments, with the hopes of obeying at least 20 of them. If that had been the case, I can name a few that I would have added.

Darcie Richler in Halifax

Let me share a story with you…

Recently, my father and I went out for a late dinner at a local restaurant. (I've withheld the name to protect the not-so-innocent and prevent a potential lawsuit!) While dining, I noticed that there was a water spout constantly running into a slate sink for the sole purpose of allowing diners to fill their own exotic glass of water. Some might have totally ignored this waste, but in me, it sparked fury.

After a few minutes of boiling inside, I asked the manager about it. He said that the customers "think it's pretty" and all the locations of this particular restaurant chain did it. When asked about whether or not the restaurant cares about how much water is wasted by this, the manager chuckled and said, "This is what the owners of the Canadian operation want; it's deliberate." (The supply is turned off when the restaurant is closed between 1 and 7 a.m.)

Imagine. What kind of restaurant would waste so much water? In a time when many of us are realizing that our natural resources and water supplies are vulnerable or unstable, how could people be so blatantly obtuse? Of course, in addition to the sinful, continuous flow of the water, there was the additional burden on the city's sewage treatment system.

It is a privilege to live in a place like Canada that has not yet been faced with the adversity of not having natural resources. Unfortunately, though, many think that because the environmental problems here are not classified as serious as they are in other countries, we have the right to abuse them. While we are not at the point of desperation with water as Israel is, we could be headed there soon – in fact, much sooner than we think. This goes for many other natural resources, too.

Sustainable development, which we can only hope for within the next few decades, is not reached easily. It is, however, the *only* possible situation that we will be facing. People should not consider that they must forgo something to attain sustainable development. It is not like opportunity lost – we are actually gaining in pursuing sustainable development.

My interest in environmental issues comes from many places, but much of it is from one source: Prof. Owen Hertzman at Dalhousie University. Dalhousie and the APJSF will lose perhaps one of their best professors/mentors this May when Hertzman moves back to his hometown of Vancouver, B.C.

Hertzman has been an inspiration not only to the Jewish students on campus but also to all the Dalhousie students he has taught. We have all been fortunate to have had such a wonderful mentor. His class has opened many an eye to key environmental problems, and moreover, he has taken the course to a higher level in showing us how to facilitate change.

This year, the most important lesson that I took from his class was to never take "no" for an answer. Hertzman has constantly maintained that it is up to us to be articulate about what we are concerned with and bring forth our activism with a positive voice. That is why I will be pursuing this restaurant until I get the answer that I want.

I urge all of you to tackle an environmental issue that interests you. At some point, we all must see what is happening to the environment. For me, that point was in my environmental problem solving course.

We need to realize that humans are not the centre of the universe. This does not mean that you have to hug trees and stop showering, but consider how you can alter your ecological footprint to better our planet. Sometimes small gestures like taking shorter showers and composting food are what make a difference, but remember that it all adds up no matter what side you are on. Which side would you prefer, the waster or the preserver?

Here's another commandment to observe: Thou Shalt Not Waste.

Chag Samayach.

CJC plenary student sessions need change

Every three years, the Canadian Jewish Congress holds a plenary assembly, in which delegates representing various organizations vote on resolutions and attend sessions with well-known speakers.

Bryan Harzykawski in Winnipeg

This year, the CJC was very interested in getting students involved in the voting and discussions. As a result, I was able to attend the event which took place in Toronto on May 6 and 7.

As the convention drew closer, my excitement grew. I was looking forward to the opportunity to share ideas with other students and to listen to people speak about topics ranging from the Middle East conflict to student issues. I hoped I would be able to get another view on how Jewish student associations in other cities work.

I arrived at the plenary just as the youth forum started. As I was sitting and listening to the student panellists, I began to realize that this day might not be the exciting experience that I hoped it would be.

I have some concerns about the plenary, and in particular, about the student sessions.

One of the problems I had with the session titled Issues facing Jewish Youth, was that all of the panellists except one were from Ontario. There was no Western Canadian representation on the panel and there definitely needed to be. The main issue discussed was student apathy and I had a very different perspective on this from several of the panellists. The majority of personal experiences that were shared did not relate to how the Jewish Student Association is run in Winnipeg.

Many adults thought this session gave much insight into the problems facing students; they now think that they are finally in touch with us. Unfortunately, this is far from the case. While the panellists all made good points, all they did was speak about student apathy. Almost no ideas were given on what we can do about it.

I have known that students are apathetic when it comes to Jewish programming since I was in my first year of BBYO in Grade 9. I therefore feel that at this plenary, what we needed to do was to split the students up into groups, share program ideas and talk about how we can target those who are uninterested. This will hopefully happen in the future. Yet at this session, none of that occurred – a major problem with the CJC's attempt to get students involved.

Another session, called The Middle East/Jerusalem, I thought showed promise, as I imagined that we would be discussing the facts of the conflict and learning about some of the history and issues facing the Middle East. Unfortunately, this was not the case. I do not think a lot of people know how students are dealing with the Arab-Israeli conflict. I can only speak about the feeling here in Winnipeg, but most students do not feel comfortable hearing about how great Israel is and would rather attend a function that addresses the issue of peace.

While the session had three excellent speakers, to my disappointment, they preached to the audience about the greatness of the Holy Land. I would have rather seen a session where we talked about the possibility for peace, what it would take to achieve peace and other issues relating to both sides of this conflict.

Another session I attended, called Media Matters, was very interesting. Among other things, the session addressed the media's take on the Middle East conflict. There were four speakers who spoke for about 10 to 15 minutes, made a few very interesting points and then took questions for 20 to 30 minutes. Other sessions had the speakers talking for 30 to 40 minutes, which left no time for discussion. If the entire convention took the format of the Media Matters discussion, we would have seen many more ideas shared.

I am writing this to be constructive, and I hope that members of the CJC read this and realize that if they want students to become involved in the plenary, they need to take a very different approach in 2004.

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The Kirshner File

Israel's peace camp fragmented by intifadah

The baleful events of the past 10 months – the collapse of the Camp David summit, the outbreak of the second Palestinian uprising in less than two decades, and the virtual disintegration of the Oslo peace process – have fragmented Israel's Jewish peace movement.

Sheldon Kirshner in Israel

So says Ephraim Ya'ar, director of Tel Aviv University's Tami Steinmetz Centre for Peace Research. Ya'ar, who has studied these developments closely, believes that the peace camp has essentially splintered into three distinct groups.

The first group, commanding the allegiance of 40 percent to 50 percent of Israeli peaceniks, has reached the depressing conclusion that the Palestinian Authority (PA) is not truly interested in coming to terms with Israel. Having lost hope in Oslo, it has adopted the rhetoric of the right: the PA is not a genuine partner, the Palestinians cannot be trusted, Ehud Barak's Camp David concessions were perceived as a sign of weakness by Yasser Arafat, the Palestinians' ultimate goal is Israel's destruction.

The second group, with approximately the same level of grassroots backing, came to the bitter realization that the Palestinian leadership had not negotiated in good faith. Nevertheless, it hews to the belief that Israel has no alternative but to renew talks with the Palestinians when and if the intifadah ends.

The third group, consisting of a few hundred or thousand radicals on the fringes of Israeli society, is more convinced than ever that only a secular, democratic state, in place of Israel, can bring peace and stability to the region.

As Israel fights a low-level but escalating war of attrition with the Palestinians, the mood in the country regarding Palestinian intentions has definitely hardened.

Such is the lack of trust toward the Palestinians that increasing numbers of Israelis believe that the intifadah was launched not to wring yet more concessions out of Israel, but to gradually undermine it. As a corollary, the majority of Israelis back Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's policy of deploying greater military force against the PA.

Judging by the latest results of the Peace Index survey, compiled by Ya'ar's institute, support for Oslo has reached a nadir.

By his reckoning, no more than 35 percent of Israeli Jews still embrace Oslo. The Peace Index reached a highwater mark of 55 percent in 1995, shortly after Yigal Amir's assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

In general, Ya'ar said, Oslo diehards tend to be secular, Ashkenazi, well-to-do and better educated.

Although most Israeli Jews blame Arafat for the breakdown of the Camp David summit, Barak is not immune to criticism either.

Israelis disillusioned by Barak's handling of the Camp David talks claim that he went too far, too fast; that he was secretive and did not consult with his ministers; and that he erred in trying to resolve thorny final status issues, such as the status of eastern Jerusalem and the Palestinian refugee imbroglio, in one fell swoop.

In other words, Barak should not have staked the outcome of such important negotiations on a hubristic assessment that he, and he alone, could successfully settle these long-standing problems.

According to Ya'ar's data, 50 percent of the peace camp is of the view that Israel was responsible for the failure of the Camp David summit.

Although he offered Arafat a generous territorial package (at least 90 percent of the West Bank and all of Gaza), Barak kept strengthening settlements beyond the Green Line, initiated military operations against the PA, and, in imposing closures and curfews, was not sufficiently sensitive to the Palestinians' economic plight.

Ya'ar acknowledges that the prevailing mood among Israeli Jews is that the Palestinians seek to destroy Israel in stages. But, personally, he thinks that the PA has pragmatically accepted Israel's existence. "The old idea of throwing Jews into the sea is dead and is not a realistic option. The PA's strategy is to drive the best possible bargain."

The Palestinians, he said, liken the intifadah to a war of independence. "For Jews, it's like the Arab Revolt of 1936 to 1939."

The PA assumes that Israel, lacking the will and the stamina, will ultimately give in to Palestinian demands. "This assumption is very wrong," observed Ya'ar, noting that the PA is committing yet another mistake by allowing attacks inside Israel's pre-1967 borders. "It's counter-productive."

Since the eruption of the intifadah, Arafat's image among Israeli Jews has taken a nose dive. "Eighty percent of Israelis see Arafat more as a terrorist than a statesman," said Ya'ar. And, he added, numerous Israeli Jews now believe that he is incapable of signing a end-of-conflict deal with Israel.

Though he remains a believer in the possibility of peace with the Palestinians, Ya'ar is wary. "The fact that the PA wants to restart talks on the basis of concessions they rejected at Camp David shows they're not serious."

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"It's the million dollar question," mused Didi Remez, Peace Now's spokesperson, wondering out loud whether Oslo is dead and buried. "But I'm not sure whether it's a relevant question. The real question is whether there is a future for a two-state solution. My answer: there is no other option."

In common with virtually every peacenik in Israel, Remez is resigned to the fact that peace is not around the corner. "Final status talks, unfortunately, are off the table." Before a resumption of negotiations, there must be a ceasefire and a period of confidence building. As well, he noted, the Palestinians must reaffirm their commitment to territorial partition. "This is critical if Israeli public opinion is to support talks again."

Remez argues that Sharon's preference for interim accords is just another way of lengthening Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and further inflaming the situation. And, he claimed, the settlements discourage Palestinians from believing that real peace is possible. Peace Now's official view is that a ceasefire should be followed by a settlement freeze.

The status quo in the disputed territories, he argued, is not in Israel's best interests. "The occupation weakens Palestinian moderates and strengthens radical Palestinians."

Lambasting Arafat for having resorted to violence, Remez confessed he is no longer certain what his objectives are. "It's beyond me what the Palestinians are trying to do today, but I still believe that mainstream Palestinian thinking is aimed at a two-state solution based on the 1967 border."

Over the short term, he observed, the intifadah has "severely damaged" the dream of peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Arabs."

Several months ago, the peace camp was in disarray, he conceded. "Now we're in the process of rebuilding and regrouping. The Zionist peace camp is not divided."

Israeli public opinion, he holds, is currently evenly split between rightists, leftists and swing voters.

If a truce is achieved, negotiations should begin at the point they left off at Taba in January. "Israelis are ready for widespread concessions." As for unilateral separation, it won't work unless Israel withdraws to the 1967 lines.

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The confusion that swamped the peace camp after Camp David and the intifadah has passed, said Galia Golan, a Hebrew University political science professor and a Peace Now activist. "But our task is very much more difficult today," she said, citing Sharon's election as prime minister.

In her opinion, the PA has not given up on the idea of a two-state solution, "but many, many Palestinians want a binational state."

Disagreeing with those who suggest that the PA's secret agenda turns on Israel's eventual destruction, Golan retorted, "If they were hewing to the 'theory of stages,' they would have accepted Barak's offer last year."

To Golan, the key issue facing both sides is the "right of return," the right of Palestinian refugees to go back to their homes in what is now Israel. "My impression is that there was a great deal of progress on this at Taba." However this problem is solved, Golan is certain that Israel will never accept a massive repatriation of Palestinians.

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Anat Maor, a Meretz party member of the Knesset, retains a bedrock conviction in the concept of Arab-Israeli coexistence, recent setbacks notwithstanding."I am more than sure that, without peace, both sides will lose. I haven't lost my faith."

Apportioning responsibility for the current impasse, Maor blamed Arafat and Barak – Arafat for having started the intifadah and Barak for having reduced Camp David into an all-or-nothing game.

Maor warned that if the PA presses for the right of return, the peace process will wither away. "Israel cannot, and never will, agree to the right of return. It is an absurd request, to give our country to Arafat."

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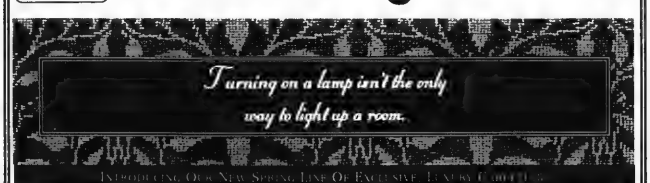

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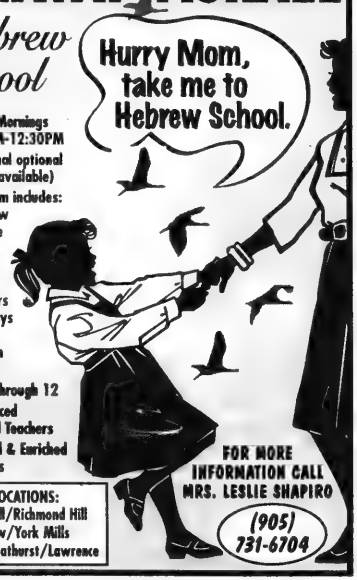

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Depictions of God

***Encountering God in Judaism*, by Neil Gillman, Jewish Lights Publishing, $21.95 (US).**

Books
Bernard Baskin

How does the Tanach (Hebrew Scriptures) depict God? The numerous images and portrayals are often contradictory. God is by turns destructive and creative, vain and modest, subtle and naïve, ruthless and tender, powerful and powerless. God is a source of peace and also a mighty warrior.

Gillman, professor of Jewish philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, in examining God's complex and dynamic inner life, explores not only Hebrew Scriptures, but also rabbinic literature, midrash, the prayer book and Jewish theology. The result is a wide-ranging analysis filled with insight and learning. It is daring and original, yet lucid, concise and accessible to the general reader.

God does not change; however, our images and conceptions of God do change for the reason that Maimonides suggested more than 800 years ago, the author says. Maimonides insisted that all human images of God are, of necessity, metaphors. They are subjective expressions of our own experience, and if we humans change, then certainly our understanding and portrayal of God must undergo alteration.

A striking example Gillman gives is the account of Abraham pleading for the wicked inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah. In the course of this famous encounter, God deliberates, is conflicted, has feelings, invites consultation, is willing to change the Divine plan, is open to negotiation, and needs to be true to previous commitments. Above all, God has an intense relationship with an infallible but determined human being.

Gillman then refers to the ideas of Abraham Heschel, noted philosopher and teacher, who emphasizes God's vulnerability. God may be all powerful, Heschel says, but in the biblical narrative – in fact, throughout history as Judaism understands it – God's hopes and dreams for human society are invariably frustrated. He never gets the kind of world for which He yearns. He encounters constant human rebellion. The Divine response includes frustration, despair and anger, always mixed with infinite yearning that somehow, sometime, erring humans will follow His way.

Divine frustration is an inevitable consequence of God's own commitment to human freedom. If human beings have been given the freedom to make choices, then these choices can often be wrong, cruel and unfortunate. God may rage over human wickedness, plead for justice and compassion on earth, or choose to punish or to reward, but He has surrendered the power to interfere with the course of human history.

In the latter portion of this slender volume, the author briefly and clearly discusses God's role in creation, revelation and redemption, and indicates how Jewish thinkers as diverse as Maimonides, Rozensweig, Heschel and Mordecai Kaplan have understood these terms and translated them into useful ideas for our generation.

Finally, Gillman asserts that if our ancestors felt free to change or reinterpret some of Judaism's classic images of God, then we are entitled to do the same. For, remember, that what we are changing is not God but rather our own evolving images that flow from our own historical and cultural context.

"If the ancients could say that, to them, God could not be experienced as purely punitive, then we can say, for example, that God should not be portrayed exclusively in male terms," Gillman writes.

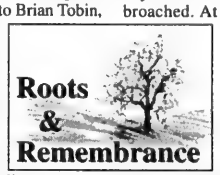
This book, part of the ambitious publishing project, *The Way Into...*, is intellectually compelling, worthy of study and reflection.

Coming to our census

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

Excuse the pun, but it's time that we Canadians come to our senses about the federal census.

Genealogists, historians and other researchers across Canada have begun a letter-writing campaign to Brian Tobin, the Minister of Industry, who is responsible for all matters pertaining to Statistics Canada and the census. The issue is that the government, citing concerns of privacy and confidentiality, intends not to release any Canadian censuses after 1901, the last year for which a census is available.



This month being a census month, the issue is being widely discussed in genealogical circles. Petitions are rushing through cyberspace. Researchers are being urged to lobby the government to change its position through legislative change.

The problem, in brief, is that the government painted itself into a corner in 1905, when Saskatchewan and Alberta became provinces. At that time, the federal government promised that all census materials would henceforth be kept private and confidential, a promise that was legislatively enacted in 1919.

"No one understood the implications," says Irving Abella, past president of the Canadian Historical Association, who describes census data as "absolutely essential" to historians.

"Americans release their census data after 70 years and the British after 75 years," says Abella. "We're recommending 90 years... so it's not like anyone's confidentiality would be broached. At present, we're the only country in the Western world that does not allow access."

Glen Eker, a genealogical-historical-legal researcher based in Hamilton, Ont., has spent years poring over census data, compiling lists of Jewish residents across Canada from 1851 through 1901, and even later for the territory of Newfoundland.

"The census is one of the most important tools for researchers, because you can find entire outlines of families, with names, ages, birthplaces and birthdates," he says.

Many censuses already released include details of religion and ethnicity, Eker says; Jews are identified as "Jewish, Hebrew, Mosaic, Israelite and other terms, like Sons of Israel."

An expert panel assembled by the government has strongly urged the government to amend the law to enable it to release each census 92 years after it was taken. Thus, the 1911 census would be accessible to the public within a couple of years. But the government has given no indication that it intends to take action any time soon.

"If the United States, which is always so concerned about privacy, can release its censuses up to 1930, then we can release ours to 1911," Eker says. "There's no earth-shattering information in there, but it helps people trace their families, so we should have the right to see it."

The census data is "of vital importance to genealogists" and there is "strong grassroots support" for release of historical censuses, says Garry Stein, vice-president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, which has urged its members to write to Chief Statistician Dr. Ivan Fellegi, at Statistics Canada in Ottawa. Stein is also a board member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, which has also expressed concern.

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London 2001: More than 170 leading academics, historians and scientists are scheduled to speak at the 21st International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, July 8 to 13 at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, London. Anywhere from 600 to 1,000 delegates from around the world are expected to attend.

Topics include: genetics and Jewish genealogy, the hidden Jews of Warsaw, new attitudes affecting archival access, the Jews of Kaifeng, using medical literature for genealogical purposes and much more. Those interested are urged to visit the Web site at www.jewishgen.org/london2001 or e-mail: info.london2001@talk21.com.

Jewish Life

The Jewish Top Ten

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

It is the original Top Ten List.

On Monday morning, The Ten Commandments will be read from the Torah to mark the first day of Shavuot. According to Virtual Jerusalem, "When the Ten Commandments were given at Mount Sinai, the course of human history was changed forever. No document has influenced the course of civilization like the Bible, and it can be argued that of all the contents the Bible, these 10 laws have been the single most influential section." **[207.168.91.4/vjholidays/shavuot/ten.htm]** Today, the Ten Commandments on the Web.

You can read the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:1 or if you prefer, you can have them sung to you at ORT's wonderful Web site Navigating the Bible **[bible.ort.org/books/torahd5.asp?action=displaypage&book=2&chapter=20&verse=2&portion=17]**.

Robin Treistman has a thought provoking essay titled *The Ten...* in which Treistman tries to shatter some myths **[www.wzo.org.il/encountr/tencom.htm]**. For example, Treistman argues that the phrase Ten Commandments is actually a poor translation of the Hebrew "Aseret Hadibrot – The Ten Statements." So what makes these statements so special? "Jewish tradition holds that inside of – or included in – these Ten Statements is the entire Torah. In other words, the Ten Statements are actually Ten Categories into which each of the 613 Torah commandments falls. Name any commandment and I'll bet we can figure out where it belongs: Holidays, which sanctify time like Shabbat (the Sabbath) belong in the fourth commandment about observing Shabbat. Dealing honestly in business falls under not bearing false testimony..."

Rabbi Anchelle Perl bursts another misconception. Thanks to countless paintings and the unforgettable image of Charlton Heston atop Mount Sinai, we are all familiar with the Ten Commandments etched on those two tablets, square on the bottom, round on the top. Not quite, says Rabbi Perl **[www.rabbiperl.com/holidays/shavuos.htm]**. He quotes the Talmud to argue that the tablets were actually square on top. He says Judaism has a responsibility to depict accurately one of its most important symbols.

For many more sites about the Ten Commandments and Shavuot, check out Beith HaChatulim **[www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/1259/shavlinks.htm]** and Maven **[www.maven.co.il/subjects.asp?S=126]**.

There are a few Ten Commandments sites that focus on kids. The Jewish Theological Seminary site has a large poster celebrating the giving of the Torah that kids can print out and colour **[learn.jtsa.edu/topics/kids/shavuot_together/poster.shtml]**. The TorahTots site has a comprehensive look at the preparation the Israelites went through to receive the Torah, in addition to an explanation of the Ten Commandments geared toward kids **[www.torahtots.com/parsha/shmos/yitro2.htm]**.

It seems that there are many children who would have done well to study the TorahTots site. Richard Lederer has scoured the world for some of the most outrageous things kids have written about the Bible. Here are some biblical bloopers – actual mistakes made by young scholars about the Exodus and the Ten Commandments **[pw1.netcom.com/~rlederer/arcblpr.htm]**. "Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First Commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth Commandment is humour thy father and mother. The Seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery."

The Ten Commandments have not only become central to Judaism; they have woven themselves into our popular culture. Many sites even have lists of lists **[www.exxnet.com/geni/tencom.htm]** of "new" commandments. I leave you with a sampling:

Ten Commandments of Lobbying: "Take your friends where you find them. Today's opponent may be tomorrow's ally." **[www.mokids.org/commandments.htm]**

Ten Commandments of Fabric Shopping: "Thou shall never take your husband." **[www.madbbs.com/users/elkwar/ten_commandments_of_fabric_shopp.htm]**

Ten Commandments for Sane Living: "Strike a balance between work and play... Nobody ever said on their death bed, 'I wish I had spent more time in the office.'" **[www.stevenharper.com/ten.htm]**

Have a very happy holiday.

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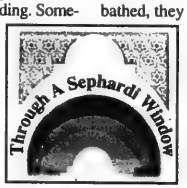
Henna, a joyous celebration

By RABBI YEHIEL BEN AYON

Most people's association with the word henna has to do with some organic hair colour. But for a Sephardi, a henna is a most joyous pre-wedding celebration. Sephardim of all origins will put on these lavish occasions before a wedding. Sometimes the event is so elaborate that it will eclipse the main event.



At a henna, the main feature is the kallah (bride). Traditionally, her henna dress would have been prepared by her mother much earlier. The henna dress is much more a work of art than it is a garment. Beginning with a foundation of velvet fabric in royal hues of purple, crimson red or midnight blue, delicate floral designs are embroidered using 24-karat gold twine. No two henna dresses are alike. The embroidery is the pride of the bride's mother who patiently and painstakingly stitched it herself.

In this robe the bride would be wed – this was her wedding dress. The Jews, as a result of western influence, only slowly adopted the white wedding gowns we see today.

On the henna night the women of the family would first escort the bride to the mikvah, or ritual bath. There as she bathed, they would throw rose petals on her and sprinkle her with rose water.

On her return, the final fitting of the henna dress would take place. Mother and mother-in-law, aunts, sisters and even neighbours would be honoured in assisting her in this dressing. Each one not only doted on the bride but also bestowed a blessing on her at the same time. While the women were busy with the bride, the men would patiently wait.

When she was finally ready, with much pageantry and fanfare, including musical accompaniment and song, the father of the bride would lead her in her debut. More rose petals would shower the bride as she, veiled and resplendent in her gown of gold and velvet, was paraded amongst those assembled. The destination was a much-adorned throne and canopy.

Sitting like a queen, she was then presented with gifts. From mother and father, she received her trousseau – linens, towels, tablecloths and napkins, all monogrammed, of course. The groom and his parents would present her with jewelry. Each piece was brought out on a pillow and ceremoniously placed on the bride with much pomp and music.

Food and drink would be followed with delectable sweets of pastry stuffed with almonds. A henna would continue late into the night. Passersby would hear the music and commotion and be expected to enter and offer their good wishes.

The henna dresses of old have become century-old heirlooms; some are even displayed in museums. But hennas today are still very much practised, as they are a rich and integral part of the wedding. Pictures and videos of the henna now record this marvelous tradition. If you have been lucky to have been part of a henna, you know that this event will be forever etched in your memory.

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Bible contest a mix of competition, 'edu-tainment'

By REBECCA NADLER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The highest scorers in the Canadian National Bible Contest recently came to Montreal for two days of competition and "edu-tainment."

More than 600 students participated in the contest in different regions earlier in the year, and 209 participated in the contest in Montreal.

The Canadian National Bible Contest includes students from schools affiliated with the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Zionist movements, as well as many community-based schools.

"This is a book we all share and cherish; that is what brings us all together," said Leah Levi, the educational co-ordinator of Congregation Emanu-El, in Victoria. "Coming to the national competition gives our kids *chevrah*. Our kids have a chance to meet other Jewish kids and they love the learning."

Students studied up to 76 set chapters of the Bible for months preceding the Montreal contest. When the competitors arrived on the first day, the halls were filled with excitement as participants greeted friends they had not seen since last year's competition. They tested each other, and questions were shared by all.

"The level of knowledge exhibited by the students was astounding," said Shawn Aster, a former winner of the contest who is now a PhD candidate in Bible at the University of Pennsylvania.

Aster, along with Silvia Eilath of the UJA FEDERATION Board of Jewish Education in Toronto, prepared this year's tests.

"Some of the students who did not even make it to the semi-finals know the books of the Bible they studied better than most doctoral students in Bible. The finalists know the material far better than most Bible professors," Aster said.

One new aspect of the contest this year was that eight former winners ran most of the activities over the two days. The former winners of the Canadian contest have represented Canada in the International Bible Contest for Jewish Youth, held annually in Israel as a televised event for Israel Independence Day. They served as role models for the students and told of their experiences in Israel.

"A culture of Bible-contest winners has been created," one parent said, "where kids meet other kids who have similar interests, and are also very knowledgeable about the Bible. They only see each other once a year at the Canadian Bible Contest, but they keep in touch all year."

Alexandra Rotstein, a former winner, said, "One of the great pluses of the contest is that the students learn to value and respect Torah study and they have so much fun doing it."

"This was my first time in the competition," said Aviva Goldstein, a Grade 5 student from Netivot Hatorah in Toronto. "I didn't win anything, but I loved being here and I really loved learning all the material with my mother."

Each year, the awards ceremony where the winners are announced is the culmination of months of study by the students.

The winners of this year's National Bible contest are:

Supplementary school division: First place, Benjamin Farrow, Temple Israel, Ottawa; second, Zoey Green, and third, Graham Litman, both from Congregation Emanu-El, Victoria.

Day school divisions, grades 5 and 6: First place, Menachem Gelkolf, Chatan Yisrael and David Pellow, of Netivot Hatorah, Toronto. Second, Katie Shamash, from Hebrew Foundation School, Montreal, and third, Moshe Cohen, of Hebrew Academy of Montreal.

Grades 7 and 8 division: first place, Hillel Nadler from Netivot Hatorah; second, Malki Feldman, and third, Shoshanna Warner, both from Eitz Chaim in Toronto.

The winners of the high school division were all students at Yeshivat Or Chaim/Ulpanat Orot Schools of Toronto: Yaakov Frydman Kohl, first place, Moshe Halpern, second, and Rebecca Winter, third.

Frydman Kohl will represent Canada in the international contest in Israel next year.

The contest is co-sponsored by Bronfman Jewish Education Centre in Montreal, the UJA FEDERATION Board of Jewish Education in Toronto, the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Jewish National Fund.

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Greater Toronto Area

Canadian Friends bridges the gap

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Gillian Sinclair, executive assistant at Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, has bridged the distance to Israel.

When she meets Bar-Ilan students who are on a scholarship provided by her organization, she says, "It makes my work real, and brings the students closer. Many scholarship students would not otherwise have been able to continue their education."

Bar-Ilan University, located on a seven-acre campus in Ramat Gan and in five regional colleges across the country, has 26,000 students, and offers 6,000 courses in natural, social and life sciences, humanities, Jewish studies and law. Under construction, is a 75-acre extension to the main campus.

Among other job responsibilities, Sinclair, who has been there 7½ years, does bookkeeping for the national office – there is an office in Montreal as well – co-ordinates events, writes fund-raising proposals, prepares the annual newsletter which goes across the country, and oversees the direct mail campaign.

Gillian Sinclair

Originally from Montreal, Sinclair graduated from the Jewish studies program at York University. "I wanted to work in the Jewish community, and this position became available while I was still in school.

"It was not something I wanted to pass up, so I took the job and finished my degree while I was working. It was a wise decision," she says.

The mandate for Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, she says, is to raise funds for the school and although it is Jerry Tollinsky, the national executive director, who does the actual fund-raising, "I enjoy interacting with donors and various other people in the community.

"Two years ago, I went to a conference for fund-raising staff at Bar-Ilan in Israel, and I walked through buildings that were made possible because of our work. It was an incredible feeling to see first-hand what we really do.

"With e-mail, we are in constant contact with people in Israel and the rest of Canada; the distance between us all has been taken away."

With so many responsibilities, her job "is a big commitment, but the work is very worthwhile," says the mother of two boys ages six and three.

"It is sometimes a challenge. I have to co-ordinate carpools and make arrangements for when the kids are off school, but they have been good to me here.

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'Ten Commandments' handed down at lecture

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Rabbi Elyse Goldstein recently handed down the Ten Commandments of Spiritual Parenting to a crowd of parents and grandparents at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Sponsored by the Women's League for Conservative Judiasm, Canadian Seaway Branch, and the Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, the one-hour lecture centred on how parents can inculcate Jewish spiritual values in their children.

The hope, says Rabbi Goldstein, is that these children, and generations of Jewish children thereafter will grow up with a strong sense of their Jewish identity.

Rabbi Goldstein began by earnestly telling the audience that there are many ways of being Jewish.

"There is no one way of being Jewish, and though we want our kids to adopt our ways, we can't expect them to," she explained.

"But we do want to give our children a panoply of good values they can choose from when they want to make their choice."

Rabbi Goldstein went on to define Jewish spirituality as "the balance between awe, reverence, or respect for God and comfy, cozy love and warmth.

"It is important to inculcate in children the sense that life is bigger than we are, but balance it with the comforting activities and smells of being Jewish, such as challah baking in the oven on erev Shabbat, or sitting down to eat Shabbat dinner with family," she said.

A mother of three boys, ages 7, 9, and 11, Rabbi Goldstein illustrated her commandments with personal anecdotes of how she and her husband of 14 years, Baruch Sienna, have tried to instill Jewish values into their children.

Rabbi Goldstein

Originally a 10 week course – which will be repeated next winter, Goldstein's talk was described by a number of audience members as "inspiring" and "enlightening."

Key points of the lecture included:

• Parents cannot give spirituality, but they can share theirs, and act as role models. "Do things to show your kids that you are a spiritual person, and give kids the opportunity to act out their feelings," said Rabbi Goldstein.

• Talk about God using age-appropriate stories and teachings.

• Make "I have enough" your mantra. "Teach your kids the value of tzedakah and the idea of individual responsibility, that one person can make a difference." Children learn to have enough when they are always sharing.

• Talk about death. "Talking about death gives children the chance to understand it as part of the life cycle. God has not let us down when someone dies – He is comforting us in the hopsital or the shivah house."

• Establish a spiritual routine. "Do something that gives children a sense of Jewish security with their parents and an awareness of time." Rabbi Goldstein suggests marking an upcoming Jewish holiday with certain smells, sounds, sights, or activities.

• Judiasm expects parents to be teachers and guides. "You have to be the target so that when your kids have questions, they can shoot them at you."

Rabbi Goldstein summed up by saying that spirituality is a family journey.

"Kids are part of that journey, and should be involved in discussions about Judiasm," she said.

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TORONTO — CNN talk show host Larry King and sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer are scheduled to headline the 50th anniversary gala dinner of State of Israel Bonds in Canada on June 3 at Toronto's National Trade Centre (100 Princes Blvd. at Exhibition Place).

Dr. Westheimer

The event will benefit United Way of Greater Toronto's Tomorrow Fund and Jewish Family and Child Service's Poverty Initiative.

Larry King

Also slated to appear is internationally acclaimed violinist Sonio Jon, and King is scheduled to interview Westheimer for broadcast.

The event is co-chaired by Toronto business figures Lawrence Bloomberg, George Cohon and Paul Godfrey.

The dinner will also recognize Israel Bonds' many Ontario chairpersons and national officers.

Over the last 50 years, more than $24 billion in investment capital has been raised through Israel Bonds investments. The funds have been allocated to key public-sector infrastructure developments in Israel, including water desalination, hydro-electric and highway projects.

The Tomorrow Fund is the United Way's endowment, while the JF&CS Poverty Initiative offers emergency rent assistance and provides early intervention for children from financially disadvantaged families.

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Jewish state struggling for survival, says author

By REBECCA KATZ
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Imagine a grade six civic textbook in an Israeli school that opens with the history of the Greeks and Romans and does not mention the Jewish people until its seventh chapter.

Or textbooks that are increasingly being redirected from their "classical Zionist teachings of history," to more conventional western or "world" historical thought.

When the Jews are mentioned in the textbook, "They appear exactly how they looked from the Greek perspective," said Yoram Hazony, the president of the Shalem Center in Israel, in his recent lecture, The Struggle for Israel's Soul, before a full house at Holy Blossom Temple.

The result?

"What you end up with is no coherent Jewish narrative," said the former advisor to Benjamin Netanyahu.

In his most recent book, *The Jewish State: The Struggle for Israel's Soul*, Hazony examines the deterioration of Israel's soul by the "Israeli cultural mainstream" and post-Zionist influences.

According to Hazony, these influences include the media, some members of the Supreme Court, and a group of intellectuals who, through their rewriting of laws and history, are effectively destabilizing the "spirit" of the Israeli Defence Force and omitting important events in Jewish history from the new middle school curriculum.

Children in Israel will not learn about "the great drama, the history of the Jewish people anymore," Hazony said. Nor will there be a chapter about "the longing of the Jews for their homeland," he added.

"Today, that chapter is gone."

Hazony attributes these omissions in the textbooks to the beliefs of opponents of the old curriculum that its teachings "[lead] toward nationalist education, and possibly in the end to fascism."

> *Jews busy arguing over borderlines*

While describing the shortcomings of the new middle school curriculum, the 36-year-old father of seven children listed a host of Jewish events and experiences that no longer exist on the pages of Israeli history textbooks.

In one textbook, "almost all the references to the Diaspora have been eliminated because there is no corporate identity of the Jewish people in exile," Hazony said.

He elicited some gasps of surprise from the audience when he said, "There is no reference to the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, the underground operations are summed up in four [Hebrew] words.

"It does not once, in its 300 pages, refer to Chaim Weitzmann during the period that he was head of the Zionist organization, that he was the leading statesman in the world trying to establish a Jewish state from 1921 to 1946."

Hazony alleges that one of the greatest catastrophes of the deterioration of Israel's soul is that while these parts of Jewish experience, history, and heritage are being erased from the curriculum, Jews around the world are busy arguing over borderlines.

"I think it's time for all of us to grow up and recognize that whether we have a Jewish state is not going to depend on whether we keep this hill or that hill," he said. "It's going to depend on these issues."

These issues, he said, are being influenced by some of the most powerful factions of Israeli society.

Hazony used the Israeli Supreme Court as one such example. The Court is "one of the leading purveyors of the idea that there may be a problem with the idea of Israel as a Jewish State," he said.

At issue for the Israeli Supreme Court was "whether it's legally permissible for the Israeli government to in any way assist in the creation of a Jewish settlement, and last year the Supreme Court ruled this to be an illegal policy."

The Israeli Defence Forces also illustrates the post-Zionist intellectual influence, Hazony said.

For the past few years, he explained, the army has followed a code of ethics, developed by a professor instead of a chief of staff, that permits soldiers to refuse to partake in a mission.

"In all of the 11 basic values and 33 principles, there's not one reference to the Jewish people, to the Jewish State, to anything that you could imagine that could be a representation of something particularistic about Israel as a Jewish State," which, if present, could help to remind the soldiers of what they are truly fighting for, he said.

Subsequently, an idea was proposed to allow the soldiers to fight for "a Jewish purpose" in addition to the other things listed in the code of ethics for which they are permitted to fight, Hazony said. However, the results of this proposal are yet unknown.

Hazony praised the work that Toronto Jews have done to help the Jewish State and urged the audience to be more involved to protect Israel from post-Zionist influences.

"I wish the Jewish community in the State of Israel could learn from Toronto," he said. "God bless you, you're doing something amazing here."

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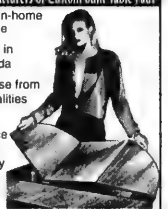
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"And there are many ways to achieve that. You could do it within one school and teach tolerance and democratic values within a larger body. That's one way of dealing with this issue.

"However, a pluralistic society also allows for the other option [funding for faith-based schools], which bespeaks the diversity of its population.

"I don't think of this as a public versus private school issue. This is simply an extension of the notion that public school education should allow for a milieu that is identifiable religiously, linguistically and culturally."

Furthermore, Epstein said, education should be able to exist within a system that is supportive of specific cultures or ethnic groupings because it is more effective to teach children when educators can understand and address individual backgrounds.

From a pedagogical point of view, it is always important to address individual needs, said Elsa Chandler, former trustee and chair of the North York Board of Education. She has been involved in education for more than 25 years.

"The government did the right thing," Chandler said, "and clearly it was long overdue.

"However, I also believe that no money should be taken out of the public school system to fund independent schools.

"In Ontario today, public schools need additional funding," Chandler said, "so that all the needs of our society can be met.

"I have lived under different regimes," noted Chandler who is a Holocaust survivor. "Unfortunately, we know what can happen when the main populace isn't educated properly."

With regard to the argument that the tax break is going to favour the rich, Epstein said our Jewish day schools are filled with students from lower and lower-middle income homes who are having trouble getting by without UJA FEDERATION assistance.

"Until now, they haven't benefited from the taxes they've been paying."

In fact, Epstein said, the current tax break may bring more lower income families into the Jewish day school system.

"And the schools are absolutely ready and up to the challenge," he said.

Outside of the United States, Jewish-based education is supported all over the world, Epstein said. However, the Ontario government has chosen to do it differently than other jurisdictions have.

While this recent proposal is being implemented through tax breaks and the revenue portion of the budget, other places in the world have chosen to provide funding through the expense side.

"In France for example," Epstein said, "teachers for the general education side of the curriculum [in Jewish schools] are supplied and paid directly by the ministry of education."

In these types of situations, the curriculum has to comply with ministry guidelines.

Here, it is still unclear whether the Ontario minister of education will want to intervene on issues of curriculum, Epstein said.

At this point, there does not seem to be any indication that the ministry will intervene.

However, this is only an issue for those schools that may be falling below provincial standards, he noted.

"At a high school level this should not be a concern at all because students have to meet basic ministry guidelines to get high school diplomas."

In addition, Epstein said, "it is astounding how much more we add to a student's curriculum in the Jewish day schools.

"We teach a third language [Hebrew], Jewish history, Bible, commentaries, rabbinics, customs, traditions, ethics.

"In our case, we're instructing our children on moral behaviour, good decision-making and tolerance."

Rachael Turkienicz, a professor at the centre for Jewish studies at York University, said that rabbinic literature emphasizes issues of tolerance.

For example, it is taught that all social structures available in the Jewish community must also exist in the non-Jewish sector. In fact, if the non-Jewish community has not provided for essential social services, then it is incumbent on our community to help provide them, Turkienicz said.

"In our schools," Epstein said, "we're teaching our students to be good citizens."

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Kwinter favours credit, Caplan calls it 'voucher'

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Caplan added that the tax credit will "undermine" the public school system, and lead to "a segregated society. Surely to God there must be a way to accommodate diversity in the public system."

Also last week, CJC held meetings with officials of the finance ministry to wade through the mechanics of the initiative. Not yet clear is how the credit will interact with existing charitable deductions, and how it will affect parents who do not pay full fees.

Under the plan, parents will be eligible for a tax credit of up to $700 per child, or 10 percent of the first $7,000 of tuition fees, beginning next year. To be phased in over five years, the credit will increase 20 percent per year, and eventually will be worth up to $3,500 per child annually, or half of a maximum tuition of $7,000.

Monte Kwinter

Kwinter, a longtime supporter of public funding for Jewish day schools, told *The CJN* that while he has some reservations, he is "certainly, totally delighted" with the measure.

"The problem is that it's clouded by including non-faith schools," Kwinter said. "Its real purpose has been diluted. I would have been a lot happier if it had been restricted [to religious schools only]."

He said he has "a real problem" with threats to repeal the measure, but downplayed the view that his stance places him at odds with McGuinty.

"I've always been offside on this issue. When the time comes, I'll vote my conscience."

As well, at a press conference last week at Queen's Park where representatives of Jewish, Muslim and Christian schools came together in support of funding for independent schools, things turned tense when reporters demanded to know whether private schools that receive public funds should be open to public scrutiny, what would happen if they taught intolerance, and whether this credit was enough.

Panelists, including CJC's Morgan, said the secular portion of curricula has always conformed to government guidelines, and that schools which teach intolerance would be subject to established human rights codes, as they are now.

They said religious groups simply seek parity with Catholics.

And they stressed the uniqueness of a religious education, the content of which should be left up to religious communities to decide.

David Caplan

"The government of Ontario is not qualified to teach Judaic studies," Morgan said. "It would be foolish to think they can actually inspect and dictate the content of Judaic studies classes."

Orthodox Jews, he stated, face special problems in the public system. "One cannot be an Orthodox Jew in the public schools. You simply can't ask Orthodox Jewish families to educate their children in a way required by the religion, in the public schools."

And private schools contribute to Canada's multicultural fabric, Morgan went on: "Multiculturalism builds a tolerant society. We are not an assimilationist society. Canadian society can afford this... We cannot discriminate and then say it's too expensive to fix."

In his prepared remarks, Morgan said there is no evidence to support the claim that this plan would weaken or undermine the public system. And in provinces that provide public help for private schools, there has been no mass exodus from public to private schools, as some detractors have said.

Morgan's written remarks described as "offensive" McGuinty's earlier claim that private schools are elitist. However, Morgan skipped that when he read his statement.

He also said the "vast majority" of the 11,300 students enrolled in Jewish day schools come from middle and lower income families.

Morgan said Jewish schools would have "no problem" with mandatory, standardized testing.

Asked whether he would "instruct" members of the Jewish community to vote against the Liberals, Morgan said there's "no doubt" the community could become "galvanized" around their opposition to the measure.

Morgan later said it was telling that two strong supporters of the tax credit were absent at his meeting with McGuinity: Kwinter and Michael Bryant, the MPP for St. Paul's. Caplan, on the other hand, was in attendance.

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Rivalry, animosity not helping: Rabbi Steinsaltz

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If Jews in general, and observant Jews in particular, "would feel there's a light shining on them, you would have far less to fight about," the rabbi asserted.

Deflecting a question about universal lessons from his personal transformation – which he has described as "more than a surprise" to himself, in part because of his one-time lack of admiration for religious Jews – Rabbi Steinsaltz referred to his life as "very undramatic" and "rather boring."

"I didn't climb any tall mountains," he said. "I didn't kill any lions."

Yet as an educator who studied mathematics and chemistry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the rabbi is particularly qualified to speak on secular as well as religious educational issues.

Sometimes a secular education is wanted, and necessary, he said. "But for most Jews in this country and many others," Rabbi Steinsaltz continued, "the level of their Jewish and secular education is so unequal. Imagine that a person has two legs: one normal, and one dwarfed and shrunken. You can't walk properly like this… It's like a marriage between a duck and an elephant. I don't know if it can be done."

> *'We are in danger of losing our identity'*

The number of uniting links within the Jewish community is diminishing, said the rabbi. "There was a time when people could share memories of their grandfathers. People were different, but they had similar grandfathers… [Now] we share a smaller number of common memories, and that makes it in some ways harder."

Clarifying the differences between assimilation and intermarriage, Rabbi Steinsaltz said that assimilation can happen with or without intermarriage.

Assimilated Jews are "basically out," he stated. "If you are out, intermarriage is a kind of solution."

Yet Jewish education, in and of itself, "cannot do that much," he said. He suggested that the "amount of desire" transmitted is far more important. "If people really want something – money or a girl – they not only work at it but have a good chance of getting it."

The rabbi is not a fan of "moderate" institutions. "I know that moderation is next to holiness in North America. I never understood why." He believes that young people who "want some kind of excitement… don't tend to follow moderation."

His own life's work has sparked not only excitement but reverence, evidenced by the hush that fell over the packed hall as he entered, when the mixed crowd of Orthodox and non-Orthodox people rose to their feet.

Speaking on Jewish Unity and the Jewish State for the Moshe J. & Louis Weisfeld Annual Memorial Lecture, Rabbi Steinsaltz likened Jewish unity to the weather – a subject everyone talks about but about which few people do anything.

"We are a fragmented people putting lots of energy into fighting each other [and] ignoring each other," he said.

Even in the Warsaw ghetto, Rabbi Steinsaltz pointed out, left- and right-wingers could not unite. "Just imagine, these people are going to die fighting a very cruel fight… and they disagree about one thing: what political and economic shape the Jewish state, that doesn't exist, will take in the future. It would be funny if it [weren't] so tragic."

Sometimes people must disagree, he allowed, making it clear that he is not against disagreement per se. "Uniformity in any species always brings a species to the brink of death," he said. "When you have diversity, you have a chance."

But diversity, combined with an inability to interact, is dangerous and shameful, he stated, moderating his criticism somewhat by praising the Toronto community as "exceptional," comparatively speaking.

At one point, he assured the Canadian audience that he is equally outspoken in Israel, where he was born in 1937.

Almost every Jewish community is "under a real threat," Rabbi Steinsaltz said. "They don't kill many Jews… even in Israel, but we are in danger of losing our identity."

Demographically, Jews have too many funerals and too few births, he said. In the former Soviet Union, where he was invited in 1995 to assume the position of Duchovny Ravin, Spiritual Leader of Russian Jewry, the ratio is 9 to 1. "We need 2.2 children per family in order to sustain the numbers."

Nowadays, Jews are being lost to Judaism in a way that's not obvious, the rabbi said. "In other times, when a person would leave the Jewish community, he would at least bang the door so we could count. When someone converted in the past, everybody knew about it. Now you just leave the room. Nobody notices, and you find out later that the fellow is absent."

He denounced the notion of patrilineal descent, whereby some members of the Reform movement in the United States began in the 1990s to recognize children of Jewish fathers and non-Jewish mothers as Jewish. If a similar situation arose in another domain – the business world, for example – it could lead to arrest for falsifying documents, he said.

From a demographic point of view alone, the practice skews the number of Jews counted as part of the community, he noted.

"We are facing a common danger. Because of that, the first thing to do, if we are all in some way drowning, at least we should hold hands and try to help each other in order to fight against that… Our splintering rivalry and… animosity is surely not helping."

Guest Voice

The Ontario budget and Leviticus

BY CARLY STEINMAN
Special to The CJN

That's what I have to do now, I have to lock the freezer because my kids will go into it. It's hard to tell the kids that they can't eat. One time I didn't lock it and they went and grabbed wieners because they were hungry. The welfare cuts are really bad. – Magda, Thunder Bay (reported in *Broken Promises: Welfare Reform in Ontario*).

And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not fully reap the corner of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest: you shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the Lord your God. – Leviticus 19:9.

The provincial budget is a Jewish issue. I decided this as I sat in the Ontario legislature on May 9, listening to Finance Minister Jim Flaherty read our new budget. I thought about the Jewish tradition of tikkun olam, striving to repair our world. I thought about the commandment to pursue tzedekah – justice, and about Jewish participation in historic struggles against injustice and discrimination. I thought about the foresight of Leviticus 19, which challenges us to establish a caring and compassionate public system. I thought about Ontarians like Magda who have been suffering in a province that treats its poor as if they have done something terribly wrong.

As I rose to leave Queen's Park, I knew that the contents of this budget should be an outrage to our Jewish sensibilities. Would we accept a budget that boasts the same provincial government message delivered since 1995 – that those who can most afford to meet their own needs are our most valued citizens? This budget announces corporate tax cuts of $2.4 billion dollars, on top of last year's corporate tax cut of $3.95 billion. Surely this money is sorely needed to renew decaying public services! I offer two examples:

- Major Ontario cities are in an affordable housing crisis. The supply of rental housing is rapidly declining, and rents are soaring. Toronto's vacancy rate stands at an unhealthy 0.6 percent, and Ottawa's is even worse, at 0.2 percent! Astoundingly, the budget of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is down by more than $600 million dollars this year.
- The figure 21.6 percent is a familiar and chilling one for social advocates and people on social assistance. Social assistance rates were slashed by this amount as soon as this Conservative government took power. People saw their monthly incomes drop precipitously overnight. The rates have been frozen since then, and this new budget offers no relief. Try and imagine for a moment how much money a single parent with a child living in Toronto needs per person per day, after rent and food are covered. What figure do you come up with?

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Mr. Flaherty opened his budget presentation by proudly stating, "No other government has made such responsible choices." We should challenge Mr. Flaherty to reconsider the definition of the word "responsible." In a Jewish sense – in a moral sense – "responsible" means leaving the corners of our field for others, using our taxes to provide public services and meet socio-economic needs. It does not mean leaving needy individuals entirely responsible for themselves by denying them basic essentials and allowing our public institutions to crumble.

I hope readers feel as I do, that these budget decisions do not describe a vision for a hopeful and compassionate community. A far more responsible budget, called the "Ontario Alternative Budget," proposed by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, can be seen on the Web site www.policyalternatives.ca. It provides a detailed plan to put $10 billion towards the renewal of public services. I quote, "We propose new funding to put Ontario back into the affordable housing business and make a serious attempt to deal with the crisis of homelessness."

This 2001/2002 fiscal plan is an inherently Jewish issue. We should not feel comfortable with it. It is not responsible. It is not justice. It is not tikkun olam.

Carly Steinman is social action coordinator for the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, the umbrella organization for Reform congregations in Canada.

CLASS REUNION: Canadian business leader Peter Munk (left), founder and CEO of Barrick Gold Inc., greets long-lost friends at the reunion in Toronto last week of the 1945 graduating class of the largest Jewish high school in Budapest. Graduates of the Budapest Israelite Community Gymnasium came from across Canada, the United States and Israel. [Ron Csillag photo]

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Annual Dr. Dorothy Sone and Abby J. Sone Memorial Lecture with **Prof. Janice Gross Stein**. 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. Topic: Israel: To Peace Through Violence.

Saturday, May 26

THE HIDDEN PAIN

United Jewish People's Order (UJPO), Jewish Women's Committee to End the Occupation and Yosher-Toronto Jewish Network for Social Justice present a forum, The Hidden Pain: The Toll of Violence on Palestinians and Israelis, with psychiatrists and peace activists **Dr. Ruchama Marton** of Israel and **Dr. El-Sarraj**, Palestinian, 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. 416-789-5502.

SHABBAT OF LEARNING

Adath Israel Sisterhood and Brotherhood 6th annual Shabbat of Learning. **Prof. David Novack**, Jewish studies program, University of Toronto, speaks during services on Religious Conflicts in Israel Today. 416-635-5340.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Pride of Israel Junior Congregation meets 10 a.m. with tfillah leader **Jeff Turtel**. 416-226-0111.

BEGINNERS SERVICE

Beginners interactive Shabbat service 10:30 a.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Inwentash Centre. 416-633-3838.

Sunday, May 27

ALL NIGHT LEARNING

All night Shavuot learning program with Jews for Judaism at Torah Emeth Jewish Centre, 1 Viewmount Ave. **Rabbi Michael Skobac** presents the Counter-Missionary Survival Seminar. Register. 905-761-0040.

RELIGIOUS CONVERSION

Is Religious Conversion Necessary? Toronto Humanistic Jewish Congregation Says "No," presented by Oraynu Congregation for Humanistic Judaism. Speaker **Rabbi Sherwin Wine**, founder of Humanistic Judaism. 10:15 a.m., Barbara Frum Library. 416-385-3910.

ALL NIGHT STUDY

Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning and the First Narayever Congregation co-sponsor an all night study, discussion and exploration in celebration of Torah, Shavuot and Community. Speakers: **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, Prof. Robert Gibbs, Seymour Epstein, Rabbi Ed Elkin, Yitzhak Buxbaum, Rabbi Neal Loevinger**, 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., 151 Eglinton Ave. W. Shacharit service led by First Narayever Congregation 5:30 a.m. 416-485-7007, ext. 222.

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BENEFIT SOCIETY MEETS

Grand Order of Israel Benefit Society executive meeting 9 a.m. followed by general meeting at 10 a.m., Ramada Hotel, 1677 Wilson Ave.

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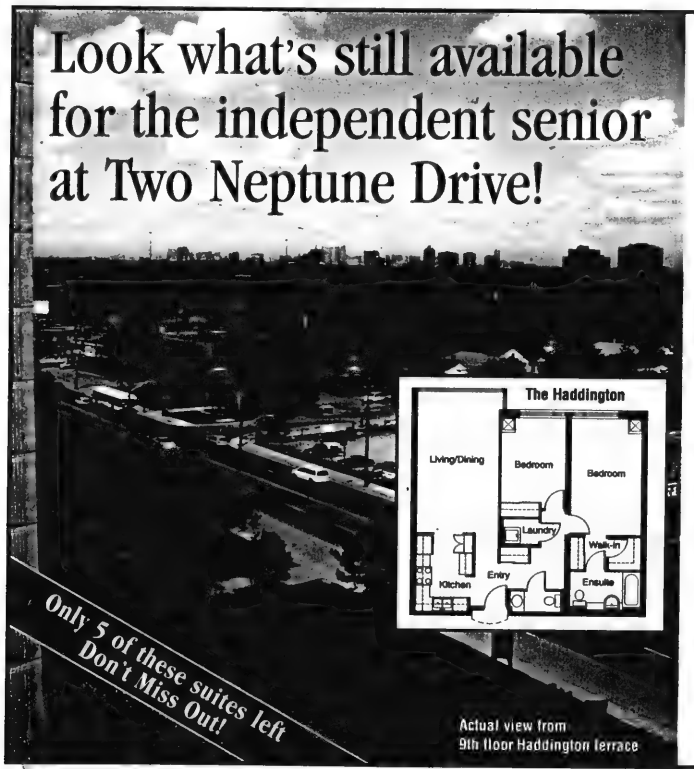

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What's New

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Mini-School, a project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is coming to Toronto and there's an information session at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue at 7:30 p.m. **Seymour Epstein**, vice-president of education, UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto, presents a model lesson.

Courses begin in the fall. Co-sponsored by United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and its affiliated synagogues, and UJA FEDERATION.

TRAVEL THROUGH TIME

LAF, the Lively After Fifty group of Jewish Women International of Canada, lunches at noon and then goes on to Explore the World of Trade Through Time at the Royal Ontario Museum. Pre-paid reservation, **Judy Heuman** 416-733-8822.

HADASSAH NEW MEMBERS

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO new members evening for young women ages 19-25. If you are at university, college or new to the work force, this is for you! RSVP Toronto Hadassah-WIZO office 416-639-8373.

PROSTATE CANCER

Man to Man and Side by Side prostate cancer meeting 7:30-9:30 p.m., Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. Agenda includes *No Big Deal?*, drama about men and their spouses presented by **Dr. Ross Gray**, Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre. 416-932-8820.

And What Else Is New

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

CNN host **Larry King** hosts the 50th anniversary gala dinner of State of Israel Bonds Canada on Sunday, June 3, at Toronto's National Trade Centre. This event, featuring entertainment by the Yorke Strings, will benefit United Way of Greater Toronto and Jewish Family & Child Service Poverty Initiative. Co-chairs are **Lawrence Bloomberg, George Cohon** and **Paul Godfrey**. Tickets, corporate table, sponsorship opportunities, call **Lawrence Waller** at Israel Bonds 416-789-3351.

RX FOR THE SKEPTIC

Canadian Friends of Ohr Somayach Shabbaton, Rx for the Skeptic with **Rabbi David Gottlieb**, Friday and Saturday, May 25-26. Shabbat meal and home hospitality. RSVP 905-886-5730.

THE INTIFADAH

Canadian Friends of Peace Now public lecture, The Intifadah: Israel's Political and Military Operations with **Major-Gen. (Res.) Shlomo Gazit**, former director of Israel's Military Intelligence. Wednesday, May 30, 8 p.m. at Temple Kol Ami, Leo Baeck School, 36 Atkinson Ave. and Thursday, May 31, 8 p.m. at Temple Sinai. 905-707-5308.

STUDY LUNCHEON

Shabbat Study Luncheon Saturday, June 2, following services, features **Rabbi Jack Reimer** speaking on *Agnon's Kerchief*. Paid reservations by Wednesday, May 30. Call **Florence** 416-781-3511.

AISH HATORAH

Aish HaTorah Young Professionals 905-764-1818, ext. 225.

Relationship Seminar series for ages 20-35 on finding your other half and what to look for in a mate, continues Wednesdays May 30, June 6 and 13. Register. **Shulamit**.

Shabbat Weekend Getaway at Boyd Conservation area for those in their 20s, Friday, May 25-Sunday, May 27. Includes transportation, food, accommodation. Register. 905-764-1818, ext. 225.

Shavuot all-night learning for singles, Sunday night May 27 at Aish HaTorah Thornhill, 949 Clark Ave. W.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Shomer Israel Congregation traditional heimish minyan welcomes all non-affiliated. No dues. Shabbat 9 a.m. Shabbat Minchah study class with **Rabbi Sheldon Schwartz**. Sunday morning minyan 8:30 a.m. 60 Rockford Rd. (behind Rockford Road Public School). **David** 416-256-1600.

ONE FAMILY: TWO HOMES

A 3-session group program for families experiencing separation and divorce. Children participate in separate age appropriate groups. Sessions for parents address how to keep the kids out of conflict, trends in family law and impact of separation and divorce on the children. Starts May 30, at 4600 Bathurst St., 6:30 to 8:39, p.m. Register. **Shawna Sidney** 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Montreal West High School Reunion for years 1957 to 1965 Aug. 3-5 at the school. **Lenny Wolman** 514-731-7987.

FOR SENIORS

LZA Seniors Ladies Folk Dancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets for *Sound of Music* on Oct. 4 in Stratford available. Call Libby 416-782-2059 or the office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Rama June 13, 17, 23; Atlantic City tour June 4-7, show, bonuses and more; Casino Niagara June 21. 416-395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building).May 24, Israeli supper celebrating Jerusalem Day, members only; May 31, bingo. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to kosher Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, Aug. 3-12. Cost $1,425 Canadian funds includes everything. **Al** 416-633-8127 **or Helen** 416-635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

A Time of Your Life, a celebration honouring adults ages 55+, Wednesday, June 6, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guest speaker **Dr. Herbert Lee**. ext. 126.

Greet the Summer Dance, Sunday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.

Israeli Club Etrog: Do you speak Hebrew? Join members every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnics. June 5, a movie. **Anna** ext. 110.

Sunday movie May 27, *Don Juan de Marco* 2:30 p.m.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211.

Join the Bloor JCC Michael Bernstein Chapel Congregation on Sunday, June 3, to celebrate the acquisition of a new sefer Torah. Services at 8 a.m. followed by a parade led by Jewish War Veterans Colour Guard. Immediately following the celebration, all participants are invited to a buffet breakfast at the Bloor JCC.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880.

Limited spaces available for September in the Tuesday/Thursday Tic Tac Two, Nursery School, and Junior Kindergarten. The enriched Judaic environment provides music, Hebrew instruction, Fun Centre gym time and Jewish Discovery Museum. Ext. 351.

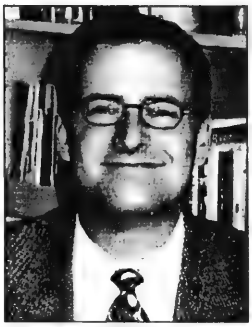
Shavuot event at the Children's Discovery Museum. Springtime and the Torah, Sunday, May 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Celebrate with crafts, music, dancing, treats, ext. 456.

Family Sunday Event at the Koffler. The Fundamentals of Animation. A special studio workshop for children of all ages Sunday, June 3, 1-3 p.m. Workshop begins with a tour of the current Koffler Gallery exhibition Shadow Play as an introduction to various animation techniques. ext. 270.

ABOUT PEOPLE

LEO BAECK APPOINTMENT

Eric Petersiel has been appointed vice-principal of Hebrew/Judaic Studies at Leo Baeck Day School, beginning September 2001. Petersiel has been director of education at Shaarei Beth El Congregation in Oakville and taught in Leo Baeck Middle School during this past school year. He has a master's degree in biblical Hebrew language and literature from the University of Toronto. He is a member of the faculty at Camp George, the Reform Jewish camp. **Zita Gardner**, director, is looking forward to having Petersiel join the Leo Baeck staff.



Eric Petersiel

ISRAEL MUSEUM CO-CHAIRS

Wendy and **Elliott Eisen** assumed the co-chairmanship of the Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum at a recent dinner hosted by outgoing co-chairs **Linda** and **Will Hechter**. The event was attended by leaders in the Toronto Jewish community including former co-chairs **Sandy** and **Joe Rotman** and **Toby** and **Joey Tanenbaum**. In attendance as well were Israel Museum director **James Snyder**, director of development **Daniel Ben Natan** and International Chair **Maureen Cogan**.

Plans are underway for a gala event to take place in June 2002 when the Art Gallery of Ontario and the Israel Museum will co-sponsor the Arturo Schwartz Collection of Dada and Surrealist Art.

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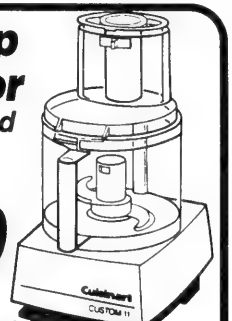
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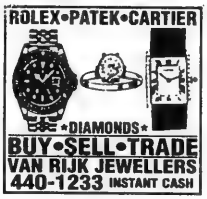

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On Campus

Jackson honoured by Jewish Campus Services

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

GAP participant Aviva Barth (right) presents Susan Jackson with a Founding Friend of the Campus Award. [Frances Kraft photo]

TORONTO — Local Jewish students who are now freshmen will – "hopefully" – be able to enjoy a beautiful new facility in their final year of study, announced David Gotfrid at this year's annual awards night of Jewish Campus Services of Greater Toronto (JCS).

Gotfrid, who is president of JCS, was referring to the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life, a facility to be built at the northwest corner of Huron and Harbord streets as part of UJA FEDERATION's Jewish Toronto Tomorrow initiative. The new centre will replace the current rented premises for the Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto.

JCS projections indicate the new centre will be up and running in 2003, said Gotfrid, speaking at Beth Tzedec Congregation. "Our goal is to have a shovel in the ground by next spring."

He also alluded to recent discussions between U of T and restaurant owner Ho Chow, whose leased premises have to be vacated for JCS to proceed with its plans. Gotfrid commended the university on its professional handling of the situation, which has been resolved.

At York University, discussions have been initiated regarding what can be done "to improve the space" for Jewish students there as well, Gotfrid indicated.

He also discussed participation of Canadian students in Birthright Israel this year, noting that over 1,000 students from across Toronto participated in the program. About half of them left on short notice after 500 spots opened up because of the number of Americans who had dropped out three weeks before departure.

JCS staff "had no problem filling those spots. That's something the Canadian community should be proud of... Our students wanted to go there to show their support to Israel in a state of crisis."

Zac Kaye, executive director of JCS, stressed the inclusive and pluralistic nature of the campus community he's been largely responsible for building over the past six years, noting the "breadth and depth of the multiplicity of [JCS] events."

Susan Jackson, UJA FEDERATION's director of community planning, continuity, culture and overseas affairs, said she wanted to say thank you to the students instead of the other way around. Jackson was the evening's featured speaker and winner of JCS' Founding Friend of the Campus Award.

As Birthright's scholar-in-residence this February, Jackson said she "saw folks who had no interest in going [to Israel] but it was free, so what the heck? By the end I saw committed Jewish students, committed to the community and to learning more.

"I can be comfortable that the Jewish future here is secure," she said.

Like Kaye, Jackson emphasized the pluralism of the Jewish campus community.

"Hillel isn't any longer that nerdy place to go," she said. "It's a warm place, a happening place, and a place where we get together and have all kinds of discussions, but what we all have to remember is that we're not always at the same place at the same time. We all see the world differently, and that's part of the beauty of who we are and what we do."

Student campus awards went to:

- Brian Wolk, from the Jewish Students' Association at Ryerson Polytechnic University;
- David Collin, Ja'el Gratto and Naomi Peleg; from the Jewish Students' Federation at York University; and
- Yael Ben-Dat & Keren Held, Judith Peranson, Devora Holder & Jenny Herbert, from the Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto.

Citywide awards were also given:

- Keren Fyman, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Action Committee for Jewish Continuity Award for Enhancing Jewish Identity and Continuity;
- Michelle Astrug and Marc Levy, the Jacobovici Family Award for Arts and Culture;
- Aaron Kasman, *The Canadian Jewish News* Award for Communication;
- Ron Somogyi, the Gropper Family Award for Outstanding Leadership;
- Jacob Moshinsky, The Paisley Manor Insurance Brokers Inc. Award for Special Involvement in Jewish Campus Life;
- Adina Libin, the Gottesman Family Award for Strengthening Koach, the Conservative Movement;
- The York JSF executive, the Nechama and Ya'akov Kaner Award for Creative Programming for the Jewish Link, a one-day event that brought community organizations to the campus;
- Barbara Zeller, the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto Award for Chesed and Social Justice; and
- Aron Papernick, the Jewish Campus Services Award for Ongoing Commitment to Jewish Student Life.

Honourable mentions went to Fauna Mandel for Continuous Dedication to GAP Programming and Jason Weshler for Outstanding Commitment to Jewish Campus Life.

On Campus

Jewish journalists discuss craft at Afterword meet

By LARA RABINOVITCH
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Students recently enjoyed a smorgasbord of opinions from local media personalities and journalists at the third annual Afterword Media Conference, held at the Toronto Zionist Centre (organized by Canada's national Jewish student newspaper, *Afterword*). Discussion topics ranged from reporting on the Middle East to Jewish stereotypes in popular culture.

National Post columnist Rebecca Eckler recounted her experience as a young journalist. Speakers such as Liza Cooperman, planning editor for the *National Post*, offered practical advice for finding jobs. Seminars on perfecting writing skills helped students learn the tricks of the "j" trade.

> *'Mainstream culture doesn't like religion'*

Jonathan Kay, editorials editor for the *National Post*, started off the conference with an astute and scathing analysis of media reporting on Israel. Kay argued a "double standard" is applied toward Israel in the Western media: "You can't tell the truth about Israel without being labeled anti-Arab… Anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli statements are very common in the Arab press, we just don't hear that much about it."

Contextualizing his statements with various facts and figures, Kay explained, "The combined Arab population in the Middle East outnumbers the Jewish population by about 50 to one, and yet there are two or three times more stories in newspapers and other media outlets about that small group of Jews… The result of this is that Western media treatment is skewed."

Research psychiatrist and columnist for the *National Post* Dr. Norman Doidge analyzed what he termed as "Jewish paralysis," the lack of Jewish activism in North America, specifically with regard to the current situation in the Middle East.

From a psychoanalytical perspective, Doidge explained how "denial" and "repression" are among "powerful psychological forces… operating" on the Jewish community. As a result, Doidge claimed, "The community is very lackadaisical about these things."

Doidge questioned, for example, why there have been so few boycotts of newspapers such as the *Toronto Star*. "It's shameless that most Jews still get the [newspaper]."

Suanne Kelman, professor of journalism at Ryerson University, discussed Jewish stereotypes in the media when she spoke on a panel with Evan Solomon, host of CBC Newsworld's *Hot Type*, co-founder and executive editor of *Shift* Magazine and author of *Crossing the Distance* (McClelland and Stewart, 1999).

Jews are "over-represented in the media…, not just in news, but [also] in entertainment," Kelman said. Additionally, she noted, gender plays a significant role in the characterization of Jews.

"Jewish women on TV do tend to be the Jewish princess joke."

Hollywood and the Holocaust have dramatically changed the portrayal of Jewish characters, who were historically most-often depicted as "villainous conspirators," Kelman indicated.

"A tradition developed in our culture… of playing down Jewishness… Mainstream culture doesn't like religion."

Using the television sitcom *Seinfeld* as an example, Kelman illustrated the ambiguity of the Jewish identity of various personalities on television, saying that although Seinfeld is brimming with Jewish euphemisms, Judaism is rarely discussed.

"Why on earth does the character who seems most Jewish, George Costanza, have an Italian name? All this obviously is because… the Hollywood… discomfort with Jewishness lingers."

Solomon urged the community to be conscious of our own stereotyping as a result of the entertainment industry.

"The Jewish understanding of the Holocaust has been reduced to the Hollywood stereotype of victims of everyone… What is important is that Jews begin to come to a more nuanced understanding of the Holocaust."

Moving beyond stereotypes in Middle East discourse is also crucial, Solomon argued.

"We ought to be vigilant that we use the proper terms," he said. "For example, 'Arabs and Jews.' It's actually more complicated than that. There's Israeli Arabs, and there's Arabs, and there's… Palestinians, and there's Jordanians. It's not a big mass. And there's all sorts of kinds of Jews there as well. We buy into these stereotypes, we flatten it, and we're forced to take sides we're uncomfortable with, and that is not Jewish. Judaism is about complexity. Think about Abraham and…Nineveh…. here's a guy saying to God, after an edict, 'Wait a second, how about a little dialogue?' And God says, 'I'm fine with that.'

"Don't you think it behooves us to have the courage to be critical of our own people in the media?"

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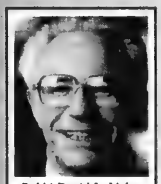
It has been more than 70 years since the Conservative movement last produced a Torah commentary for synagogue use. What is commonly called the Hertz Chumash was introduced in 1929.

After years of preparation, the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism are unveiling the Eitz Chayim Chumash – produced by some of the finest conservative movement scholars – at a dedication ceremony, taking place June 3rd, the first day of the annual Rabbinical Assembly Conference.

"While we recognize that the Hertz Chumash is a classic, there have been major strides in the Biblical scholarship and commentary in the last 70 years," says **Rabbi David L. Lieber**, the senior editor of the new commentary.

The dedication precedes a cantorial concert featuring chazanim from five Toronto synagogues. Cantors **Eli Kirshblum**, Adath Israel; **Marshall Loomer**, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am; **Eric Moses**, Beth Sholom; **Ephraim Sapir**, Beth Tikvah; and **Aaron BenSoussan**, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda will entertain the assembly members and the public during the second half of the evening.

"For many years," says Lieber, "leaders of the Conservative movement spoke of the desirability of issuing a new commentary that would reflect the latest scholarship, the ideology of the Conservative movement, and the contemporary sensibilities of our community." ■



Rabbi David L. Lieber

Three Distinguished Canadians

MONDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 pm, Beth Tzedec Synagogue

Montreal MP and human rights activist **Irwin Cotler** will be the keynote speaker on Monday, June 4th following an awards presentation to three distinguished Canadians: Justice Abraham Lieff, Judy Feld Carr and Manny Batsha.

Professor Irwin Cotler

Professor Cotler, a former president of Canadian Jewish Congress and the Member of Parliament for Mount Royal, will be speaking on "***Human Rights and Jewish Interests.***"

The evening's first honouree, **Justice Abraham H. Lieff**, was founder and past president of Congregation Agudath Israel, Ottawa's first Conservative synagogue, and was a pioneer in family law.

Justice Abraham H. Lieff

Justice Lieff began his career when matrimonial trials were bitter and expensive. Over time he was responsible for establishing pre-trial conferences as well as other ways to minimize the conflict and cost of divorce . In 1963 he was the first Jew appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Judy Feld Carr

Judy Feld Carr has been working for Jewish causes for over 35 years.

However, she is especially well known for her passionate commitment to the Jews of Syria - both the majority who have started new lives in Israel, and those who still remain.

Montrealer **Manny Batshaw** recently completed 60 years of Jewish communal service as a social worker and community organizer. Extremely sensitive to the suffering of individuals, and in particular, those who claim to have been treated unjustly, Batshaw has long provided his support to many whom he felt were being harassed by the establishment.

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, president of the RA, says, "We are proud to honour three distinguished Canadian Jews who have contributed greatly to Canada and the worldwide Jewish community. In honouring them the Rabbinical Assembly recognizes the significant contribution of Canadian Jews to their country and to the Jewish people." ■

Rabbis Gather from Across the Glob

From **June 3-7** rabbis from four continents will gather in Toronto for the annual Rabbinical Assembly (RA), sponsored in part by **UJA FEDERATION** of Greater Toronto. The RA is being co-chaired by Montreal's **Rabbi Lionel Moses** while Toronto's **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** of Beth Tzedec Congregation is the Chair.

Organizers expect 500 delegates to participate in the event, which includes lectures throughout the GTA and the dedication of the first Chumash for synagogue use since 1929.

"The Rabbinical Assembly convention will bring to Toronto some of the excitement and energy of the Conservative movement. We will present to the community some of the finest contemporary Jewish

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ONTO –

Torah in Toronto

TUESDAY, JUNE 5
7:30 pm, Various Locations

Tuesday night's Torah in Toronto gives an exciting, interactive dimension to the RA, allowing people to study with five of the teachers responsible for the composition of the new Eitz Chayim Chumash.

Rabbi David Golinkin

Rabbi David Golinkin of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Israel will be at **Beth Tikvah Congregation** where he will speak on "A Believing Jew and Biblical Criticism." Is the Bible true? Did the Exodus really occur? Did Moses write down the Torah?

At the **Bloor Jewish Community Centre**, **Professor Baruch Levine** of New York University discusses "Religion as Experience: The Meaning of Ritual." Here we learn that ritual is a code of conduct which reveals an entire value system.

Professor Baruch Levine

At **Adath Israel Congregation**, University of California Professor, **Rabbi Jacob Milgrom** explains the reason why Jews wear prayer garments with tassels while answering the question of "what prayer apparel tells us about our self-conception as Jews." The audience will also hear about the reason for the mysterious blue thread.

Rabbi Jules Harlow, the Literary Editor of the new Eitz Chayim Chumash will be at **Kolel: The Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning** discussing "How the Siddur Quotes and Misquotes the Bible." What were the rabbis trying to achieve by altering quotes from Bible text?

Rabbi Harold Kushner

At the **Associated Hebrew School**, Thornhill campus, **Rabbi Harold Kushner**, author of "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" and the co-editor of the Chumash will focus on the topic, "Learning to See an Invisible God." ■

Torah, Technology & Theology

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6
8:00 pm, Inn On The Park

Science and theology may seem like strange bedfellows, but two prominent lecturers -one a rabbi, the other a scientist - plan to bring the two together at this year's assembly.

Dr. Martin Moskovits, Dean of Sciences, University of California, Santa Barbara and **Rabbi Byron Sherwin**, Professor of Jewish Ethics & Mysticism, Spertus College of Judaica, will be lecturing on "Torah, Technology and Theology."

Dr. Moskovits will examine whether or not modern science and technology is compatible with traditional Jewish thought.

Moskovits also plans to address artificial intelligence (AI), the question of whether computers can be programmed to learn the characteristics we attribute to humans.

Rabbi Byron Sherwin

He will also speak on how Jewish theology, ethics and law can address and confront the "new" science and technology.

Both Moskovits and Sherwin have spent years studying and writing about these topics. Rabbi Sherwin has authored 23 books and over 150 articles. His writings have been translated into Polish, Chinese, Spanish and Italian. ■

Convention a Homecoming for RA president

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, is proof personified that you truly can "go home again!" When the Rabbinical Assembly arrives in Toronto on June 3rd it will be a homecoming for this Toronto native.

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

Rabbi Kurtz, 50, spent his first 20 years in Toronto, graduating from both Associated Hebrew School and CHAT (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto). In 1971, bearing a degree from York University, he went to Israel for a year to study. His next four years were spent in New York City at the Jewish Theological Seminary where he earned his MA and Rabbinic Ordination. From NYC, the new rabbi traveled west to Chicago, first to Congregation Rodfei Zedek from 1976 to 1987 and, in 1998, he moved to Highland Park. ■

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e for Rabbinical Assembly in Toronto

thinking about Bible and future directions for synagogue life. We will explore the current state and future of Israel. This also is an opportunity to showcase the depth of our community to a community of rabbis," says Rabbi Frydman-Kohl.

This assembly has been underwritten by the **Beverly and Morris Baker Foundation, Benjamin Park Memorial Chapel, Joey & Toby Tanenbaum, State of Israel Bonds**, the **Israel Government Tourist Office, Steeles Memorial Chapel, Beth Tzedec Congregation, Adath Israel Congregation, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation** and **Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation.** ■

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Coast to Coast

Community volunteers to be honoured

By JULIA KOLLEK
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Hamilton's 51st Negev Dinner on June 6th will honour Elaine and Cuppy Katz, a couple with a strong commitment to their community and to Israel.

Funds raised from the dinner will go towards building the Ne'ot Temarim Reservoir in the Negev desert. The goal is to bring water to the area for agriculture, while at the same time freeing the current supply for domestic use.

Elaine and Cuppy are lifelong volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to their synagogue, as well as to the United Jewish Appeal, Shalom Village (the local senior's residence), B'nai Brith, the Jewish National Fund, Israel Bonds, Hadassah, the Canadian Cancer Society, Mount Sinai Hospital, Hamilton's Royal Botanical Gardens, the Rotary Club and the Masons.

In addition to all the community work they do together, Cuppy has taught judo and swimming to youngsters, and visits an inner city elementary school to read to a class.

"I get a lot of pleasure out of doing this," he says. "It's a lot of fun."

"We do what we can to help," Elaine says. "Every day we say how lucky we are and we don't take it for granted. We want to give something back to our community."

Members on each side of Elaine and Cuppy's families are also noted for their achievements. Elaine's grandparents emigrated from Poland, and settled in Acton, Ont. At the time, there were few Jewish families in the town, and the family had to make extra efforts to maintain their Jewish way of life. Every Thursday, Elaine's mother, Ethel Rachlin, would take a wicker basket of live chickens on the train, hiding the lively package under her seat. On the way to school, she would take the chickens to the shochet's home to be butchered, and pick up the "finished product" at the end of the day. Other kosher food was brought in from Toronto, 45 miles away.

Elaine and Cuppy Katz

Before she married, Ethel was promoted to secretary-treasurer for the Hydro Commission at the town hall, an unusual opportunity for a woman – let alone a Jewish one – in 1921.

Elaine's father, Ben, and Ethel set up a clothing store in their town, which by the time Elaine and her brother Ted were born, had grown to a population of 3,000. The Rachlins were well-respected in the community, with Ben being elected mayor of Acton in 1952, becoming one of two Jewish mayors in Ontario at the time. Almost 20 years later, the couple were feted by the townspeople on their 40th wedding anniversary, for their 40 years of community service.

But a connection with Jewish community life was missing. There was only one other Jewish family in town, and to enable their son Ted to have Jewish friends, the couple sent him to live with relatives in Toronto when he was 13. Later, Elaine and her parents also moved to Toronto. Elaine went on to study at teachers' college, and took a post in a North York school.

Cuppy's family also emigrated from Poland. His father Nutte moved to Hamilton, and when he had saved up enough money, he brought over Gitel, his bride. She became renowned in Hamilton for her cooking, and was much sought after as a caterer for weddings and bar mitzvahs.

Nutte, meanwhile, built up a successful business in auto-wrecking ("the original recyclers," Cuppy says). He bought Dominion Auto, an auto-wrecking company, turning it from a three-person firm to one with more than 20 employees. He was highly respected for his unfailing honesty and his uncanny memory. Although he could neither read nor write, he was able to find garages, insurance companies and towing businesses even if he had only been driven there once.

Cuppy left school at 16 – earlier than he had planned – to join his father in the business, with his brother Bernie joining them shortly after. Following their father's death, the brothers continued to build up the firm. Influenced by what was happening in Europe and the States, they introduced inventory systems and a communication "hotline" that enabled scrap companies to network with each other and better locate parts for their customers. The yards became clean, organized and efficient.

Cuppy, a great believer in trade organizations, realized the importance of networking within the industry, and became a founding member of the Canadian Auto Recyclers, serving as secretary for 14 years. He was also the first non-American to be elected president of the Automotive Dismantlers and Recyclers of America.

Since Cuppy's retirement, he and Elaine enjoy spending more time with their children and grandchildren. Whenever they can, the couple pursues a shared love of travel that has taken them all over the world. They make a point of finding Jewish communities; by meeting people, going to synagogues and visiting museums, they feel connected with Jewish life wherever they go.

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Lag B'Omer celebrated in Hamilton

By JULIA KOLLEK
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON – Lag B'Omer celebrations lit up the night sky at Hamilton's first community-wide bonfire, barbecue and fireworks event, held in a small field behind the JCC.

The idea was suggested to Frank Samuels, vice-principal of administration at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, who emigrated here with his family just eight months ago. Samuels assembled a team of helpers from different groups in the city. Through their efforts, the cost of the evening was covered by each of Hamilton's three synagogues, and this enabled admission to be free (only hot dogs, hamburgers and pop were on sale).

"The main outlay was on the fireworks, as we hired professionals – together with the cost of a permit and a high insurance premium," Samuels said.

"No one synagogue alone could have afforded to host this event, and I could not have done this on my own either. It was a fantastic effort – people helped shop, schlepped out tables and helped barbecue."

Hamilton students celebrate Lag B'Omer. [Wendy Schneider photo]

The event attracted almost 200 people, many of whom risked sleeping in for school the next day by staying up beyond dusk to watch the spectacular fireworks show.

"I think the evening gave Lag B'Omer a new meaning that the whole community can get together and celebrate," Samuels said. "If people enjoyed it and went home saying they would like to come back next year, then it was a success.

"I hope it becomes an annual event," he added.

שיאור ג'ינג'ו

גידי קורן וחברים

מה יהיה

ישראל של מאי 2001 אינה דומה לשום דבר שהיכרנו בעבר. רמת האלימות של הפלשתינאים מזכירה את תקופת המאורעות שלפני קום המדינה. ההבדל הוא שאז היה איום פיזי ממשי לישות היהודית, ואילו עכשיו הסכנה היא אישית. לא עובר יום ללא קורבנות, חלקם בשטח ישראל אך רובם מעבר לקו הירוק. די ברור שהאכלוסיה הפלשתינאית אינה משתתפת באינתיפאדה הזו, אינה יוצאת לרחובות יותר, וסובלת סבל נורא מבחינה כלכלית. את העבודה עושים עכשיו אנשי טרור מאומנים ומצוידים, שבדרכם הצינית עושים את מלאכתם מתוך שטחים מיושבים, מה שמאלץ את צה"ל לחגיב, לא אחת על חשבון פגיעות באוכלוסיה הערבית.

משאל דעת קהל העלה שרוב תושבי ישראל היהודים מאמינים שרק פיתרון מדיני יכול להביא לשלום, אבל לפיתרון כזה צריך פרטנר, שבשלב זה אינו נראה לעין. וכל זה יוצר משוואה חסרת פיתרון ומתסכלת.

מה שהיה כאן פעם

אני לא יודע איך זה אצלכם, אבל אני הרבה פעמים מתקשה לזכור מה עשיתי אתמול, או לפני שבוע. בעבודתי המדעית אני מנסה להבין איך תרופות משפיעות על ילדים כאן ועכשיו. אז היתה יושב ממולי במשרדי המבולגן בבית החולים פרופסור רוברט רייז (Robert Reisz) , פאלאאנטולוג שכל מעייניו מוקדשים למצוא אילו חיות הסתובבו על כדור תארץ לפני שלוש מאות מליון שנה. העילה לפגישתינו היא סדרת גילויים חדשה של רוברט שהתפרסמו או עומדים להתפרסם בעיתונים המדעיים Nature ו-Science. אני מנסה לברר איך בחור יהודי מרומניה, בן יחיד לניצולי שואה, מחליט לגלות חיות שפסו מן העולם לפני שלוש מאות מליון שנה ולא ללמוד רפואה או משפטים כפי שקוו הוריו. "שום דבר אחר לא עניין אותי" מחייך הפרופסור.

לפני מספר חודשים גילה רוברט לעולם את החיה הראשונה שרצה תוך שימוש בשתי רגליים ולא ארבע. כשהוא מסביר לי שעבודתו נעשית על ידי פענוח של מאובנים שהוא מביא מכל קצווי העולם, לא קשה לי להבין את התרגשות העצומה שבעבודה הזו. אני מתאר לעצמי את רוברט עובר במכס ועונה לשאלה אם הוא הביא איתו משהו חדש בעל ערך שקיבל או קנה. " בתקופה שאני עוסק בה לא היו עדיין יבשות, העולם היה מחובר, לא היו צמחים נשאי פרחים, ולא היה עֵשֶׂב". נשמע כמו פרק א' בספר בראשית.

ממש לפני שאנחנו נפרדים אני מגלה שהפרופסור מפרק א' של ספר בראשית נולד באותו יום ובאותה שנה שבה נולדתי אני. ואני חשבתי עד עכשיו שרק אני נולדתי ביום ההוא, כי לא פגשתי עד עכשיו אף אחד אחר שנולד בדיוק אז. מה שמראה שאסור להפסיק לחפש. אבל שישאר בינינו.

עלילות הפרה ממינסק

לתושבים של כפר קטן בפולניה היתה פרה אחת שסיפקה חלב לכולם, על כן אחבו אותה, טיפלו בה ודאגו לשלומה. יום אחד מתה הפרה, והתושבים מיהרו וחיפשו לקנות פרה חדשה. פרה רזיה עלתה אלפיים רובל בעוד שפרה ממינסק עלתה אלף רובל בלבד. תחליטו ללכת על הפרה ממינסק, ואכן לא תתאכזבו, כי גם חיא, כמו קודמתה, סיפקה חלב בשפע. אמרו הכפריים: אולי נקנה פר כדי שיעמיד צאצאים לפרתנו האהובה, כך שאם יקרה לה משהו, יהיה לנו חלב בשפע. חלכו וקנו פר, אך אבוי, חודשים עוברים והדבר לא קורה! חלכו לפריץ והתייעצו בו: " הפר מתקרב אליה מאחור והיא מתחילה לבעוט. הוא ניגש מקדימה והיא זוה אחורה. הוא בא מצד ימין והיא נמלטת שמאלה. מה לעשות?". חשב הפריץ וחשב ובסוף שאל: "הגידו, הפרה הזאת באה ממינסק". הכפריים היו המומים. "חד מעלתך, אתה נביא בן נביא! איך ידעת שהיא ממינסק!?" ענה להם הפריץ: " זה לא מסובך כמו שזה נראה... אשתי ממינסק!".

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A choice statement or discretion

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

One of the qualities that distinguishes really great politicians from the pack centres on the ability to judge when to talk and when to adopt a more discreet approach to a problem. In the right circumstances, a choice statement can galvanize support for an idea or catapult an issue onto the public agenda. At other times, it is the quality of circumspection that achieves a much sought after goal.

Too often, under the pressure of a perceived need to be heard, politicians ignore the wisdom of discretion in favour of the splashier approach. A couple of recent developments make the point better than any lecture.

It was only a couple of weeks ago that a beleaguered Stockwell Day addressed the Canadian Jewish Congress and rocked the house with an unequivocal statement of support for the equally beleaguered Jewish state. It carried the crowd – and the headlines in newscasts across the country for almost a whole week.

It may have made the audience feel very good, but the ensuing controversy dashed any short-lived euphoria. His speech prompted political opponents to chastise him for a lack of balance and judgment.

Canadian Arabs were quick to cry foul and threaten legal action. Ultimately, Day himself backtracked and sought to make amends to the affronted National Council on Canadian-Arab Relations. Who won?

At pretty much the same time, the public learned that the government was finally moving forward on a difficult case involving a suspected Nazi war criminal. The two issues – Canadian Middle East policy and the prosecution of Nazi war criminals residing in Canada – press some of the same buttons. Both have the potential of pitting the Canadian Jewish community against other ethnic groups that have also grown and flourished in this country. Both issues are inherently volatile and emotionally-charged lightning rods. And both have the capacity to embroil a well-meaning politician in a veritable quagmire from which there is no easy escape.

Yet unlike Stockwell Day, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Elinor Caplan successfully negotiated her way over every hurdle – including some within her own caucus, let alone the behemoth of government officialdom – with neither fanfare nor display. She got the job done, and done well, primarily because she remained focused on the objective and would not succumb to the temptation of ephemeral praise that could potentially jeopardize that objective. No comebacks, no apologies, no dilution of message. That's a distinguished and distinguishing piece of work – and worthy of real applause.

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Israel throwing off the 'Superman/Krypton paradigm'

By ILAN RUBIN
Special to The CJN

Comment

Avigdor Lieberman, chair of the right-leaning FSU (former Soviet Union) immigrants' party Israel Is Our Home (Yisrael Beiteinu) and a minister in the Israeli cabinet, met recently, at his request, with a forum of ambassadors of the former Soviet Union, including Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and the Southern Asian Republics.

At the meeting, according to *Ha'aretz*, Lieberman complained about having been criticized by Israel Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak, regarding some constitutional issue. Three months ago, Lieberman met with the same forum, and shared with them his views on the Middle East, from Aswan to Teheran.

A few months ago, Roman Bronfman, chair of the left-leaning FSU immigrants' party The Democratic Choice, met, also at his request, with this same forum of FSU ambassadors, to complain about Haredi positions on army induction, and civil marriages.

Over a year ago, Natan Sharansky, then minister of industry, made a well-publicized visit to Russia, where he met with Russian ministers, and even shared reminiscences with his former jailers in Lefortovo prison.

Certainly all the above encounters hold rich ironies, as well as reminders, once again, that enemies can and do become friends when it is expedient, and of the iron imperative of democratic, ethnic politics.

I would suggest, however, the fact that these encounters took place openly, without any public outcry, is surface evidence of a major techtonic shift in contemporary Israel. This shift merits deeper consideration.

When Zionist ideology at the turn of the century called upon the chalutzim to turn their backs on Eastern Europe and its unique form of Jewish life, it never imagined the Holocaust that was to engulf the Jewish communities there.

After the Shoah, the descent of the Iron Curtain over Eastern Europe made the whole eastern part of the continent virtually inaccessible to new olim of Eastern European origin.

A similar phenomenon of being cut off was experience by most olim from Arab lands. But in addition, they faced the implacable hostility of their countries of origin and the fact that every day, calls for Israel's annihilation were coming from across the porous borders in the Arabic language familiar to them. This made their psychological situation in their new homeland even more difficult.

The result was an Israel of uprooted orphans whose previous homes and families were gone, and whose very land and language, drenched in blood, was inaccessible to them. The very popular song *Ein li eretz acheret* (I have no other country) resonated especially poignantly for these citizens and their children.

An important part of the Israeli ethos regarding postwar olim, hidden just below the surface but actively promoted by the then-reigning ideologies and elites, hammered home by the mass media and widely supported by the general population (including many postwar olim themselves) was what I would call the Superman/Krypton paradigm:

Catapulted out of a world that was cataclysmically self-destructing, the infant/orphan is literally born again in the new Promised Land. Here the fatal flaw that doomed his prior world – lack of sovereignty and Jewish self-defence – will be fundamentally corrected. He is to embrace his new Israeli identity, totally wrapping himself in the colours of his new homeland. Only one thing can threaten him, weaken him and even kill him – anything from his former world.

Thus did the new Israeli nation grow up in its most formative years, a nation of immigrants from "virtual" countries of emigration. Moreover, the pain of the past and the cutting-off of the present made visits to their place of origin impossible, positive memories and reminiscences unwelcome, mother-tongues next to useless and a source of shame.

The olim from the FSU in the '70s, while of course fundamentally different from the Holocaust survivors and the olim from Arab lands, followed the same pattern in leaving behind their countries of origin. Those who left were happy to give up their Soviet passports and their Soviet way of life, and knew that they would never be able to go back again. Once in Israel, it was made clear to them that anything good that they had to say about their former lives was best kept to themselves.

Then, suddenly, the Iron Curtain collapsed in 1990, and Eastern Europe (and the FSU) were suddenly open to visits and reconnection. Over the past decade, hundreds of thousands of postwar Israelis have gone back to visit Eastern Europe and have brought their children and their children's children. (Interestingly, a similar phenomenon has happened with Israelis of Moroccan origin, whose tangible and totemic links to Morocco have also soared.)

Moreover, a million olim from the FSU during this past decade have come to Israel the way that Western olim, like myself, have always done: with a sense of self-identity and self-confidence that includes the lifetimes we had led in our countries of origin, pride in our languages and cultures of origin, and with the full understanding that we can visit "the old country" whenever we like and even send our children back for a summerwith their grandparents at the *dacha* – I mean the summer cottage!

Reconnection with roots is a sign of maturity. The ability to come to terms with one's past is a sine qua non for future growth – both personal and national.

Today's Israel is well on the way to freeing itself from the shackles of the Superman/Krypton paradigm, to opening itself to cultural ethnic pluralism. This major development has brought to the surface much long-repressed pain, and pent-up frustrations and angers. But it has also brought new energies.

To be an Israeli means, more than ever before, to bring to the national table the strengths, "specialnesses" and comfort levels with where one was born, and to join with other Israelis who came themselves, or are children of those who came, from over a hundred countries, to create this global Jewish village, this new Israel.

Recently I saw an advertisement in *Yediot Acharonot* encouraging attendance at the International Book Fair held biannually in Jerusalem. There for the first time that I can recall in 31 years, was a clear message indicating the drama of this new reality: "You are invited to buy books from *beit eema*" (literally: from your mother's home).

From Krypton to *beit eema* – a fundamental paradigm shift indeed! True, this new paradigm of cultural mosaic is shaky. True, it still needs to explore the necessary limits and parameters of ethnic (and religious!) pluralism within the larger common imperative of a Jewish state. But it is a path and a direction which holds great possibilities in helping to actualize the opportunities and challenges of our Zionist adventure.

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Yugoslav Jews praise president, worry about anti-Semitism

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Jews in Yugoslavia are praising the policy of President Vojislav Kostunica, but are concerned by an upsurge of anti-Semitic incidents in the seven months since Kostunica took office.

"It's a paradox, we can't explain it," said Aca Singer, president of the Federations of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia. "Anti-Semitism does not run deep among Serbs, but still we are concerned at the trend and are watching the situation."

Kostunica assumed the presidency in October after strongman Slobodan Milosevic was ousted.

Kostunica delighted the Jewish community last month by taking part at ceremonies in Belgrade's synagogue marking Yom Hashoah. Other leading government figures also participated, along with the Israeli ambassador and representatives of Jewish communities.

"It was a very, very important gesture," said Singer, who spoke to JTA while in Washington for the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee. "It was the first time that the president took part."

Nonetheless, he said, recent episodes of anti-Semitism in Belgrade and elsewhere have caused alarm.

These included several instances of anti-Semitic slogans and swastikas scrawled on city walls and the vandalization of Jewish memorial plaques in the towns of Kikinda and Zrenjanin.

Gravestones in the Jewish cemetery in Zrenjanin also were vandalized in February. In Kikinda, an elderly Holocaust survivor received a death threat in the mail and had swastikas scrawled on her door.

"There have been significantly more anti-Semitic attacks since the fall of Milosevic," said Lidija Petrovic, president of the Zrenjanin Jewish community. "We can't explain it."

Also alarming, Singer and Petrovic said, was an attempt by far-right nationalist leader Vojislav Seselj and his extremist Radical Party to compare their position to that of Jews during the Holocaust.

Singer said he protested a recent incident during which Seselj and other Radical Party members in the Serbian Parliament donned yellow armbands and claimed that they were "modern Jews'" threatened by the post-Milosevic government.

ISRAELIS PROTEST CNN NEWS COVERAGE: Israelis of all political and religious background demonstrated last week outside the offices of CNN in Jerusalem. They are angered at what they see as anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian reporting of the current violence. CNN and the BBC are particular objects of their anger. There is scant coverage by these media outlets, the protesters maintained, of the constant incitement to hatred against Israel emanating from the Palestinian Authority. [Isranet photo]

Bomb in Netanya kills four, wounds 80

As The CJN *was going to early press deadline on May 18, news broke of a suicide bombing in Netanya.*

NETANYA — At 11:30 a.m. Friday morning, a terrorist bomber blew himself up at the entrance of Netanya's busiest shopping mall, killing four others, and injuring over 80. The wounded were taken to nearby Laniado Hospital for treatment.

Raanan Gissin, Foreign Press and Public Affairs advisor to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the following after the incident:

"Today's heinous bombing in Netanya, resulting in the death of innocent Israeli civilians, is just the latest result of a venomous campaign of incitement waged by the Palestinian Authority against Israel.

"This campaign of incitement – which is spewed 24 hours a day by the PA-controlled media – legitimizes, encourages and serves as a springboard for terror against Israel. The latest glaring example is Arafat's incitement-filled speech on the day of the 'Nakbah,' and the call today by the official Palestinian paper *El Hayat el Jedidya*, on the front

Ra'anan Gissin

page, for the killing of Jews wherever they can be found as a means to hasten the coming of the day of redemption.

"Another ominous development is the reports of a new situation where foreign journalists who want to expose the vicious campaign of Palestinian incitement are intimidated and forewarned by the PA against doing so. Any attempt to expose this campaign is silenced by the PA's strong-arm tactics against these journalists, who are told, at best, that they may lose their sources, and at worst, are directly threatened.

"This long-term practice of intimidation by the PA has now been revealed by several reporters who dared 'break the rules' as dictated by the PA."

— CJN news sources.

Animosity at Syria

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

BEIRUT — Syria's continuing military presence in Lebanon is back on the Beirut government's agenda after Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlass last week criticized Lebanese officials who called for Syria's withdrawal.

In an interview with the Lebanese daily *Al Diyar*, Tlass blasted the Maronite Christian Patriarch in Lebanon, Nasrallah Sfeir, who had asked Pope John Paul II to coax then-prime minister Menachem Begin into agreeing to defend the Christians in the event of a war.

Lebanese Defence Minister Khalil Hrawi reacted to the interview by saying Tlass's position does not reflect the official Syrian position, and his comments were "factually incorrect." Sfeir said Tlass's comments "are not worthy of a response."

Red Cross official calls settlements a war crime

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The top Red Cross official in Israel and the Palestinian areas said last week the existence of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is a war crime, remarks that ignited another round of tension with Israel.

Rene Kosirnik, who heads the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delegation here, said the settlements constitute a violation of human rights law under the Geneva Convention, the treaty intended to protect civilians in areas of conflict.

"The installation of a population of the occupying power in occupied territory is considered an illegal move; it is a grave breach [of law]," Kosirnik said.

"In principle, it is a war crime."

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Yaffa Ben-Ari said the government was dismayed by Kosirnik's comments.

"It is quite inappropriate for the ICRC to prejudice the outcome of such negotiations by offering such loaded statements," Ben-Ari said. "By taking a public position on these issues, the ICRC compromises its ability to effectively work with both sides to serve its humanitarian mission."

The Red Cross traditionally maintains a policy of neutrality and does not normally speak out on sensitive political issues. However, Kosirnik told a news conference that the organization's opposition was based on international law, not politics.

"The International Red Cross is not a prosecutor and not a judge, but we are certainly advocates in lobbying for respect of human standards and humanitarian law," he said.

Kosirnik's comments followed a strained meeting last month between Red Cross officials and Defence Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer. Responding to charges that Israel was violating Palestinian human rights, Ben-Eliezer angrily produced a picture of an Israeli baby killed by a Palestinian gunman.

At the same meeting, Ben-Eliezer criticized the Red Cross for failing to establish contact with four Israelis, including three soldiers, held hostage in Lebanon.

Another sore spot has been Israel's exclusion from full membership of the Red Cross movement, partly because the Red Cross refuses to recognize the emblem of the Israeli emergency service, a red Star of David.

May 14

• Israeli troops killed five Palestinian security officers near Ramallah after detecting what was termed "suspicious activity." *(Later in the week, the IDF said the men were killed in a mistake of identity.)*

• Iran's official news agency referred to the two murdered Israeli teenagers from Tekoa as "terrorists."

May 15

• President Moshe Katsav vowed the Jewish State wold never allow anyone to harm the Al-Aksa Mosque. "I will put my life on the line in order to protect the holiness" of the mosque, Katsav said.

• Thousands of Palestinians took to the streets to mark *Al Nakba*, the catastrophe, which is what they call the founding of the State of Israel. Violence, however, was kept to a minimum.

May 16

• *Ha'aretz* reported that scientists at Nes Ziona's Biological Institute have developed a vaccine against the lethal bacteria anthrax.

May 17

• Israel and the PA both said the draft report by the Mitchell Commission could provide the basis for a ceasefire and resumption of peace talks.

• Israel plans to begin airing radio broadcasts in Arabic in Palestinian areas of the West Bank to combat the incitement on official Palestinian stations. "We need to show Israel's side and explain it," Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told a Knesset committee.

May 18

• The cabinet announced it will hold a special session next week to discuss cutting NIS 4 billion to NIS 5 billion from the 2001 budget in order to finance the additional defence expenditures necessitated by the intifadah.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Peres: Israel is in battle for existence

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel is locked in a battle for its existence, says Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

"The problems are existential, and in all my days I have never known their like," he said last week in an interview with *Ha'aretz*.

"There were similar situations in the past, but then everybody was mobilized... Today, too, everyone must mobilize. Then, it was to survive, and now it is to prevent the danger of war and attain peace."

Peres said he feels "a heavy responsibility" to prevent "a retreat into the past of isolation and violence." He said it's important to prevent a situation in which Western countries make excuses for Palestinian terrorism.

"They must not tell us, 'There is terror because of your settlements'... It is very important there should be no justification or excuses [for terrorism], and I am running from place to place like a madman in order to explain this point."

Peres noted that while the United States has taken a firm stand against terrorism, "in Europe it isn't easy. There, they accept the equation of settlements versus terror. We must not let this happen in America as well."

Based on his talks with Palestinian officials, Peres said he believes that despite the growing hatred, there remains a chance to gain control of the situation. What is needed, he said, is to build "verbal and political bridges." Because of the violence, "these bridges are more complicated and need more cement... This is what I am trying to do."

Israel last week submitted its official response to the Mitchell committee report, in which the government accepted most of the report's recommendations, but disagreed with its demand for a complete freeze on settlement construction, and its link between such a freeze and a ceasefire.

In the coming days, Peres will try to find some formula for the settlements that is acceptable to Israel and which could be included in the final version of the report.

Israel, he said, supports the basic approach laid down in the report: a ceasefire, confidence-building measures, and a cooling-off period leading to resumed negotiations.

"The main problem lies in the Palestinians' court – can they stop the terror? I don't want people to say we are responsible; that it's because of the settlements. Ending the terror is the basis for everything."

Four principles, he added, will govern Israel's behaviour regarding the settlements:

• No new settlements will be built.

• No land will be expropriated for settlements.

• The settlements will be discussed in diplomatic negotiations.

• Israel will not use the term "natural growth" in the settlements for other purposes.

Peres defended the Israel Defence Forces' incursions into Palestinian-controlled territory. "If they would take away the mortars, we wouldn't go in," he said. "We aren't initiating the disturbances."

Journalist showcases hatred, despite consequences

Most foreign correspondents who report from the West Bank and Gaza focus on the day-by-day cycle of violence, especially Israeli retaliation (almost always captured by TV crews) for Palestinian provocations (rarely depicted). Because of this, other stories, especially those which displease the Palestinian Authority, go largely unreported.

Bucking this trend, Martin Fletcher of NBC News earlier this month created a stir when he showed how the Palestinians are indoctrinating their children in a campaign of hatred towards Israel and encouraging them to participate in the violence. And, Fletcher claimed, "they are using a stunning tactic – commercials on Palestinian TV asking children to drop their toys, pick up rocks, and do battle with Israel."

Fletcher presented a school in Gaza where "there is a daily prayer and a call to arms: 'Are you afraid?' one boy shouts. 'No,' they answer. And then, "We ask Allah to destroy the Jews.'"

Reminding us that more than half the population of Gaza are children under the age of fifteen, Fletcher concluded: "Already, young boys are learning how to fight. Summer camp teaches them how to resist the Israelis, but now they are being taught not to fear death. The greatest glory, they are told, is to be a martyr." An angry PA branded Fletcher's report "irresponsible journalism, if not forgery and manipulation."

This indoctrination of children to hate Israel is not a new phenomenon occasioned by the last period of violence.

The irrefutable fact is that such indoctrination went on during the Oslo process, not only in the schools, but also in the Palestinian media. It has created an atmosphere in which the most gruesome sort of crime, such as the stoning deaths and mutilation of two Israeli boys from Tekoa last week, which went largely underreported, can somehow be made to seem acceptable, if not justifiable.

Contrast Ariel Sharon's repeated apology for the accidental death of a Palestinian baby hit by Israeli shrapnel with Yasser Arafat's refusal to condemn the intentional slaying of the Israeli boys. There is no moral equivalence between the two incidents, but there is a huge moral gulf which separates the responses.

When the Palestinian leadership incites hatred, refuses to recognize its neighbours as having any legitimacy and humanity, and fuels its followers with futile dreams of Israel's destruction or disappearance, its people are led down a terrible road to endless strife.

It is time that western journalists reporting from the territories looked at this indoctrination phenomenon, even if it means offending PA sensibilities.

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Germany and Hezbollah said in new talks on Israeli captives

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

BEIRUT — A Lebanese newspaper last week reported that German mediators have resumed talks with Hezbollah guerrillas and Israel about a prisoner swap, and that the Israeli soldiers are alive.

But the *Daily Star* quoted an official as saying mediation efforts to swap four Israeli captives for Lebanese and Arab prisoners in Israel had made no progress because of conditions imposed by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

The three IDF soldiers were kidnapped while patrolling the northern border in October, and an Israeli businessman was kidnapped in Europe later the same month.

"Information about Israeli prisoners is still shrouded in secrecy and all that was known was they are alive," the English-language daily quoted the official as saying. "Overcoming obstacles may take time in view of the difficult conditions laid down by Sharon, including dismantling Hezbollah's missile bases in the south. Another major obstacle relates to the number of detainees and prisoners Hezbollah wants freed," he continued.

Hezbollah said talks were held up because Israel refused to free Palestinian detainees, though it had agreed to hand over Lebanese and Arab prisoners, as well as maps of mine fields in south Lebanon.

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Haider's successor plans visit to Israel

By YAIR ETTINGER
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — More than a year after its inclusion in Austria's coalition government sparked a crisis in Israel-Austria relations, the far-right Freedom Party is trying to court support in Israel.

Austria's vice-chancellor, Suzanne Riess-Passer, who inherited the Freedom Party leadership from Joerg Haider, has announced she will make a private visit to Israel sometime in the next few months.

Riess-Passer's spokesperson told *Ha'aretz* that the date of her visit has not been set, but she has an open invitation sent by an Israeli university. The spokesperson declined to give details.

Israel's Foreign Ministry has no information regarding the vice-chancellor's visit, one of its senior officials said.

"As long as this is a private visit, the vice-chancellor can't be stopped from coming to Israel, but the Foreign Ministry has no connection with the matter," the official said.

Similarly, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, which is establishing an Austrian Studies research institute, denies knowledge about Riess-Passer's visit, and says it has no intention of inviting her.

Last February, responding to the Freedom Party's inclusion in Austria's government, Israel recalled its ambassador from Vienna.

The United States and European Union imposed sanctions against Austria. These were lifted when Haider resigned as Freedom Party head, and also after an EU-sponsored report found Austria's coalition posed no threat to human rights.

Riess-Passer has signaled her desire to improve relations with Israel. Officials in her office recalled last week that after Ariel Sharon's election as prime minister, Riess-Passer sent a letter of congratulations, asking Sharon to reconsider the outgoing Ehud Barak government's policy of refusing to return Israel's ambassador to Vienna.

Riess-Passer's spokesperson said Sharon ignored the request. Israeli Foreign Ministry officials said last week that they know nothing about the vice-chancellor's letter to Sharon.

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Instead of sitting in the sun, get out your face bronzer and dust your whole face. Self-tanners have come a long way. No more orange, just a sun-kissed glow. Apply your sunscreen daily at least a half-hour before leaving home. The rays are everywhere and the damage gets worse every year. For a little darker complexion, use a lightly textured foundation that is a few shades darker than your natural skin, but watch out for demarcation lines.

CAROL'S TIPS

SKIN CARE: Biotherm offers a new feather-like daily fluid with an SPF of 25, and from their Biosensitive line, a soothing cream designed to give softness to your whole body. It penetrates the roughest patches yet leaves no oily film.

An intense calcium-rich body moisturizer comes to us from Christian Dior – its name – Hydra-Corps satin. It is ideally hydrating and leaves skin fresh and supple.

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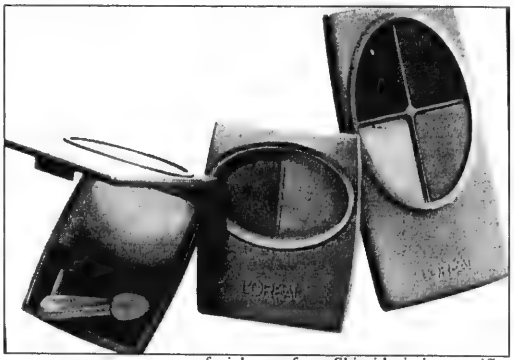
Light and airy describe Elizabeth Arden's Green Tea (powerful anti-oxidant) body foam. It gently exfoliates and revitalizes to reveal an all-over glow. This would be great to use before applying self-tanners.



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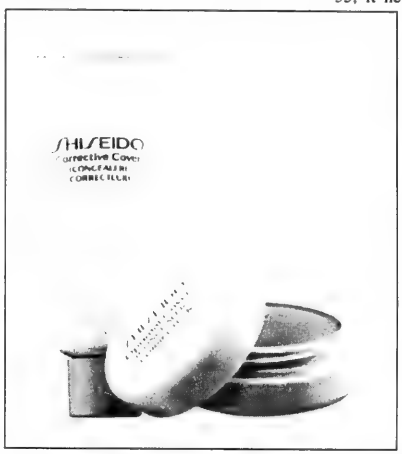

FOUNDATION: Say good-by to shine with Liquid Powder by Quo. This two-in-one liquid foundation and powder provides excellent coverage with a velvety finish.

Lauder's Bikini Brights offers Bronze Goddess Soft Matte Bronzer that will enhance your skin tone with a sunny hue.

Elizabeth Arden creates a fabulous lotion this season and a powder compact called Let There Be Light. Both contain micro-light particles that brighten skin immediately and can be worn with or without liquid foundation.

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Lise Watier created Base Miracle, a silicone-based semi-translucent gel that instantly transforms into a silky matte finish that keeps foundation fresh all day.

For the most gorgeous, even tan in just two or three hours, smooth on Shiseido's new moisturizing gel self-tanner. It is perfect for the face and body, dries in seconds, and leaves skin soft, supple and glowing. Top up your tan and protect your face with Shiseido's Sun block Compact with SPF 32. It is powder based, water-resistant and PABA-free.

CHEEKS: Lancaster has created the perfect summer shade for cheeks – Light Enhancing powder blush, a matte apricot that will give your face a special summer radiance.

Lauder's Day Glow Sheer Cheekcolour from their Bikini Brights collection is superb in the colour Sunshine – fresh from the beach radiance.

EYES: Extreme Cils Waterproof mascara from Chanel is great for swimming; there is absolutely no smudging. Also from Chanel is a great double-ended pencil with a kohl point on one end and a creamy shadow on the other. This is so practical!

New refreshing cream eye shadow from L'Oreal Paris called Colour Fresco is a dream to apply and will give your eyes an irresistible sparkle – available at all pharmacies in June.

Optimal Cover concealer from Shiseido is one of the best cover-ups I have seen in a while. It's moist, yet water-resistant and stays on until you remove it. It literally covers any discolouration including birthmarks and scars.

Eyebrow Essential Kit from Lise Watier is a perfect petite travel companion. Equipped with two shades of brow powder and all the tools necessary to achieve flawless eyebrows, even an eyebrow map.

LIPS/NAILS: Wait until you see Chanel's new lip gloss in shades called Soda and Gin Fizz with iced nail colour to match – both are must haves this season.

Voile de Nacre is a base and powder for nails from Christian Dior that shimmers delicately as in a midsummer night's dream. This product is very different and fun, fun, fun. Dior also treats us to Multi-Gloss, which brings the lush blush of ripe fruit to lips and cheeks.

Multi-Sensation Velvet Lip colour from Lancôme has some tasty innovations, such as the silkiest, sultriest matte finish possible. It feels weightless and lasts all day.

A great moisturizing lip-care formula from Lancaster called Sheer Lipstick not only protects your lips, but gives them a nice shine for hours. MAC's Eden Rocks collection is fabulous.

Try the colour Dream Vacation and top it up with Crystal Beach gloss – as sexy as sex gets.

HAIR: Daniel Fiorio proprietor of Salon Daniel at 79 Yorkville Ave. in Toronto says hair this season will be most fashionable with contrasting colours.

If you are blond then you will want dark, graduating roots, and if you are dark you can have a variation of lighter colours with a large blond chunk that can be woven through hair, hidden or simply styled together. A truly innovative effect that is definitely a summer happening.

True Calm is a new line of hydrating hair care products from Redken. It strengthens the hair, calms and is excellent for moisturizing a dry scalp.

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Shiseido's hair care selection: shampoo for all types of hair, an Intensive Treatment Hair Mask that nourishes right to the core and a Multi-Treatment Hair Lotion Spray that repairs damage from hair dryers.

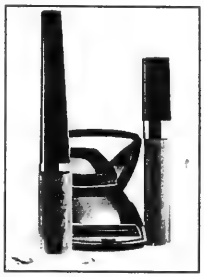
FRAGRANCE: Davidoff introduces Cool Water Functions, which includes eight lifestyle products that will be available in August. The seriously cool part of the packaging is that within every bottle is a techno blue aluminum foil bag that gradually shrinks as the product is used up. This is totally functional, as it not only allows you to see how much is left, but preserves the formula in peak condition until the last drop.

Chanel treats us to a purse-size ladies Allure scent, with refills and all. The scent, of course, is grand, and the convenient little bottle is a treasure. The Men's Allure is also being packaged for the man-on-the-go in a gorgeous little champagne-coloured metal casing with a strong tactile appeal.

Michael Kors, one of the world's hottest fashion designers brings us a new fragrance – Michael. This scent is exquisite, and the bottle – let that be a surprise. It can be purchased via Michael Kors Direct: 1-888-754-2212; sorry, not in Toronto yet.

Ellen Tracy, another fashion guru known for her elegant, feminine designs and soft comfortable fabrics, treats us to a scent to match her brilliant garb. Of course the name is Ellen Tracy. This oriental, spicy fragrance is exceptional in its unique blend of flowers, juicy peach and spices. The flacon resembles a soft and feminine A-line dress.

It is not surprising that LaCoste has created a fresh, sporty, yet sexy new scent. Pampering women is their specialty. This daytime fragrance is like a flower shop with a touch of spice and a hint of iced tea.



Now, for your special guy, Rochas has created Aquaman. This irresistible scent is masculine, strong and sensual – perfect for the man who loves life, and you.

Another treat for your honey is a fabulous new shave foam and soap from Ralph Lauren – the name – Romance.

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Versace plans a relatively calm summer

By SHIRA BREUER
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

The year 2000 was an especially good year for Donatella Versace, with collections that won unending coverage in the media, especially for Jennifer Lopez's green dress, which was dubbed the dress of the year.

Versace's style shone in all its glory in the summer last year and in the winter collection that followed it: rich in exaggerations, kitschy and blatantly defiant of everything accepted as good and nice, the absolute opposite of virtuous style that sanctifies simplicity, elegance and solidity.

The collections Versace sent down the walkway last year not only made a lot of noise, they also spearheaded the "rich bitch" trend so much copied by commercial fashion houses.

Against this background, Versace's summer clothes this year look relatively calm, even though her calm is still hysteria when compared to others.

Versace for summer: An emphasis on the silhouette.

[Photos by Avi Waldman]

Her grandiose designs were somewhat dwarfed in the packed hall in the Sheraton City Tower hotel in Tel Aviv, where Yasmin Reuveni, the Israeli franchisee of the Italian label, put on a show for local customers. Even so, it was impossible not to be impressed by the splendour and by the sensuality and super-feminine style of the clothes.

The new summer collection, designed in the silhouette style of the 1980s, is different from the two collections that preceded it, thanks to the relatively restrained tone, which makes it much more wearable.

The most outstanding innovation is the silhouette form, which emphasizes the waistline with tightly fitted wide belts. The belts at the recent fashion show were worn over soft flowing blouses of jersey, full of little pleats that went a long way to illustrate the fashionable look this summer - wide and rich in soft fabric on top and long narrow on the bottom.

The blouses were mostly black with asymmetric necklines, some off one shoulder and others with long sleeves. They were very beautiful, sexy and interesting, especially when accessorized with black leather belts. Versace used the same fabric - finely knit viscose jersey, a major hit this season - to design sensual evening gowns with long slits and flowing open backs and a lot of movement that easily fit all the body's curves.

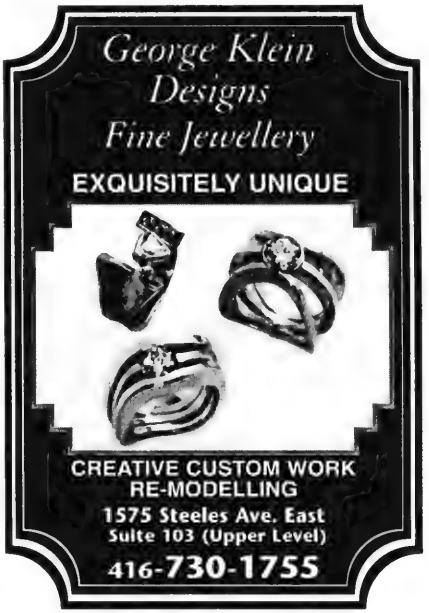
There was also a black dress with clean lines and pleats in the back that emphasized the derriere. Although the style and taste of these clothes is debatable, their quality is undeniable.

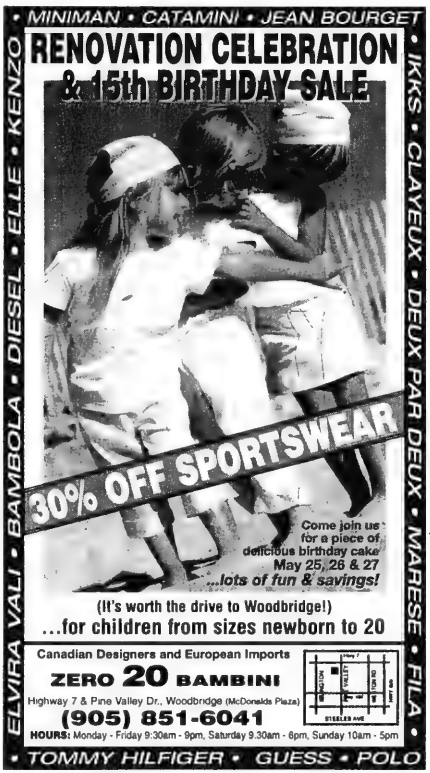
The prints - abstract splotches of color and giant tropical flowers - ensure that all who wear them will be the centre of attention. The strong colours - deep turquoise and wine red, white, pink, lavender and coral-orange - are a tempting summer option for those who don't crave dominant, though fashionable, black.

The men's clothing in the collection ranges from the wild and crazy to the more wearable and sporty, such as the light summer suit that looks as if it was designed for a dream vacation in the Caribbean, with three-quarter-length white cotton pants and an unbuttoned cotton shirt in pale blue or turquoise.

Despite the abundance of visual stimulation, it was the amazing high heels that managed to draw the most attention. They beat a rhythm on the walkway, winked and sparkled, capturing the audience's heart with coloured satin, pom-poms and gold buckles, and promising discomfort to one's feet but great viewing pleasure.

In about two months the Israeli branch of Versace will move from 14 Hey B'Iyar Street, on one side of Kikar Hamedina, to a location on the other side of the circle, to a new store whose interior design matches that of Versace outlets around the world. Prices - take a deep breath - start at $745 for shoes, jersey blouses and belts and $ 2000 for dresses. T-shirts are less expensive at a mere $150 and jeans-style cotton pants are $180.

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Arts & Travel

Concert a delicate balance of musical genres

By LAURE BAUDOT
Special to The CJN

Pictured [from left] are Cantor Eric Moses, Boris Brott, Alberto Mizrahi, Amy Goldstein and Michael Burgess.

TORONTO — At times fun-loving, at others intense, the recent Yom Ha'atzmaut Gala Concert at the Beth Sholom Synagogue matched the mood of its audience.

Cantor Eric Moses provided a meticulous balance between genres – traditional and non-traditional music, classical opera and Broadway tunes – as well as in tone.

The music varied, with rapid, energetic songs and slower melodies. Moses' talented programming was no doubt greatly responsible for holding the audience's attention for a concert that, at three hours in length, risked being too long.

Moses, a Torontonian and graduate of the Tel Aviv Cantorial Institute, opened the concert with *Avinu Shebashamayim* – his strongest performance of the evening.

Moses's precise and musical singing speaks to his talent, passion and training. A well-deserved and sustained applause greeted him at the piece's conclusion.

Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi, a Greek-born tenor and chazzan of the Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago, contrasted strongly, in figure and in voice, to Moses.

Mizrahi is an enthusiastic and gregarious performer. His love of vocal theatrics – revelling in long musical runs – was perhaps better suited to *Yom Ze l'Yisrael* than to Tosca's *Duet*, which he sang with Amy Goldstein.

Mizrahi's *Yom Ze Yisrael*, sung with gusto, was received enthusiastically by the audience, who clapped along.

Goldstein's soprano offered a delightful counterpoint to the heavier male voices. Trained in opera, art song and oratorio, she has sung with the Brooklyn Philharmonic and the New Philharmonic of New Jersey.

Goldstein sings with precision, musicality and vitality that reflect both her natural ability and vigorous training. An actress as well as a singer, she rendered a striking Tosca in the operatic duet from Puccini's opera performed with Mizrahi. The couple's passionate embrace at the duet's conclusion was acted out on the synagogue's bimah, despite a slightly abashed – but not seriously displeased – audience.

The choir, conducted by Brahm Goldhamer, accompanied many of the pieces, fitting in with the professional musicians flawlessly.

The highlight of the evening was the Naomi Shemer classic *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*, arranged by J. Faiman. Alternating between slow and rapid song, between Hebrew, English and Yiddish, the arrangement was an astonishing and innovative rendition of the traditional melody. Using song and spoken word, the piece conveyed the longing for a united Jerusalem in the new form of a mini-oratorio.

Michael Burgess, who played Jean Valjean in the Canadian version of *Les Miserables*, was the long-anticipated star of the evening. After a subdued beginning, he plunged wholeheartedly into a collection of songs from Broadway musicals, including *Chess* and *Aspects of Love*. Sustained applause and a standing ovation greeted his rendition of *God on High* from *Les Miserables*.

Toward the end of the concert, Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich spoke, connecting music with the "source of life" and the celebration of a united Jerusalem and commending the musicians and congregation for a combined effort in organizing the evening's concert.

Clearly, the audience agreed with him, for their joyful response to the concert gracefully captured the holiday's intent.

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Artists celebrate at Illuminations art reception

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – Sponsors, patrons, and guests were greeted with klezmer music at theIlluminations: Visions of the Poets and Sages art exhibition held recently at the Liss Gallery on Eglinton Ave.W.

Sponsored by Ashkenaz Foundation, in co-operation with UJA Federation as part of a Jewish Toronto Tomorrow initiative, there was a *freilech* atmosphere at the opening cocktail reception.

Mingling with the guests and volunteers were Canadian artists, Dubi Arie, Laya Crust, Gina Godfrey, Heather Kroll Levine, Lisa Rotenberg, Judy Singer, Pedie Wolfond and Ian Leventhal, the curator of Illuminations.

The exhibition was chaired by husband and wife, Heather and Ron Hoffman.Helen Daniels, president of the Ashkenaz Foundation spoke of the plans for the next festival and thanked the many patrons for their support.

Along with the Ashkenaz Festival which will take place in Toronto's Harbourfront Centre from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2, 2002, the Ashkenaz Foundation presents exciting artistic performances, educational programs and fundraising events throughout the year.

Seen at the Ashkenaz Illuminations: Visions of the Poets, Prophets and Sages art exhibition at the Liss Gallery are (from left), artist Gina Godfrey, Heather Hoffman, curator Ian Leventhal pointing to one of his works, Ron Hoffman, co-chair with his wife, and Joyce Green. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

Duo keeps entertaining the kids

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Juno award-winning children's entertainers, Judy & David have lots to celebrate during the last weekend of May.

Their latest album, *Songs from the Boom Box*, featuring songs from their popular YTV television series, *Judy & David's Boom Box*, was released. They are performing four family concerts at the City Playhouse in Vaughan, Ont., and, so far, have enjoyed 10 years of wedded bliss.

Judy and David Gershon tape nine four-minute television shows for YTV, that are seen at 1:55 p.m. daily and repeated throughout the week. Each show boasts of an original song composed by the couple.

"David and I realized that in order to reach the audience, we needed that television presence," Judy says.

"It was a great way to do what we were already doing as guests on YTV's *Treehouse* spots. We would come on and do a little schtick and a song, and it worked well. Our idea is to engage the viewer and get them involved in the song. We liked the idea of having an energy-packed few minutes."

The couple has composed 60 songs for the show's 60 episodes to date, produced over the show's two-year span.

"This is an opportunity to release our fans' favourite songs that have never been released before," says David.

Just like their last two successful albums, *Pigmania* and *GoldiRocks*, *Songs from the Boom Box* is produced in enhanced CD format that you can play on a computer.

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This Hotel has a timeless feel

By BEN ROSE
Special to CJN

TORONTO — Lester, the main character, reminds writer Alex Poch-Goldin of Willie Loman in Arthur Miller's *Death of A Salesman*.

"Lester is an ordinary man nobody pays attention to. He could be Jewish; he is certainly an aspect of me," said Poch-Goldin, 36, whose play *This Hotel* opened at Theatre Passe Muraille May 10.

Lester leaves an unhappy marriage (he finds his wife in the arms of another man) and checks into a hotel, where through a bellhop (Alon Nashman) who plays eight different characters, he learns ugly aspects of his own life and looks to a future with hope.

Though the hotel has a 1940s feel to it, Poch-Goldin said, *This Hotel* is "timeless."

The part of Lester is played by Randy Hughson in a reprise of his performance at the Fringe Festival in 1998. The play has been lengthened by 25 minutes since then, to delve more deeply into the characters of Lester, the bellhop, the handyman, the bartender, the manager and the lounge singer, said the playwright.

"The bellhop is like the trickster in aboriginal life, changing shapes all the time."

Also in the cast are Brenda Bazinet, Veronica Hurnik and Richard Zippieri.

Poch-Goldin, a transplanted Montrealer, spent 2½ years writing *This Hotel*, during which time he handled acting chores such as Dr. Posner in *Wit* and made inroads into TV commercials "to pay the rent."

"When I first arrived in Toronto, I was lucky enough to get a part in *Biloxi Blues*, but believe me, it wasn't the start of stardom. I wanted to be a writer all my life, writing poetry in high school in Montreal."

He is particularly pleased with the sense of "magic" in the play, in which the set itself, including a bed, becomes a character, as Lester learns more about his subconscious life through the machinations of Nashman, the changing bellhop.

Poch-Goldin gives credit to his wife, Kelly Thornton, co-producer, who was recently named artistic director of Nightwood Theatre, succeeding Alisa Palmer.

"I like to bounce ideas off her because she is very supportive, yet critical," he says.

Planet 88, a theatre company they started, is co-producer of *This Hotel*, along with TPM.

Poch-Goldin said he likes acting as a respite from his writing, and has appeared in, among other productions, *Angels in America*.

The son of Velma and Hymie Poch-Goldin, he has a brother, Steph, a set dresser for movies shot in Toronto.

Poch-Goldin trained at the Dome Theatre School in Montreal and the Eugene O'Neill Theatre School in Waterford, Conn., where one of his teachers was the late Morris Carnovsky, a star of Yiddish theatre.

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What year did Fosse win a Tony Award for Best Musical?
(Hint: the answer is printed elsewhere in this newspaper!)

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Send your response to: Fosse Contest, The Canadian Jewish News, 1500 Don Mills Road, Suite 205, North York, Ont. M3B 3K4 or fax to: Fosse Contest, 416-391-0949.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

TORONTONIAN RECOUNTS MAURITIUS EPISODE FOR FRENCH DOCUMENTARY

Torontonian **Henry Wellisch** travelled to Vienna last month to be interviewed for a film documentary about his experiences as one of a group of about 3,000 wartime Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe who were denied entry to Palestine in 1940, and detained on Mauritius, a remote island in the Indian Ocean, until 1945.

Wellisch received two visits from the film's French director at his home in Toronto before being invited to Vienna, his native city. He was filmed in about 10 different locations in the Austrian capital. The filmmakers interviewed other survivors in Mauritius and Israel.

"Filming is hard work," reports Wellisch, a retired technician in his late 70s. "You start early in the morning and you work all day long into the night – as long as there is daylight. Because it's very expensive; there's a big crew and all those people have to be paid. The shooting schedule has to be compressed into as short a time as possible."

One day he was filmed outside his family's former home in an apartment block, from which he had witnessed the destruction of a nearby synagogue on Kristallnacht (Nov. 10, 1938). While they were filming, the building's present owner, an elderly lady, came out to speak with them; she was apparently bristling with suspicions and hostility.

"She was obviously scared that I wanted to get the house back," Wellisch recalls. "She calmed down after a while, but it was not a pleasant experience." (Several young Austrians on the production crew apologized profusely to Wellisch for her behaviour, he says.)

Strangely, it was with full German approval that some 3,500 desperate Jewish refugees, including Wellisch and his parents, sailed down the Danube on four steamers for Palestine in September 1940.

"Maybe they wanted to make trouble for the British in Palestine, because it was an illegal transport," Wellisch suggests.

After a long and difficult voyage the ships reached Haifa, but the British began transferring the passengers onto another ship, the *Patria*, for immediate deportation. Attempting to thwart this plan, the Jewish underground blew up the *Patria*; but tragically, the ship capsized, killing 250.

Soon thereafter the remaining refugees were shipped to Mauritius, some 300 miles east of Madagascar, where most survived the war years. "The worst thing was the remoteness of the place. There was no air mail at the time. A letter from England took about three months to arrive. But we had a radio in the camp, and we listened to the BBC in German."

The British attempted to treat the detainees with dignity; Winston Churchill urged that they "should not be incarcerated, but should be gainfully employed." However, many became sick with disease, and 128 died in the four years. In recent years the South African Jewish community has rebuilt the neglected Jewish cemetery on Mauritius, and replaced every tombstone, Wellisch reports.

Permitted to leave in early 1945, Wellisch settled with his parents in Eretz Yisrael, and served in the Haganah before and during the War of Independence. He and his parents came to Canada in 1951.

"I owe my life to Mr. Eichmann," he observes, with understated irony. "There's no question about it, because I think that Eichmann personally had the responsibility of getting this transport of Jewish refugees under way."

After the filming, Wellisch spent several more days in Vienna, meeting with Jewish officials and acquaintances, and visiting archives and cemeteries in hopes of furthering his family tree research. A former president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, he is a well-known authority on the Jews of the Austro-Hungarian Empire – and the Jews of Mauritius as well.

The documentary's working title, *Atlantic Drift*, refers to the months when one of the refugee ships, the *Atlantic*, was adrift in the Mediterranean from lack of fuel and political uncertainties. The director is **Michel Daeron**. Filaofilms, the Paris-based production company, has not yet indicated its plans for when and how it will be released.

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Arts Briefs

• Doors Open Toronto is the exciting annual weekend when many historical buildings and sites (including several old synagogues) are open for free public inspection. May 26 and 27. Web site, www.doorsopen.org

• **David Shore**, a Toronto native who lives in Los Angeles, is performing *One-Man Harold* – an improvised comedic solo lasting 30 or 40 minutes – regularly now through June 21 at Simpson's Playhouse, Second City, 56 Blue Jays Way. $9. 416-343-0011.

Judy & David release interactive CD

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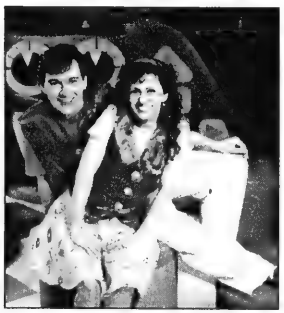
Included is a music video, puzzles, lyrics, animation and colouring sheets.

"Judy and I feel very strongly about our music and about engaging kids and being interactive," he says.

Fans will be able to purchase *Songs from the Boom Box* for the first time at the Vaughan City Playhouse concerts, which take place on May 26 and 27 at 2 and 4 p.m.

Joining Judy & David onstage for his only live concert appearance is Boomie the Boombox, the purple mascot from their YTV series. Also performing are 25 singing and dancing kids from Shari Quallenberg's CharActors Theatre Troupe.

"Pretty much anytime we've worked with a choir in the Toronto area, it's been Shari Quallenberg's group. We just love working with them. They are really talented kids who love to sing and dance. It's a learning experience for them too. They are part of a theatre school, and this gives them an opportunity to use some of their skills in the real world of entertaining," says David.



Judy and David

In addition to the new songs, favourites from the *GoldiRocks* album will be included in the one-hour show.

"Every song has something for the audience to do. It is one of our trademarks. We are family entertainers and are very aware of everybody who is in the audience. There is a lot of humour that works for both kids and adults at the same time. I think we really encourage parents to let their hair down and be kids. We work very hard to make sure the parents are well entertained at our concerts," Judy says.

Fans can log on to www.judyanddavid.com and download free things, and learn where to purchase their albums and where to catch their upcoming fall concerts.

The future looks bright for Chicago-born David and Judy, a Torontonian. The couple met in the activities room at Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple – a room they frequent every Saturday after morning services. A second generation of Gershons is already craving the showbiz spotlight; son Jared, 4½, has taken to drumming, and daughter Abigail, 2, loves to entertain with song.

For tickets to their concert at Vaughan City Playhouse, 1000 New Westminster Road in Vaughan, call the box office at 905-709-4057 or Ticketmaster at 416-870-8000.

Ohel Leah Synagogue a jewel in the eye of Hong Kong

By NANCY WIGSTON
Special to The CJN

HONG KONG — The Sabra Coffee Shop in the Jewish Community Centre is gradually filling up with families coming from a talk held a few metres away at Hong Kong's Ohel Leah Synagogue.

The scene resembles those in community halls all over the world: a buffet table laden with chalah, lox, dill pickles, grilled fish and lamb, sweet and sour beef, devilled eggs.

Only the cornucopia of fresh fruits seems to acknowledge the exotic location: tiny finger bananas, passion fruit, fresh lychees and mangosteens.

Kids join their parents, balancing full plates, while people chat, exchange greetings, and discuss Sunday night's talk, The Relevance of Judaism in the 21st Century.

French and English – in both British and American accents – are the languages spoken, reflecting the cosmopolitan nature of both Hong Kong and of this synagogue, where Conservative, Reform and Lubavitchers share the facilities. (A mainly Sephardi Orthodox community has another synagogue at 16-18 MacDonnell St.)

Hong Kong's Jewish community has flourished for well over 100 years. The earliest recorded arrival was Jacob Phillips, a rabbi's son, who arrived from Birmingham in 1803.

The Kadoorie and Sassoon families, sometimes called "the Rothschilds of Asia," highlight the distinguished names who formed the early congregation, many of them multi-lingual Sephardic merchants from Baghdad, Calcutta and Bombay.

By 1900, 165 Jewish families had settled here. The first major Russian immigration occurred after the pogroms around the time of the Russo-Japanese War (1905); the second wave came after the 1917 revolution.

Hong Kong proved a good home to its Jewish population. Sir Matthew Nathan, governor of the colony from 1904-1907, is memorialized today in his namesake, Nathan Road, one of Kowloon's busiest streets, an artery that became vital to Hong Kong's development, despite its early nickname, "Nathan's Folly."

In the 1980s, a number of Diaspora Jews returned to the Chinese cities of Guangzhou, Beijing, and Shanghai; since then, Hong Kong has become a source for their Pesach supplies.

One vivid chapter in the community's history unfolded abruptly after the Japanese invasion in 1938. While Jews fleeing Vienna were aided by exit visas provided by the Chinese consul (Shanghai's Jewish population grew to 20,000 during the war years), the Jews in Hong Kong fared very differently.

After evacuating their women and children to Australia, the men joined the Hong Kong Volunteers. The British were defeated, and the Hong Kong Volunteers were made prisoners of war in Japanese camps. Yet the Jews among them experienced no anti-Semitism while imprisoned. A minyan was formed, and camp prayers were lead by Nathan Rakusem. The Japanese even allowed Jewish prayer books into the camps. Nevertheless, life was hard, each prisoner existing on meagre daily rations: one cigarette, a tin of rice, some boiled lettuce and a little soup.

Today, Ohel Leah Synagogue's membership numbers 238 families, representing an astonishing 17 nationalities, a mirror of the international nature of this city of six and a half million.

The Ohel Leah Synagogue was actually the third to be built in Hong Kong, and is located on some of the best real estate imaginable. Unlike much of Hong Kong – a longtime finalist for the most densely populated place on earth – this Robinson Road property, with its gracious temple, treed landscape and new community centre exudes an oasis-like tranquillity. The winner of the 2000 Asia-Pacific Heritage Award, the restored synagogue is a jewel that reflects the history of Hong Kong Jews.

The Ohel Leah Synagogue's membership numbers 238 families.

The Sassoon brothers, Jacob, Edward and Meyer, sponsored the building as a gift to the community; senior member of Sassoon & Co., Abraham Jacob Raymond, laid its foundation stone on August 7, 1901. The structure was completed the following year.

The Sassoon family had been advisers to the Pasha in Baghdad until they were made unwelcome in the 1830s, and when they came to Hong Kong, they prospered.

The synagogue, named for their mother Leah – the name literally translates as "Leah's tent" – embodies in its style both the family's Sephardic and colonial roots. Before the explosion of high rise construction in mid-20th century Hong Kong, the synagogue property boasted "spacious, well-kept tropical gardens with splendid harbour views," as a visiting rabbi from Philadelphia wrote home in 1912.

Today those views may be obscured by the two new towers of the JCC, home to a 10-classroom school, play area, swimming pool, library, auditoria, health centre and kosher restaurant; nonetheless the Ohel Leah Synagogue, with its creamy exterior and rich wood-panelled interior, remains the place where Jews in Hong Kong come to meet, mingle and worship.

If You Go: Ohel Leah Synagogue, 70 Robinson Rd., Mid-Levels, Hong Kong, or phone: 852-2589-2621, fax: 852-2857- 6095, Web site: www.jcc.org.hk.

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Social work said similar to Jewish values

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Due to government cutbacks in social services, the health sector and to schools, it is becoming more and more difficult to be a social worker, says a professor of social work at Ryerson Polytechnic University.

"When there are less resources, child poverty goes up, homelessness goes up, and the social worker gets caught in the middle," says Ben Carniol, author of *Case Critical: Challenging Social Services in Canada.*

Carniol, 63, was born in Czechoslovakia in 1935. His parents were killed in the Holocaust, and a non-Jewish family brought him up as Catholic.

"I always knew I was Jewish, and those people brought me up with love," he said. "Despite the horror of the Holocaust and the murder of my parents, I was brought up with enough affection and love to draw on until today. I have two daughters who went to Hebrew day school, and I feel comfortable being linked with the Jewish community."

Carniol, who has been in the social work field for more than 35 years, says that front line social workers often deal with clients whose morale is quite low. "Society places a huge amount of blame on the poor, and that attacks their self worth and undermines their motivation.

"The more they are accused, the more they believe they are less worthy, that they are less of a citizen, and that they deserve few rights," says Carniol, who has revised his book for the fourth time since it was first published in 1987.

He has seen some "creative responses" by social workers who have "looked not only at the disadvantaged, but who have looked at the total picture of how power is exercised in society."

When we look at society as a whole, he says, we see a number of structured inequalities created by the power system based on such things as gender or colour. "Peoples' life chances differ based on whether they are aboriginal, have a disability, or whether they are rich or poor."

Once we recognize that, he says, "we begin to notice that people with less power often bond together into social movements.

"People come together like this because they share experiences, such as being abused women or being homeless. When they talk, they realize that [society has not kept its promises to them], and they can decide together what to do."

When social workers work with such groups, says Carniol, "they begin to notice that people do have motivation to improve their own situation and improve the social condition."

Members of the group feel stronger because they recognize that they have been treated unfairly, he says. "Social workers can help individuals in these situations to reframe how their problem is seen. This frees up the individual's energy to move out [of the situation]. The social worker can support such changes as better day care, or stiffer laws for deadbeat dads."

As social workers become involved, he says, "they not only provide a service to the individual, they help to achieve greater social justice."

When social workers know they are making a contribution, it also helps their morale, says Carniol, because they see they can make a difference. "This is a new kind of professionalism. They are moving away from the paternal where the professional has all the answers, and towards a team environment in which the client feels that the social worker is open to listening, that he understands the full picture, and that he is on their side.

"It is difficult to be a government worker, but if the social worker adopts this approach then the client's perception changes."

It not only depends on the social worker to act this way, but also on the social worker's agency or organization to be open to these kind of linkages between the community and community members, says Carniol.

Social work "is about caring for others," he says. "There are those who emphatically follow the rules, but on the other side, there are those who have a deep human quality that is not taught. They are the ones who reach out and care about others."

One of his hobbies, says Carniol, is reading about Jewish ethics. "They support the social work values of caring. I feel good about being Jewish; Jewish values are about social justice and treating people with respect. Social work has a lot in common with Jewish values."

BAYCREST CHALLENGE: Adam (left) and Elan get pumped up and ready to run the Kids Mother's Day Mile, a new event added to this year's Baycrest Challenge on May 13. Close to 1,500 runners and walkers turned out for the annual fund raiser. Organizers hoped to raise $160,000 for Baycrest Centre.

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By LISA WEINBERG

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Lisa Weinberg is a registered dietitian/nutritionist, specializing in pediatric and adult nutrition in Toronto. If you have any nutrition questions, please send them to The CJN.

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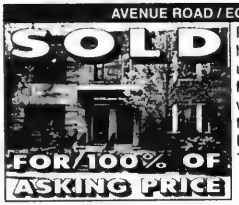

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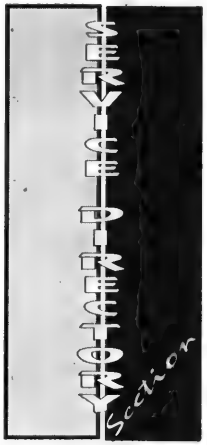

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Arts & Travel

Disturbing video is not for everyone

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

Requiem For A Dream, a dark, disturbing film about drug addiction and loneliness, features a brilliant performance by Ellen Burstyn, and was recently released on video.

Director Darren Aronofsky, whose debut film, *Pi*, won critical acclaim, was highly praised for this film, although it should be pointed out that this film will not appeal to everyone.

It tells the story of a single mother, Sara Goldfarb (Burstyn), and her aimless son, Harry (Jared Leto), and is set in the Coney Island area of New York. Harry is constantly looking for a new adventure to fill his lonesome life. Even his girlfriend, Marian Silver (Jennifer Connelly), can't satisfy all his needs, and eventually Harry and his friend, Tyrone (Marlon Wayans), go from drug users to small-time drug dealers.

Things go downhill from there and become more explicit than some people will want to see.

Meanwhile, Sara, who is addicted to television quiz shows, may be offered the opportunity to appear on one. She realizes that she has outgrown her favourite dress, and decides to go on a dangerous diet. As a result of her determination to lose weight, she becomes dependent on prescription drugs, and her mind begins to wander.

Requiem For A Dream deals with the search for love and purpose in life, and highlights the dangerous consequences drug abuse.

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Another recently released video is a "B" film that probably never saw the inside of a theatre, at least not in Canada.

Brooklyn Babylon is about the tensions and conflicts that arise between an Orthodox Jewish community and a Black community in Brooklyn.

Tensions escalate when two cars collide one night. One car contains three young Jewish militants and the one of their girlfriends. The second car contains a young Black rapper and his activist friend.

The rapper and the girl begin meeting, and a clandestine relationship develops between them. Violence breaks out when the boyfriend learns of this relationship.

The film is not particularly well done, nor is it particularly appealing, although Karen Globerman as Sara, the Jewish girl, and Tariq Trotter, as the rapper, have a certain screen presence. Most of the characters are very stereotyped and one- dimensional.

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For something a little more uplifting and appealing, you might want to rent *What's Cooking*, a delightful film about four families of different ethnic backgrounds, and how they celebrate American Thanksgiving.

This film did not make it into Canadian theatres, but I definitely recommend it.

It covers about 24 hours in the lives of these four families, but it reveals a great deal about them in that short span of time.

There is a Vietnamese family that pressures the children to do well in school and respect their parents.

There is a Black family that is going through an internal crisis. There is a Latino family, the parents of which have just split up, and there is a Jewish family that has trouble accepting the daughter's life choices.

What's Cooking features an all-star cast that includes Joan Chen, Julianna Margulies, Mercedes Ruehl, A. Martinez, Kyra Sedgwick, Maury Chaykin, Alfre Woodard, Lainie Kazan and Estelle Harris.

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Jewish white female, mid 60's, brown hair, brown eyes, attractive, slim, sincere, enjoys life, all sports, travel, dining, long walks, seeks male, 63-70 yrs, semi-retired, and enjoys same interests in life and for companionship. **AD#1605**

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SEEKS A COMPANION
Sincere, slim, attractive, Jewish woman, in her 60s, with brown hair, who enjoys life, seeks a man between 63 and 70, who has similar interests. These interests include long walks, sports, travelling and dining **AD#1642**

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BEAUTIFUL GREEN EYES
Single female, 41 yrs, long red hair, green eyes, seeks male, older, retired or widowed, kind loving, likes to travel, from the Forest Hill-Bridalpath area, age/looks not important, for companionship. **AD#1322**

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Single mom of 2 children, 5' 6", attractive, professional, brunette, non smoker, emotionally, stable, enjoys the theatre, sports, music, seeks male, 5' 8", or over, 42-52 yrs, single Dads okay for committed long term relationship. **AD#1715**

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Single female, pretty, romantic, passionate, distinguished male, 65-75 yrs, for companionship and more. **AD#1738**

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SINGLE MOM
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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
Single Jewish female, 48 yrs, caring, warm, intelligent, down to earth, enjoys dining and dancing, the theatre, movies, travel, long walks, enjoys life, seeks male, established, with similar qualities, and interests, for companionship, leading to a lasting relationship. **AD#1077**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Single female, 52 yrs, enjoys dining and dancing, sports, art, long walks, good conversation, seeks Jewish male, 50-60 yrs, handsome, down to earth, for long term relationship. **AD#1481**

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FRIENDS 1ST
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The Jewish presence on the diamond

BY HARVEY ROSEN
Special to The CJN

WINNIPEG — Jewish baseball players have dotted pro baseball rosters ever since the earliest box scores were tracked in the 1850s. The brothers Boaz and Lipman E. Pike were among the first mentioned.

In more modern times, along came the likes of Hank Greenberg, Al "Flip" Rosen, Sid Gordon, Kenny Holtzman, Sandy Koufax, Barry Latman, Mike Epstein, Art Shamsky, Saul Rogovin, and Canadian Goody Rosen, who was born in Toronto.

The tradition continues now in the 21st century, with the likes of Shawn Green, Gabe Kapler, Al Levine, Mike Lieberthal, Brad Ausmus, Scott Radinsky, Scott Schoeneweis, and a few others battling to ascend from the minors.

Green, 28, is back for his second year with the Los Angeles Dodgers. By most standards the right fielder had a decent season in 2000. He batted .269, slammed 24 home runs and drove in another 99 runs. Not bad, but not sufficient when you're labelled the big bopper and paid $84 million over six seasons.

The former Toronto Blue Jays first-round selection is one of only four Jewish players to have driven in 100 runs in a season. He did it twice. Hank Greenberg accomplished the feat seven times, Al Rosen five, and Sid Gordon three.

Green, who has his own Web site, has become involved with the L.A. Jewish community. He is often called upon to participate in fund-raising events and to make guest appearances.

Texas outfielder Gabe Kapler, 25, originally a Detroit Tiger, figures prominently in the Rangers' plans for 2001. Last season, Gabe (sometimes referred to as Babe) hit .302, slugged 14 taters and drove in 66 runs. He enjoyed a club record 28-game hitting streak.

With his impressive build, he has become somewhat of an idol and he's appeared on the cover of fitness magazines. Kapler spends hours in the weight room, suggesting he has the power to double his home run output.

Surprisingly, there was talk all winter that he might be traded, since the Rangers, despite their potent lineup, are pitching poor. More than a few teams inquired about his availability.

Al Levine, 32, a lefty, is coming off an impressive season with the Anaheim Angels. He appeared in 51 games as a reliever and while he posted a 3-4 record, his 3.87 ERA in these inflationary times is not to be viewed lightly. The veteran Levine finally hit the jackpot when the Angels agreed in late January to a $750,000 contract, up from $270,000 the previous year.

Levine, who started one game last season, sat on the injury list from July1 to Aug. 19 due to irritation of the elbow. The former White Sox and Ranger demonstrated that perseverance pays.

Scott Schoeneweis pitched a lot of innings last year (170) while compiling a 7-10 mark and an ERA of 5.45 with Anaheim.The 27-year-old is a lefty, which increases his value.

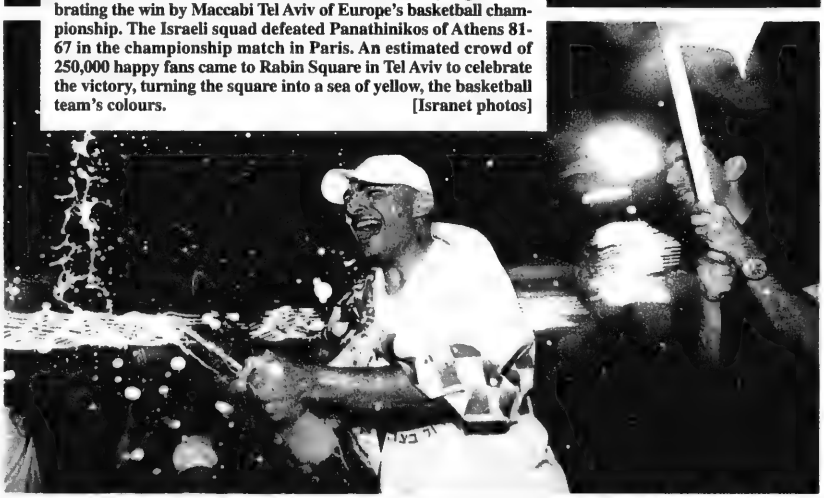
One of the top catchers in baseball is Phillies mainstay Mike Lieberthal, whose father is Jewish. Last season, in only 389 at bats, Lieberthal hit .278, slugged 15 homers and drove in 71 runs. He earned his second straight all-star berth but never quite recovered from a sprained ankle he suffered in mid-July from a home plate collision.

Brad Ausmus, 32, a highly-regarded reliever, was re-acquired by Houston from Detroit in the off-season in a six-player swap. The Astros pitching staff was outraged when he was traded to Detroit two years ago.

Considered one of the top defensive catchers in the game and possessing an exceptional ability to handle pitchers, Ausmus hit .266 last season, banged out seven homers and drove in 51 runs. Rare for backcatchers, he stole 11 bases. He is also very adept at throwing out base runners (32 of 74).

Scott Radinsky, 32, was limited to a single relief appearance with the St. Louis Cardinals last season because of elbow problems. The left-hander had "Tommy John" surgery in the off season and is in the Cleveland Indians' camp. A career record of 42-25, 52 saves, and a 3.34 ERA in 555 games over 10 seasons would indicate he is worth taking a risk on.

On the cusp, so to speak, are Cincinnati Reds pitcher Keith Glauber, Atlanta Braves hurler Jason Marquis, Eddie Zosky, a utility infielder with the Houston Astros, pitcher Andrew Lorraine, who was recently signed by the AAA Calgary Cannons, and second sacker David Newhan in the Philadelphia Phillies chain.



ISRAEL CHEERS MACCABI HEROES: All of Israel, it seemed, flowed onto the streets last week, Tuesday night, celebrating the win by Maccabi Tel Aviv of Europe's basketball championship. The Israeli squad defeated Panathinikos of Athens 81-67 in the championship match in Paris. An estimated crowd of 250,000 happy fans came to Rabin Square in Tel Aviv to celebrate the victory, turning the square into a sea of yellow, the basketball team's colours. [Israel photos]

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(הוצאת זברה הפקות)

פעם, בתקופת חיישוב וקום המדינה דמות האב בספרות העברית לילדים הייתה אמורה לעורר יראת כבוד. כל אב במדינה הצעירה היה בחזקת טרומפלדור גיבור ויפה נפש.

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במהלך השנים ועם מורכבות התפתחותה של ישראל, חל מפנה משמעותי בדמות האב הספרותית. לא אחת האב בסיפורי הילדים אינו מעורר כבוד. מבחינת קידום ערכי אנוש וחברה, מקובל בחחלט בספרות הילדים המודרנית לצייר את הילדים כנבונים ואמינים יותר מדור ההורים. יהודה אטלס, אחד חידועים מבין הסופרים ש"הורידו" את דמות האב ממושבו הרם הצליח אף לעורר מעט רחמים כלפי האבא המודרני; *"אבא מחמיץ מלפפונים בבית, ותמיד נעלב*
שאני אוהב יותר לאכול את
אלה שקונים במכולת."
(מתוך: יהילד הזה הוא אני, מאת: יהודה אטלס.)

ספרה החדש של נירה הראל, מפתח הלב בא כחפתעה נעימה שכן יש כאן עיצוב של דמות אב מודרני אך כזה שלא עושה בושות. יכולתה של נירה הראל להתמודד בהצלחה מרובה עם נושאים כיחסי אב ובנו ידועה מיצירות רבות אחרות ומפתח הלב הוא אחד מסיפוריה היפים. איוריו המקסימים של יוסי אבולעפיה, תורמים תרומה נחדרת.

סיפור פשוט לכאורה על ילד ששמו יונתן, שמאוד מתעניין בצרור המפתחות של אבא. בצרור חרבה מפתחות ומחוברת לצרור תמונה של יונתן. למה כל כך חרבה מפתחות? כי אבא צריך לפתוח הרבה דלתות: את הבית, המכונית, המחסן, חדרו בעבודה, והבית של סבתא. יום אחד, אבא מאחר קצת לאסוף את יונתן מהגן ("חמודי שלי אני מצטער שאיחרתי, אמר אבא, מתנשם.") ועוד יותר גרוע: צרור המפתחות אבד. מה עושים? הולכים ביחד לחפש את המפתחות בכל מקום שבו אבא היה. באותו היום. קודם הלכו לדואר, אחר-כך למספרה, לפיצריה, לקיוסק שבפנת הרחוב ולגן. בכל אחד מהאתרים [illegible] מבלים האב ובנו שעה [illegible] ואיכותית. זוהי אולי שעת האמת עבור האב אך הוא מוצא דרכים לחנעים לבנו את הזמן. וכך, דמותו של האב עולה בערכה באופן טבעי ומשעשע וללא כל יומרנות.

כמובן שסוף טוב לסיפור. יונתן ואביו מחליטים שאין יותר חיכון לחפש את המפתחות וצריך ללכת הביתה. בבית, למרבה הפליאה אמא מחזיקה במפתחות! הכיצד? אמא מספרת שרותי הגננת מצאה את הצרור בחצר הגן והיא ידעה מיד של מי המפתחות, לפי התמונה של יונתן! הרי זה ברור, שהרי התמונה של יונתן היא החשובה מכל המפתחות.

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Turn out of the pan and onto a clean dish towel or paper towel. Cool and fill with your favourite mousse, ice cream, whipped cream, etc.

About Food

By NORENE GILLETZ

On Shavuot, we eat dairy foods such as blintzes, kugels and cheesecake. I didn't have to search very far to find a delicious cake for your Shavuot table! This recipe has been adapted from the award-winning 700-page cookbook *In the Sweet Kitchen – The Definitive Guide to the Baker's Pantry* by Toronto pastry chef Regan Daley.

Daley provides excellent information and tips on baking, ingredients and substitutions. There are 140 scrumptious and colour photos, including Caramel Apple and Sweet Cream Cheesecake, and Black Chocolate Espresso Cake with Bittersweet Glaze! Enjoy this moist banana cake with its sweet, extra-creamy icing!

BANANA-STRAWBERRY LAYER CAKE

Ingredients should be at room temperature.

Cake layers:
¾ cup unsalted butter
1 cup sugar
2 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1⅓ cups mashed overripe bananas (about 3 large)
2 cups cake-and-pastry flour
¾ tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
⅓ cup full-fat sour cream

Cream cheese icing:
1 lb. cream cheese
½ cup unsalted butter
500-gm package (about 4 to 4⅓ cups) icing sugar, sifted
1½ tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
1 quart fresh ripe strawberries

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour 2 9-inch round cake pans. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. (Don't worry if batter separates.) Add vanilla and bananas; blend well.

Sift together dry ingredients. Add half to banana mixture; blend briefly. Scrape down bowl and beat in sour cream. Add remaining flour mixture, stirring just until mixed. Pour batter into pans.

Bake on centre rack of oven at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool for 5 to 7 minutes. Invert onto a cake rack; cool completely.

Beat cream cheese and butter until smooth and creamy, about 1½ minutes. Sift in icing sugar 1 cup at a time. Beat in vanilla and lemon juice. Cover and refrigerate 15 minutes (or up to 2 days).

Spread one layer with a generous amount of icing. Refrigerate 15 minutes. Reserve 10 to 12 berries for garnishing. Hull remaining berries; cut in thirds lengthwise and arrange over frosted layer. Cover with unfrosted layer. Press down gently so it will adhere. Spread top and sides with remaining icing. Refrigerate up to 24 hours. Garnish with reserved berries up to 6 hours before serving. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Norene Gilletz is a Canadian author of kosher cookbooks, including MealLeanYumm! (All That's Missing is the Fat). She gives lectures and cooking demonstrations throughout North America. Submit cooking questions to The CJN. *Contact Norene at goodfood@gourmania.com.*

The Canadian Jewish news

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco
(QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across
1 Ginsberg's "Kaddish", for example
5 "Misery" actor James
9 Goldberg wore one in "Sister Act"
14 Geena Davis TV series of the mid-eighties
15 Florence's river
16 Originate
17 "___ Crazy" (1980 Gene Wilder film)
18 Ten, in combinations
19 Be a *ganef*
20 Herman Wouk Pulitzer-winner
23 www.brandeis.edu, and others
24 Legal matter
25 Jews:Torah::Catholics:___
28 Like a fox
30 Dash
34 Spielberg prop
35 Prepare the turkey
37 Daughter, to Leon Blum
38 Wasserstein work, with "The"
41 Mischievous act
42 Rauschenberg equipment
43 Bank acct. letters
44 Minus
45 Spotted
46 Alger and family
48 Furniture wood
50 One of Jacob's wives
51 "Nobody Does It Better" composer
58 Entrepreneur's attitude
59 *Autobahn* car
60 Leon Uris title word
61 Infamous Greek-American
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63 ___ Law
64 Alexander and others
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66 '90s politics name

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1 "Hey you!"
2 Hippocratic, for one
3 Northwesternmost county of Pennsylvania
4 Neiman's partner
5 Lincoln rival
6 *Broken Covenant* author Moshe
7 Utter finale
8 Intellectual Chomsky
9 It makes waste
10 Type of license
11 Good in Grenoble
12 Chap's exclamation
13 ___ Avivan
21 Linguistic cousin of Hebrew
22 *Getting to Yes* co-author William
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26 ___ Hoffman ("Judgment at Nuremburg" character)
27 Purimspiel acts
28 Hat material, maybe
29 Rosten and DiCaprio
31 Island of immigration
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33 Friday night actions
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37 Like some devotion
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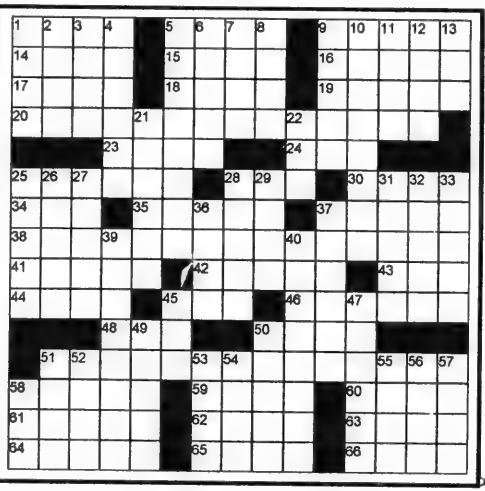

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More than 10,000 people showed their support for Israel last week by taking part, on Yom Yerushalayim, in the Israel Funwalk 2001. The event raised some $200,000. and was organized by UJA FEDERATION. ***Please see page 30 for more photos.*** *[Frances Kraft photo]*

Now more than ever, we must support Israel

How rousing and deeply inspiring is the sight of thousands of people marching in their respective communities publicly, visibly, proudly demonstrating their support of Israel. More than any time in the last quarter-century, such support is more vital than ever.

Editorial

The struggle against Israel has moved into a new phase. Palestinians refer to the current violence they unleashed eight months ago as their war of independence. That it is an absolutely unnecessary war is a detail Palestinian leaders refuse to acknowledge, let alone disclose to their people. But as they and the Western world know, Palestinian independence awaited merely the signing of a document last July.

Perhaps Yasser Arafat felt independence won by wielding a pen was somehow less worthy than independence won by wielding a gun. Or perhaps, as is more likely the truth, Arafat knows the "independence" he really seeks, namely, over the entire territory of Israel, is unachievable in any event, by pen or by gun. And thus, he chose what, for him, was achievable and more familiar than the idea of peace: renewed pressure on Israel through the constant threat of terror, mayhem and insecurity.

The price Arafat is willing to pay for this "achievement" is not measured only in time. It is, deliberately, cynically, measured in the blood and dead bodies of his own people.

After some eight months of violence, the barrage of violent images pierces the Western psyche deeper as the commentary accompanying those images misleads even further.

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Montreal's 'venerable figure' dies

Maxwell Cummings, 103

MONTREAL — Maxwell Cummings, one of Canada's and the Montreal Jewish community's most venerable figures, died on May 23, at the age of 103.

Cummings was the last surviving member of a sibling community dynasty that included brothers Ralph, Nathan, Harold and Ben, and a sister, Minnie Abbey. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Victoria, and his son Jack, but is survived by another son, Robert.

Cummings' name and beneficence earned him respect and admiration across the country. He was a co-founder of Allied Jewish Community Services (now FEDERATION CJA) and was an involved supporter of scores of other Jewish, civic, and cultural institutions.

A native of New Brunswick who became one of Canada's most successful real estate developers, Cummings was the principal benefactor of the Cummings House and the Golden Age Centre, the Cummings Family Pavilion of Medical Sciences at the Jewish General Hospital, and the rebuilt Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, which named an auditorium in his honour.

He was also invested during his life with the Order of Canada and Order of Quebec. *A full obituary will appear in the June 7 issue of The CJN.*

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Joe Shoctor Dies

EDMONTON — Community leader Joe Shoctor died here recently at the age of 78. Shoctor was remembered as the founder of one of Canada's leading professional theatres, the Citadel Theatre, and played a key role in bringing the Edmonton Eskimos into the Canadian Football League. Most recently, he was building chair of Edmonton's new modern Orthodox congregation, Beth Israel Synagogue.

ISRAEL

Davis Honoured

HAIFA — The University of Haifa will confer an honorary doctorate on Toronto textile manufacturer and philanthropist Michael Davis at a ceremony June 3. Davis is being cited for his leadership in the Jewish community and the Canadian textile industry, and in recognition of his longstanding support of the university and its Canadian friends. Davis is president and CEO of the textile firm Snugabye, as well as president and CEO of Greytown Holdings.

Ethiopians Remember

JERUSALEM — Ethiopian immigrants held a ceremony here last week in memory of those who died en route to Israel over the past two decades. The event was part of a weeklong celebration for Ethiopian immigrants on the 10th anniversary of Operation Solomon, the airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

WORLD

Demjanjuk Trial

CLEVELAND — A court here has ruled that John Demjanjuk, once mistaken for the sadistic death camp guard "Ivan the Terrible," must stand trial again in an an effort by the U.S. government to strip him of his citizenship. In 1986, Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel for trial, and found guilty. He was sentenced to death, but was later freed when evidence showed he was a victim of mistaken identity.

Jews Celebrate

MOSCOW — Thousands of Jews gathered here this month at a public garden rented by the Israeli Embassy to celebrate the unification of Jerusalem after the 1967 Six Day War. The event, sponsored by major Jewish organizations, featured concerts and an appearance by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Resolution On *Get*

NEW YORK — The rabbinic organization for North American centrist Orthodoxy has urged its synagogues to punish those who deny their spouses a Jewish divorce, or *get*. The Rabbinical Council of America's resolution, which allows communities to withhold synagogue membership or deny honours without first waiting for a ruling from rabbinic courts, is expected to help agunot, Jewish women unable to obtain a religious divorce.

Exhumations Put Off

WARSAW — Poland's justice minister says he is postponing the exhumation of the remains of up to 1,600 Jewish victims of a 1941 massacre until he can confer with Jewish leaders. The exhumation had been requested by the National Remembrance Institute, a government body investigating the massacre in the Polish town of Jedwabne. But some Jewish groups say disturbing the dead violates Jewish values.

Haider Muzzled

VIENNA — An Austrian court has issued a ruling ordering far-right leader Joerg Haider not to repeat remarks he made implying that Jewish leader Ariel Muzicant engages in dubious business practices. Haider attacked Muzicant during the campaign for Vienna municipal elections earlier this year using a term that roughly translates as "having skeletons in the closet." The Vienna court said the term was untrue and damaging to the plaintiff.

Jews Protest

LONDON — British Jews are protesting a proposed real estate development near the site of one of the worst massacres of Jews in English history. An official with the Board of Deputies says the planned $84-million leisure and shopping centre near Clifford's Tower in York, where the city's Jewish community of about 150 took refuge from a mob in 1190, will "diminish the historical and spiritual impact of the tower." Many of the Jews took their own lives in the attack; the rest were burned to death when the tower was set on fire, or killed when they fled the inferno.

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Canada Endorses Mitchell Report

OTTAWA — Foreign Affairs minister John Manley last week said Canada supports the Mitchell Report on the Mideast conflict.

Released May 21, the report, based on a fact-finding mission led by former U.S. senator George Mitchell, makes recommendations aimed at helping Israelis and Palestinians resolve the current impasse and return to the negotiating table.

"Canada fully endorses the Mitchell Report, which closely mirrors our own policies," Manley said in a prepared statement. "I believe the parties should use the recommendations contained in this document as a basis to end the senseless cycle of violence."

The report places responsibility for the crisis on both parties and makes several recommendations, including an immediate ceasefire, an Israeli freeze on settlement activity and a Palestinian crackdown on terrorism and incitement.

Manley noted that he raised those very issues with the parties during his recent visit to the Middle East.

"I made it very clear to the Israelis and Palestinians that both must take immediate actions to end the hostilities and create the atmosphere necessary to restart negotiations."

He underlined the urgency of resolving the situation, given the recent escalation in fighting, including the terrorist bombing in Netanya and Israel's use of F-16s against Palestinian targets. He noted that both parties must condemn acts of terrorism and refrain from escalating the conflict any further.

Israel has said it supports the report, except for its call to freeze construction and expansion of Jewish settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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Jewish parents speak out on proposed tax credit

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The provincial government's proposed tax credit for parents who send their children to private schools continues to be a controversial issue.

At last week's meeting of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB), a resolution was passed that called on Ontario Premier Mike Harris to "withdraw the proposed Equity in Education Tax Credit until full public hearings and research have determined it will not place the public education system at risk."

The resolution, submitted by Marguerite Jackson, director of education and secretary-treasurer of TDSB, states that the proposed credit will reduce the board's funding by $6,800 for every student leaving the system for private schools – a net savings to the government of $3,300 per student.

Ed Morgan, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, said, however, that "the government has promised that the tax break will not be to the detriment of public schools. CJC advocates an increase in resources for public schools as well. This is not an either/or issue."

Two Jewish trustees, Shelly Laskin and Gerri Gershon strongly supported the board's motion to withdraw the tax credit, and agreed that independent schools are a threat to public schools, said CJC executive director Bernie Farber, who attended the meeting.

"Some of their words left a sour taste in my mouth. It was unpleasant. As a member of the Jewish community, I was very disappointed," he said.

Sheine Mankovsky, trustee for Ward 5, was the "single solitary voice in support of the needs of parents who send their children to private schools.

"She displayed courage and dignity and identified herself strongly as a Jew. She spoke with great passion in support of a system that would give parents some financial relief," Farber said.

At a press conference last week at Queen's Park, Joanne Naiman, a sociology professor at Ryerson Polytechnic University, said she and two other parents called the conference because they felt "that the silent majority in faith-based communities were not being heard.

"The government's initiative to give tax credits will ultimately affect an already diminished public education system," Naiman said.

It might be time, she said, to question the issue of the public funding of Catholic schools. "Nothing is forever in government policy. In the meantime, we are looking at a government that is shifting to a private model of education."

In response to Naiman's claim that her group represents the "silent majority," Morgan said that "polls conducted by Environics and Focus Ontario in the 1990s showed that 54 percent of the general population and 83 percent of the Jewish population support public funding for all religious schools equal to the Catholic schools."

Georganne Burke, secretary of the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools and a member of Jewish Parents for Equality in Education Funding and the multi-faith Ontario Parents for Equality in Education Funding, said that "it is not apparent to me that they are the silent majority.

"I have been working intensely on the issue for three years, and I have talked to people in every part of the community. Most people understand the [importance] of Jewish education. Our community is bearing a huge [financial] burden."

Private schools will get only 50 percent of what the public and Catholic schools are getting, she said, "but that is still a big step. It shows there has been a fundamental change in the mindset of the government."

In last week's *NOW* magazine, Carly Steinman, social action co-ordinator at the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism (CCRJ), opposed the tax credit.

However, in a letter submitted to *NOW*, Rabbi Sharon Sobel, CCRJ's executive director, said that "unfortunately, the position of CCRJ on fair funding was misrepresented.

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An intricate love

From the editor's desk

At the crest of a small promontory on Virginia Drive in the southeastern part of Ottawa, one finds Machzikei Hadas.

The synagogue's brown brick exterior is not only one of the its external supportive structures, it is also its interior decorative motif. The deep earthen colour of the brick inside the building provides a sense of security and calm, modesty and warmth.

The impact of the shul's architecture is a perfect replication of the impact of the shul's rabbi, Reuven Bulka.

Rabbi Bulka is the rare individual whom God puts on earth every few hundred years or so to ensure that the spin of the planet around its invisible, intricate axis tilts always heavenward toward the divinely intended ratios of balance and love that only a handful of people truly understand.

No effort for Rabbi Bulka on behalf of an individual or a cause is too imposing or too trivial.

Like most rabbis who are teachers, Rabbi Bulka imparts a dvar Torah to his congregants every Shabbat and Yom tov. He stands in the middle of the bimah, his hands, at the beginning of the sermon, folded one in the other, overhanging the edge of the Torah reader's table.

Very soon in the sermon, however, his hands sweep through the air, punctuating and underlining his remarks. Occasionally, in the classic pose of a man refining his thought, one of his hands supports his chin, temporarily hiding his neatly trimmed vandyke.

Ten or twenty times during the sermon, he adjusts his black kippah to a different position on his head.

He reads no notes. He speaks from his sizable heart, sharing Torah insights that, more often than not, focus on the psychological, emotional, developmental challenges of the human condition.

Always, when he speaks, sitting to his left, in the front row of the women's section, is his wife Naomi.

Enthralled with the animated, enthusiastic rabbi merely feet away from her on the bimah, Naomi fixes an adoring gaze on him while he addresses his congregants, among whom she obviously counts herself. She laughs at his jokes and chuckles at his puns, even though she has likely heard them before. And, like the rest of his congregants, when the rabbi has concluded the dvar Torah, she is moved.

Like a laser of light in a darkened room, the connection between the rabbi and his wife is plain for all to see, a symmetry of perfection.

But now, alas, that symmetry, will be only for memory to recall.

On May 19, Naomi Bulka passed away in a hospital in Washington, D.C. no longer able to resist the final, fatal encroachment of a deadly cancer into her body. She was 55 years old.

Two days later, on Sunday, May 21, when the sky was high and deep blue and a gentle breeze cooled the air, hundreds upon hundreds of friends and acquaintances came to Machzikei Hadas to pay their last respects to her and to help, however possibly, her husband, their rabbi, bear his grief.

Some 32 years earlier, a young Rabbi Reuven Bulka and an even younger Naomi, a Montrealer from the famous, much-respected, Jakobovits family, settled in Ottawa.

In building their lives together, they also helped to build a community. They eventually raised five children; one died in early infancy.

Where the rabbi was outgoing and a high profile public figure, Naomi was reserved, even shy and very private.

In 1998, she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

In her quiet resolute manner, she overcame that illness. In doing so; ironically, she stepped outside of her normally quiet character. In a poignant article written by Cynthia Nyman Engel entitled *Caring Friends And Family Mean So Much When Illness Strikes*, (Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Foundation, *Challenge*, fall/winter 1999), she spoke candidly about her personal and her family's response to the disease.

"I was surprised at how much it meant that people did ask about me and cared," she told Engel. "I had full support from my husband who always accompanied me to all my medical appointments and chemotherapy treatments. But to have so many other people calling from everywhere..., for two minute 'how are you' conversations, was wonderful."

Rabbi Bulka was the last person to speak at the funeral service. His head was bowed, his voice distinct but not much more than a whisper.

"We are devastated," he began.

Typical of this man, his first concern was for the 1,500 people who sat sadly and silently before him, hanging on his words.

"You all had a terrible frustration because you wanted to know what you could do, and there was so little you could do. But somehow you found ways."

The rabbi bravely recounted the course of his wife's tragic disease. Then in a tearful echo of Naomi's words almost three years earlier in *Challenge*, he said, "I know you all care enough to know."

From where I sat, I could not see if, by force of habit, Rabbi Bulka looked over to the seat merely feet away where Naomi sat every Shabbat and Yom tov.

The seat was empty.

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ON A 'JOURNEY OF HOPE' TO ISRAEL: More than 500 Canadians left last week for a 10-day tour of Israel. The trip was organized by Rev. David Mainse, host of *100 Huntley Street*. Seen above are Israel's Ambassador to Canada Haim Divon addressing the group before their departure at Pearson International Airport. Beside him are Rev. Mainse and Rami Fisher, El Al General Manager for Canada. Inset, three generations of Petersons from New Brunswick, Emma 6 months, grandmother Rhonda, 45 and mother Deja 24, get set for their trip. [Stephen Epstein photo for the IGTO]

Greater Toronto Area

Taliban ruling 'chilling reminder' of Nazi times

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Outrage, combined with chilling reminders of the Nazi era, resonated across the Jewish world with last week's edict from the ruling Taliban in Afghanistan, which will force the country's Hindus to wear yellow-coloured markings on their clothing to identify them as non-Muslims.

For Jews, the issue is obvious – a spine-tingling reminder of Holocaust years when Jews in Germany and Nazi-conquered lands were forced to don yellow cloth stars of David with the word "Jew" in the middle.

In addition to being forced to wear saffron-coloured identity labels, reports from India said last week that from now on, Hindus in Afghanistan will have to drape their homes in a two-metre yellow cloth. As well, they will not be allowed to live with Muslims, and are reportedly barred from building new temples.

Keith Landy, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, said the development is "a chilling reminder" of Nazi times. "Such laws are never passed for the benefit of the minority affected. This is the kind of 'protection' that minorities have to be protected from, and serves mainly to make them targets either of the authorities or of populations incited to hatred," Landy said in a statement.

Canada has condemned the development, and has promised to take it up with Taliban leaders.

Estimates of the number of Hindus in Afghanistan vary widely, from a few hundred, to 5,000.

The edict is the latest move from the hardline Taliban, which controls 95 percent of Afghanistan. To date, the ultra-conservative Sunni rulers have employed a harsh interpretation of Islam to outlaw education for all girls over eight year old, bar women from most employment, and force them to wear the all-concealing *burqua*. Women also cannot go out in public unless accompanied by a close male relative. Television, films and videos have been outlawed, as have all kinds of non-religious music.

In March, in a move that provoked international outrage, Taliban fighters used rockets and grenades to demolish two ancient statues of Buddha that had been carved into tall cliff walls, claiming they were "idolatrous." The country has also been isolated for sheltering Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden, who's wanted in connection with a string of international terrorist attacks.

The latest edict came from the country's Minister for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, who ruled that "the non-Muslim population of the country should have a distinctive mark such as a piece of cloth attached to their pocket so they can be differentiated from others."

The edict will also require Hindu women to wear the *burqua*.

The state-run news agency said the measure is intended "to prevent disturbance to non-Muslim citizens," who might be stopped by authorities who routinely check for violations of Islamic law.

CJC called on Canada "to take all possible steps to convey to the Taliban government the abhorrence of the Canadian people," and to ensure that "this odious measure be rescinded immediately."

Canada is "deeply disturbed" by the proposal, Foreign Affairs minister John Manley said in a prepared statement. Discrimination based on religion "is an affront to values held by all Canadians," Manley stated.

Canada's high commissioner in Islamabad, Pakistan, will be "raising this issue" with Taliban diplomats and with senior officials in Pakistan's foreign ministry, who have regular contact with the Taliban, Manley said.

Jewish organizations all over North America, including the World Jewish Congress, Simon Wiesenthal Centre, and the Reform movement, condemned the development, as did Canadian Muslim groups.

"It bothers me as a Jew that after the Holocaust, people still want to identify someone by a patch they wear," said Michael Rosenberg, president of Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Canada. "That any group can again come up with the idea is outrageous."

Rosenberg hopes Canada and the international community will lodge strong protests with the Taliban.

"It's a terrible case of history repeating itself," sighed Gerda Frieberg, a well-known local Holocaust educator and survivor. "A special ID. What's next?"

Asked what can be done, Frieberg said, "At least we can make some noise. It would be more than the world did for us."

The Taliban said no decision had been made yet on how Hindus would identify themselves, but that the move is required by Islam: "Religious minorities living in an Islamic state must be identified," a spokesperson said.

The special edict is meant for Hindus only because the country's Sikhs can be identified by their turbans, government sources were quoted as saying. There are no Christians left in the country, and just one Jew – a 60-year-old rabbi, Yitzhak Levi, the caretaker of the last synagogue in Kabul, the capital.

Most of the 70 to 80 Jewish families in Afghanistan fled after the Soviet invasion in 1979, and the last dozen or so left during the guerrilla clashes of the following decade. Levi's family is now living in Israel.

A recent article in the *Jerusalem Report* said Levi was jailed last year for 40 days following a dispute over a Torah scroll. While in prison, Levi said he was forced to recite verses from the Koran. The World Jewish Congress believes Levi is now left more or less alone, and is allowed to care for the synagogue.

In January, the Taliban warned of the death penalty for anyone who converts from Islam to another religion, and for any non-Muslims found proselytizing. The Taliban accused other faiths, particularly Christianity and Judaism, of trying to convert Muslims and of seeking to "eliminate pure Islam."

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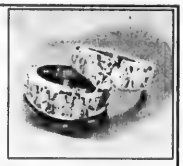

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True picture of life in West Bank not being told, says settler

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — North American Jews have very little perception of what is really going on in the Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, says a resident of Ma'ale Amos, a yishuv in the hills of Judea.

"Every evening, North Americans hear on the news that Israelis are responding with tanks and helicopters to sporadic shooting incidents and to Arab teenagers who throw rocks at Israeli soldiers," said Israel Danziger, who moved to Israel from New York 28 years ago.

He was in Toronto and New York recently to speak about life on the yishuvim. He was also raising the profile of Mishmeret Yesha, a movement for Jewish sovereignty of Israel.

Among the organization's mandates, it provides protective equipment for settlers, helps plant trees in and around existing yishuvim, and provides legal help for residents of the area who have been arrested while defending themselves, and for those who have not been properly compensated for damaged property.

What people do not hear about, he said, is that the roads, particularly those leading to the outlying settlements, are completely under Arab control. "[Our] roads have turned into a living hell," said Danziger, 48, who has a wife, eight children, and one grandchild.

"Besides the usual array of rocks and molotov cocktails that have existed for years, we now have roadside bombing, and sniping from all directions," he said.

When these things happen the army automatically shuts the roads, and settlers cannot come and go, he said. "What this means is that if we go to work, we don't know if we can come back; the children may not go to school; and we cannot get food. Everything becomes a big question mark."

Israel Danziger

Also part of everyday life is the disruption of the water and electricity supply, "especially on Thursday night when people are beginning to prepare for Shabbat.

"Furthermore, the electric company, which is responsible for repairs, will not send help until it has co-ordinated a complete military operation that includes several jeeps, at least one armoured carrier and two dozen soldiers."

People cry about the Arab towns that come under siege from time to time, said Danziger, "but the reality is that we are under siege all the time.

"The Arabs have built a network of roads through which they can travel even when the main roads are closed. We see them in our area getting around at all hours of the day and night."

This situation has been going on for some time, said Danziger, and since September it has gotten considerably worse. "People who have been tracking the situation since the beginning of the so-called Oslo peace process know that the situation will only get worse. They believe it is only a matter of time until it will be impossible for us to get to work. We will have to find the means to sustain ourselves on our yishuvim."

The army and the police do not travel in the area unless they are in bulletproof vehicles, he said, "and most people try to use the bus. Some of us, however, need our cars, and our cars are not bulletproof."

The yishuvim have begun to lend protective equipment – a helmet and vest – to settlers who have to travel, said Danziger, "but the price of each set is $1,700 (US)."

The yishuvim also need generators; communication, medical and optical equipment; long-term food supplies; water and fuel supplies; and "an array of other items to sustain the yeshuvim during this prolonged guerrilla war."

It is clear, said Danziger, "that the Sharon government, just like the Barak government, has not initiated a plan to do anything about the situation.

"Yes, there are many patrols, and they respond or react to various provocations by the Palestinian Authority, but initiatives to change or reverse the situation have been non-existent," he said.

The closing of the Temple Mount to Jews since Rosh Hashanah, and the turning over of Joseph's Tomb to the PA, "two of the most holy sites in Judaism, has only encouraged the PA to continue doing what they have been doing.

"There is no question," he said, "that the only solution is for the army to go to war against the PA, and that means all-out war throughout the [West Bank and Gaza Strip]."

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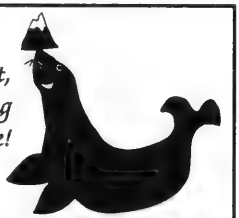

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Local survivor sets up education centre in Croatia

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Due largely to the efforts of a local Holocaust survivor, a Holocaust education centre has now been established in Croatia.

Esther Bem, 70, who was born and raised in Zagreb, says that establishing the centre has been something about which she is "absolutely fanatical; it is one of the biggest achievements of my life."

Until recently, said Bem, Croatia "conveniently forgot to teach [school children] about the Holocaust. High school students were given inaccurate information, and history textbooks were changed in order to accommodate the government's false information."

With a change in government in Croatia, however, Bem said the "opportunity arose to implement Holocaust studies in high schools, and start teaching young people what really took place in their own country."

Bem's sister, who still lives in Zagreb, is president of the executive board at the Jewish Community Centre. "It is a vibrant Jewish community of 13,000 people. They have brought over a rabbi from Israel, and they hold Shabbat services, lectures and Hebrew classes."

Bem said that for several years, she had been exchanging ideas with Zagreb community members about how to establish a Holocaust education program.

"A group of people felt that it was time to act, and they felt a visit from me would be useful, so I ventured on my mission."

She credits Carole Anne Reed, director of education at the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, UJA FEDERATION, with preparing her for the trip.

"Carole briefed me, and organized all the material that I was supposed to take – almost a suitcase full. She organized it according to topics, such as running seminars, holding a Holocaust Education Week, how to teach the Holocaust to students, resource and reference material and how to organize survivors' testimonies."

Fortunately, she said, a young woman, Hana Fraucetic, volunteered to become director of the centre. "I then set up a committee, all volunteers, who are prominent in different fields of expertise in Zagreb."

After this initial work, said Bem, she met with government officials and explained to them how the Holocaust is being taught in Ontario.

"I told them about the 16,000 students passing through our centre yearly, and how we have survivor speakers [Bem is among them] telling their stories.

"I promised we would help in any way we [could], and also mentioned that it took years to achieve what we did," she said.

At that meeting, said Bem, the deputy minister promised to set aside one day a year to commemorate Yom Hashoah in high schools. The day will be dedicated to lectures, films and teaching of the Holocaust.

"He also promised to present a proposal to his minister to have current textbooks revised, and to send a letter to all high school principals in major cities in Croatia asking them to prepare history teachers for teaching about the Holocaust," said Bem.

"I honestly believe that this effort is a major historical breakthrough, and that with time and patience we will undo the harm done to young minds, and educate the parents and children in a country that was isolated for a decade from the truth."

Funding of the centre is still an issue, said Reed, but they did receive a grant for someone to attend a course in Sweden. "Unless there is proper training, teaching the Holocaust can be dangerous. It is possible to give the wrong information, and [thereby] trivialize it."

Wherever there are survivors, it is important to have a Holocaust centre, said Reed. "It is [especially] important in Croatia because they have yet to learn peace building or how to live with minorities and build a civil society.

"Inherent in Holocaust education are core lessons on the importance of tolerance and human rights," said Reed.

"We've started something that until now has been dead," said Bem. "I plan to attend the September launch in schools. I will not let it go."

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How is it possible?

How is it possible, in this day and age, most of the world is asking itself, that a vulnerable minority is again being forced by an oppressive majority, to wear "the yellow star of David"? How is it possible, in this day and age, that a government did not ask itself to consider the evil inherent in requiring some of its citizens to wear that sickening, sinister, singling-out "yellow star"?

In defiance of all civilized norms, the Taliban rulers of Afghanistan last week decreed that the estimated 5,000 Hindus in that country must wear a distinctive yellow patch on their clothing whenever they venture outside.

Not only for Jews, but especially for Jews, the image was frightful and disgusting. Around the world people reacted with horror.

Canada has "strongly condemned" the Afghani edict. And we are pleased for that. But every government and every person must strongly condemn this latest barbarity. The secretary-general of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, has expressed dismay over the decree and urged the Afghani government not to implement it. But he should do much more than that. He should immediately convene the Security Council to censure and sanction the Taliban. The "yellow badge" has removed the matter from realm of internal Afghani affairs. It is now a legitimate and appropriate concern for the international community.

If the Taliban rulers were unaware of the implications and associations their decree evoked, their ignorance is cause for worry. On the other hand, if the Taliban rulers were very much aware of those implications and associations, but were indifferent nevertheless, their extremism and ruthlessness are cause for alarm.

Ever since the Taliban ascended to power, Afghanistan has descended by slow, deathly stages into a dark, medieval world of intolerance and fear, where human life is subordinate to intemperate, inflexible ideology. That "the yellow badge" is again possible in this day and age means that in every day and age, people and governments of good will and conscience must be ever vigilant.

Now more than ever

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Two weeks ago, a TV commentator referred to the bludgeoning slaughter of the two teenage boys from Tekoa as the "deaths of two settlers." Last week, a TV news show referred to Yom Yerushalayim, saying "Israel celebrates the capture of *the Arab part of Jerusalem.*" The examples are countless.

The result is an increasing hostility among those people with malign motives towards Israel, and an increasing defensiveness among those people with good feelings toward Israel.

We must all act in this situation. As Prof. Gil Troy passionately and eloquently writes in the Perspectives essay in this issue: "All people of good conscience... should rise up and strike down this anti-Zionist venom... We cannot keep on with business as usual. Israel needs our help in fighting this war of headlines and propaganda..."

And that is why the sight of thousands of people marching in support of Israel was so rousing and so deeply inspiring.

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The Vatican is culpable

Criticism of the Pope has focused on his silence [in the face of anti-Semitic remarks by Bashar Assad] both during and after his journey his recent visit to Syria.

I believe there is another, equally strong, criticism that can be made. The papal trip to Syria was no doubt planned at length as part of the Pope's overall journey to the area. There would have been a good deal of contact between papal and Syrian officials regarding the visit, its protocol, security measures, and likely, discussion of common and divergent positions regarding actions and statements to be made by each side. The Pope and his advisors know that Syria is a dictatorship with multiple secret police forces that oversee each other and anti-government sentiment in the country. They know that Syria has sponsored terrorism. They know that Bashar Assad is the son of Hafaz Assad who killed all living souls, numbering 10 to 20 thousand, in the city of Ham in 1982. When the papal entourage arrived in Kuneitra on the Golan Heights, a city destroyed in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, they knew, as all international political analysts knew, that Syria would use the occasion to condemn Israel for the destruction of the city, with no mention that Syria, for decades, rained terror upon Israel's northern border [from the Heights].

Altogether, the Vatican stands culpable of its silence in the face of broad anti-Semitic rhetoric, in its silence when this anti-Semitic calumny claimed to incorporate Christian sentiment, and guilty of an uncalled for papal visit to Syria, at a time when it must have surmised, at the very least, the hidden agenda its host would propagate at this "auspicious" occasion.

Rabbi Abraham Cohen
Thornhill, Ont.

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Lack of respect for humanity

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat has no comment when asked about the murder by stoning and knifing of two Jewish 14-year-olds, one of whom was an American citizen. Why don't Arab leaders in Canada or the rest of the world condemn such outrageousness? And terrorist organizations that claim responsibility and satisfaction for such acts are welcomed at international conferences in Iran and will be in South Africa where the odious resolution "Zionism equals racism" will again be introduced. Such is the respect for human life and rights in the year 2001.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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UN mockery

The institution upon which we depend to ensure that the nations of the world have a forum for rational discussion so that differences can be settled around a table and not on a battlefield has proven to be as great a farce as the League of Nations that preceeded it. It has expelled from the Human Rights Commission the United States, a nation that has one of the best records in the world for pursuing human rights. Even more ironically, it has included in that commission countries with the worst human rights record in history: China, Libya and Sudan. What a mockery that makes of our hopes and dreams!

If we are unable to clearly and truthfully identify our problems, we will be unable to solve them. Expediently brushing tyranny under the carpet will only permit it to fester and mushroom into a bigger problem that we will be forced to tackle at a later date when we can no longer look away.

Alisa Schwartz
Toronto

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Israel has strayed

As a Jew in Canada, I am becoming increasingly saddened and dismayed by the blind unqualified support for Israel's current military actions.

If your newspaper is indeed an organ for the entire Canadian Jewish community, why is it that it can't embrace alternative attitudes, opinions and actions of the community? I am not a leftist. I am a humanist, a secular Jew who believes in egalitarianism, pluralism and multiculturalism. I would like to see more alternative viewpoints raised in your paper as a forum for discussion amongst all of us.

It is not self-hating to criticize Israel. If anything, it would be healing to find ways to lure the Israeli mindset away from it 9s current paternalistic militarism.

The old-guard mentality of the world against the Jews needs to be lost. It is this mentality that prevents us from growth in our consciousness as a people. It is this mentality that we and the State of Israel use to justify murder, home demolitions, human rights abuses and economic strangulation. These are not the tenets of Judaism, and by engaging in such activities, Israel has strayed from the righteous path.

Those of us who are angered by Israeli actions have important ideas to share with the community at large. Such progressive ideals need to be published in *The Canadian Jewish News* in order to broaden the perspective and facilitate true dialogue within our own community. Only then can we move forward to resolving a conflict that will just serve to erode our community as time goes on.

Yaacov Gray
Toronto

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Landry looking for votes

In response to your article on Bernard Landry (*The CJN,* May 24), if I thought Landry was at any time sincere about his good wishes towards the Jewish people, then I must be out of my mind.

Mr. Landry has always been on the lookout for votes to make, as he says, sovereignty come true. Why all of a sudden does he care about us? Sure, Jews and French Canadians may have something in common, but why all of a sudden do they care now? I say he wants the most votes from the Jews. If I was still a resident of Quebec, I can guarantee that he wouldn't receive a vote from me because I don't believe all his flattery towards the Jewish people.

Gigi George
Toronto

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Perspectives

Why I am an anti-anti-Zionist

By GIL TROY

In honour of Yom Ha'atzmaut this year, I wrote an essay for the Montreal *Gazette* titled *Why I am a Zionist*. The article sought to return to basics during this difficult passage in Israel's existence. To our non-Jewish friends, I tried to explain why Zionism, which is Jewish nationalism, is no more racist than any other form of nationalism. And to my fellow Jews, I tried to emphasize the big picture beyond the messy and depressing complexities of 2001.

"A century ago, Zionism revived pride in the label 'Jew,'" I wrote. "Today, Jews must revive pride in the label 'Zionist.'"

Throughout this essay, I was very careful to avoid addressing the Palestinian question at all, beyond ending with a hope that just as in the 20th century Israel made the Jewish dream of restoring a homeland a reality, that in the 21st century, Israel would figure out how to reconcile with the Arab world and make the dream of living in peace with her neighbours a reality.

Nevertheless, some respondents caricatured my essay in subsequent op-eds and in the letters to the editor section as an attack on Palestinians and as a racist piece. These reactions made it very clear: far too many of Israel's enemies see the affirmation of any kind of Zionism as an act of aggression against them.

Even more disturbing were some of the responses the *Gazette* chose not to publish. One pro-Palestinian organization defines itself as "anti-Zionist, anti-capitalist, anti-racism, anti-U.S. global hegemony, anti-globalization!!" and "pro-Hamas, pro-Taliban, pro-all Islamic resistance movements fighting occupation and oppression. And most of all, pro-Islam." The organization's Web site posted a letter they sent to the *Gazette* saying, "*Why I'm a Zionist* reminds me of other possible scenarios. Why I'm a KKK member. To be proud repressing others, feeling superior and a chosen people who deserve to kill, maim and torture... God help us when we can allow people to stand up and say 'Why I'm [a] terrorist, 'Why I kill children,' 'Why I'm a Nazi,' 'Why I agree with state-sponsored terrorism,' 'Why I bulldoze families home.'"

Perhaps most depressing was the letter from a Canadian man who began with the, by now, knee-jerk (if conceptually paradoxical), free association of Zionism with "Bolshevism, Nazism and racism of the worst order." The man equated "the language the Nazis used to describe the Jews in Germany in the 1930s and '40s and the language now being used by the Ashkenazi Jews to describe the natives of Palestine: snakes, subhuman, foreigners living on the land God gave us, etc."

As so many anti-Zionists do, the man then naturally segued into the ugliest forms of anti-Semitism, saying, "I understand why Herr Hitler rose to power and why the Jewish holocaust [sic] – a harsh reaction to the Jewish misdeeds – took place." Calling the "last Jewish holocaust" an "act of 'divine justice,'" he concluded, "You have, without realizing it, given in your article 14 reasons why the next holocaust is bound to occur... Your article tends to support the view that I have heard about as a child that a Jew is born without a soul; he has no sympathy for anyone unless his own interest is involved in it."

These days, you do not need a PhD to recognize that the Middle East is a very confusing place. And I would never do what my critics have done and tar all critics with the same brush. There is a lot of room for honest and critical debate about Israeli policy toward the Palestinians yesterday and today, and not everyone who questions any Israeli action in any realm is necessarily an Israel-hater or an anti-Zionist.

Nevertheless, I wish to thank my critics for imposing a certain conceptual clarity on the conflict. All Jews, all Canadians, all people of good conscience throughout the world, should rise up and strike down this anti-Zionist venom that has seeped into daily political discourse. As the above examples indicate, such new-fangled anti-Zionism is often hard to distinguish from old-fashioned Jew hatred – no matter how many "man-bite-dog" op-ed essays the few but loud anti-Zionist Jews may publish. We have seen anti-Semitism blur into anti-Zionism in the Syrian president's ugly anti-Jewish remarks when greeting the Pope; we have seen anti-Zionism blur into anti-Semitism with the steep rise in attacks on Jews in Canada and throughout the world since September.

This group of Montrealers does what Gil Troy urges. By joining the 'March to Jerusalem' last week, they 'stood up and fought' for Israel. **[Howard Kay photo]**

It is tragic and ironic that this resurgence of anti-Zionism comes almost a decade after Oslo, when, polls have shown, a majority of Israelis and a majority of Jews throughout the world began to acknowledge Palestinian nationalism. It is tragic and pathetic that these blood libels, new and old, come after former prime minister Ehud Barak offered a sweeping set of concessions at Camp David last summer, almost 97 percent of the territories. It is tragic and demonic that these attacks on the right of Israel to exist are being heard throughout the world and covering up many Palestinians' resort to violence instead of peaceful negotiations.

We in the Jewish community need to focus on these fundamental issues, on the right of Israel to exist, and on many Palestinians' violent repudiation of attempts at peace, even as we struggle with the political, strategic, moral, and existential challenges of today. We must not get so bogged down in apologias and defensiveness that we ignore the bigger picture.

A quarter of a century ago, America's ambassador to the United Nations, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, rejected the infamous UN "Zionism is racism" resolution as "an obscene act." Moynihan later explained that he recognized more than "uninformed bigotry" at play: "It is conscious politics... It is not merely that our adversaries have commenced an effort to destroy the legitimacy of a kindred democracy through the incessant repetition of the Zionist-racist lie. It is that others can come to believe it also."

The poisonous seeds Moynihan saw sown in the mid-1970s are bearing deadly fruit today. We cannot sit by idly and let these libels fester. We must, as Jews, and as proud citizens of a great democracy, stand up and fight. In Montreal for example, 105 Jewish organizations from across the political and religious spectrum have banded together in Project Solidarity to affirm the Jewish community's support for the State of Israel and her people. People are wearing blue and white ribbons to demonstrate their support. Beyond this symbol, the project hopes to raise one hundred thousand dollars – representing one dollar for each Jew in the community – to support trauma facilities Israelis so badly need at this time.

We cannot afford today to be blasé. We cannot keep on with business as usual. Israel needs our help in fighting this war of headlines and propaganda, a war which distorts the truth and feeds real violence in the Middle East. Jews in Montreal should be vying for the honour to contribute to this project and should be raising many times more than the one hundred thousand dollar goal. And Jews throughout Canada should follow this example. Not a wedding should occur, not a bar or bat mitzvah should be celebrated, in which a donation is not made – by both hosts and guests. Not a Jewish organization should meet, nor a Jewish festivity be held, in which some affirmation of solidarity with Israel, pecuniary and otherwise, is not made. The money will be well-spent and the message will come through loud and clear: whatever our differences, whatever our confusions, we reject the anti-Zionist libels, we support the right of Israel to exist, and pray desperately for a real peace – one that satisfies as many people as possible as soon as possible.

Gil Troy is professor of history at McGill University.

Opinions

A rare anniversary (Part I)

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Some years ago, my wife and I took a Caribbean cruise and paid a brief visit to the island of Curaçao. The island harbours the oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere, distinguished by its exquisite architecture and the famous sand floor that was meant to imitate the tabernacle that our people built in the Sinai Desert during their 40-year wanderings.

The islanders have another reason for the sandy floor of the sanctuary. Many of their ancestors were Marranos, secret Jews and refugees from the Spanish and Portuguese Inquisition. In their homes, they secretly observed Jewish prayers and tradition and covered their floors with sand in order to dull the sound of their prayers. True or not, the explanation is fascinating.

The synagogue is some 30 years older than the Touro synagogue, the oldest in the United States. But age alone does not tell the full story.

A week ago, I had the privilege of visiting Curaçao once again, unfortunately this time without my wife. I had accepted a special invitation that took me to Congregation Mikveh Israel-Emanuel, which was observing its 350th anniversary. It was a privilege to be there.

The crown prince, who will become king one day when Queen Wilhelmina resigns or dies, was also a participant in the rededication ceremonies.

Dutch, English and Spanish are the tongues one hears, and in addition, many of the native-born speak Papiamentu, an amalgam of these languages.

There were a number of memorable programs, among them a music festival in the government square, with 1,700 people joining the open-air presentations by Curaçao artists and a large group of chazzanim from North America (with Cantor Benjamin Maissner participating, and Ben Steinberg as director).

Rabbis too, came from all over, most prominent among them Chaim Potok, famed novelist, who filled the city's World Trade Centre to capacity. He gave a fascinating lecture on Jewish migrants.

One of the panels in which I participated dealt with the difficulties that small communities often encounter. Young people are leaving Curaçao increasingly – the attraction of the United States is overwhelming. This was the sad part of the visit, but I feel that the great devotion for their tradition that Curaçaons have will somehow help them survive the present crisis of becoming ever smaller.

The course of history follows its own unpredictable pattern. Strong communities like Germany were wiped out and later on regained a new foothold for the future. Some communities at the edge of extinction were miraculously saved by a sudden reversal of economic and political circumstances. I would like to hope that this will be in store for Curaçao as well.

Altogether it was a memorable occasion, and my next column will report on it further.

An education imperative

Shiva Herzog in Toronto

Two recent international reports point to disturbing trends with potential long-term, negative consequences for Israeli society. The first analyzes the relationship between educational achievements in math and science and poverty; the second deals with violence in Israeli schools.

The number of Israelis living below the poverty line has increased over the last several decades, when measured by income alone without the benefit of state-generated welfare payments. And in 1999, average grades of Israeli students in math and science ranked the country 27th out of 38 countries surveyed internationally by economist Eric Hanushek. Israelis ranked below all other industrial countries, as well as below poorer countries such as Thailand and Romania, where the GDP per capita is one-third lower than Israel's. Moreover, the internal disparities in grades of Israeli students were greater than those of 34 of the 38 countries surveyed.

The most disturbing statistic dealt with the weakest students in the chain. Israel's bottom five percent ranked 31st out of 38, below the weakest students, not only in the United States, but in Malaysia, Taiwan, Iran, Turkey, Tunisia, Cyprus and many other countries. The Israeli finding is especially serious because the sample did not include children in the haredi system, where proficiency in these subjects is even weaker than in the rest of the population.

While Israel spends relatively large amounts of money on education, the income gap between the haves and have-nots has grown considerably. Hanushek's thesis is that while investment in education generally is the best catalyst for economic growth, specific investment in math and science education is directly linked to higher income. In 1963-64, Israeli students' results in math and science were the highest among 12 industrial countries surveyed, in spite of the country's economic challenges at the time.

The standard of education in these subjects has clearly dropped. In the 1999 survey, in a comparison of the grades of the top five percent of Israeli students with those of other countries, the Israelis ranked 23rd out of 38. In most societies, it is from this five percent that the professors, CEOs and policy makers come. If today Israel's universities and high-tech companies are staffed with graduates of the education system of the '60s and '70s, tomorrow's faculty and managers will be the students in the latest survey.

As part of its research, the International Association for Equalization of Educational Achievements also surveyed violence in schools. Here, too, the results are disturbing. Israelis schools ranked highest in the degree of physical violence to which students are exposed. Twenty-five percent of Israeli eighth grade students have been physically assaulted by fellow students while in school. Israel ranked second in the survey in the extent of vandalism, second only to the Netherlands.

While the chief scientist of the Ministry of Education responded with concern to these findings, the report of the 1999 Vilnay Committee on Violence in Schools has not been implemented, or even disseminated widely through the school system. At the time, committee chair Matan Vilnay, former deputy chief of staff and a cabinet minister, called for significant changes in the administration of public education. These included smaller classes and hundreds of additional psychologists and guidance counsellors. The cost of these and other recommendations was so huge as to render the report virtually irrelevant.

This difficult reality exists against the backdrop of a high dropout rate from Israeli high schools among Arab and immigrant students (within five years of their arrival in Israel). More than 20 percent of students from these population groups drop out of school by age 17. The 15 percent average school dropout rate places Israel in a weaker position than France, Sweden and Japan, but in a stronger position than the United States and Italy.

This plethora of statistics represents far more than numbers. Israel's economic boom, especially in the high-tech sector, was the result of the success of an elite group of young people, most of whom served in elite military units. But as in other Western countries, the public school system is sorely in need of change, not just in the area of scholastic achievement, but in values and norms of conduct as well. Inertia will have significant ramifications that are no less important than security issues as building blocks for a successful future

The challenge of defending Israel

Morton Weinfeld in Montreal

In mid-May, I found myself seated around a large table in Montreal's City Hall. The occasion was a presentation by a four-person panel – I was one of the panellists – to inform those present about Jews in general and Montreal Jews in particular. The audience was made up of members of a volunteer committee dealing with and representative of Montreal's cultural diversity, and several city officials, including Mayor Bourque.

During my remarks, I outlined several dimensions of Jewish identity. One of these, I argued, was support for human rights and liberal democracy in Canada and elsewhere in the Diaspora.

After the four brief presentations, the session was open for questions. One questioner, with absolutely no malice but with a spirit of friendly curiosity, asked me to explain how I reconcile this support for progressive positions and human rights by Diaspora Jews with the fact that Israel has for so long repressed basic rights of Palestinians and Israeli Arabs. As I heard the question unfold, I began to wrestle with the dilemma of how I ought to respond.

What concerned me was the form in which I would package my answer, the atmospherics and context I would set. One approach would have been the more polite and politically correct response. I could accept the premise of the question, that from its inception and certainly since 1967, the Israeli State has violated basic rights as a matter of course.

The other approach, which I chose, was to reject the basic assumption of the question. Given the audience around the table, as well as the context of the media pounding which Israel has experienced since the renewed intifadah, I took a tougher pro-Israel line than I might have in other circumstances. Indeed, the question was not focused on the violence of recent months, but on a generic pattern common throughout Israel's history.

I made the conventional – and accurate – arguments about Israel being the only democracy in the Middle East. Both Israeli Arabs and Palestinians recognize that the Israeli court system has been fairer and the media more open than those in neighbouring Arab countries or in Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

I suggested that the more interesting question was to explain why, in the face of fifty years of Arab hostility, of wars and terror, Israel's treatment of Palestinians and Israeli Arabs was not more severe, and why Israel's Arab minority has not been engaged in far more acts of terror over the last fifty years against Jewish/Israeli targets.

I wondered how Canada might fare when pushed to extremes. Imagine if the First Nations in Canada comprised 15 percent of the Canadian population and that Canada was surrounded by a dozen First Nation countries who had, since 1867, fought wars denying Canada's right to exist and routinely sent for or encouraged terrorists to murder innocent Canadians.

The provocations which led to the Japanese internment during World War II, or the War Measures Act of 1970, were serious but far less dangerous. All democracies, be they England fighting the IRA, France fighting the Algerians or Americans fighting the Vietnamese, will violate democratic principles during war or when facing real or perceived threats. In Israel's case, for five decades, the threat has been real.

Israel is far from a perfect state. Prejudice and discrimination against its Arab minority are common. Palestinians in the territories are brutalized. The Law of Return violates basic principles of civic equality – but this is true of immigration and citizenship laws in many European countries, as well as in Japan.

I admit that arguing that Israel's record is comparable to that of other liberal democracies, and far better than that of Arab states, is not the best defence. We can and do hold Israel to a higher standard. In other settings, I am wont to do just that. But sitting around this table, I just did not feel in the mood to be too defensive. Apologetics can be used by the enemies of Israel to undermine the very legitimacy of the State. In the face of its many challenges, Israel remains a model of democracy and the rule of law.

The Kirshner File

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Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

In physical fitness and bodybuilding circles, as well as in the sports nutrition industry, Ben Weider and his brother, Joe, 80, are icons and gurus.

It is probably fair to say, without exaggerating the point, that the Montreal brothers pioneered the still growing fitness and strength-conditioning industry. "We actually created the physical fitness movement around the world," Ben Weider claimed in a recent interview.

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Today, through Weider Health and Fitness Corp., the Weiders focus on producing sports nutrition supplements, which they distribute in more than 100 countries. "Athletes can use them instead of drugs and obtain wonderful results," he said.

Weider is also president of the International Federation of Bodybuilders (IFBB), an outfit he founded in 1946.

The IFBB, with branches in 172 countries, was granted official recognition by the International Olympic Commitee in 1998. He considers the IFBB as perhaps his most important accomplishment. Thanks to the IFBB, bodybuilding is a sport in the Pan American Games, the Southeast Asia Games, the Asia Games, the South American Games, the Central American Games, the Caribbean Games, the Arab Games, the World Games, the South Pacific Games and the African Games.

The brothers are also magazine publishers, churning out a medley of monthlies with a combined circulation of almost four million: *Men's Fitness*, *Shape*, *Muscle & Fitness*, *Flex*, *Shape Fit Pregnancy*, *Natural Health* and *Muscle & Fitness*.

With a Grade 7 education and $6 as starting capital, Joe founded the Weider empire in 1940. He began by publishing *Your Physique*, a mimeographed fitness magazine sold mainly in Montreal. Weider, a school dropout too, joined the budding firm in 1945. "We dropped out of school because we needed to contribute money to our family," he explained. Their parents, Louis and Anna, settled in Canada in 1919.

Louis, a presser in a garment factory, sired sports-minded sons. Joe was a wrestler, champion weightlifter and bodybuilder. Ben, a boxer, was a Golden Gloves semi-finalist.

"When we started the business, we had no particular plan," he recalled. "Money was not our objective. We believed in bodybuilding and wanted to make it a popular activity, not only in Canada but around the world."

They were ridiculed when they suggested that bodybuilding and the use of proteins, vitamins and minerals was integral to athletic performance and good health. "We let them laugh and stayed on course," said Weider, the recipient of the Order of Canada in 1975.

"We believed in our vision, and through hard work and determination, we succeeded in making our dream come true," added Weider, co-chef de mission of Canada's Maccabiah Games squad. "Fitness is now a lifestyle."

The Weiders run their company in true team fashion. Weider is the administrator and international marketing director. "Joe is the creative genius behind the magazines, and is a marketing genius," said Weider.

Ben's 38-year-old son, Eric, a graduate of Western and the University of Toronto, is president of the corporation and all its holding companies. He lives in California. (His two other sons, Mark and Louis, are in photography and antiques, respectively.)

The Middle East is a lucrative market for the Weiders, bodybuilding being popular in the Arab world and gradually growing in popularity in Israel.

Weider, in the past number of years, has donated gyms to the Knesset, the city of Jerusalem and the Syrian, Jordanian and Lebanese Olympic Committees.

In addition, the autonomous Palestinian towns of Ramallah and Gaza have been the recipients of Weider gyms.

They were not given to the Palestinian Authority per se, but to Palestinian youths who wish to become athletes. "That was my major motivation," Weider said.

Weider visited Gaza last September, before the outbreak of the current intifadah, and his scheduled five minute audience with Yasser Arafat, the PA president, stretched into a 35 minute meeting. Arafat was not in the best of health. "He was suffering from Parkinson's disease, and it showed."

Joe, Eric and Ben Weider.

Subsequently, Arafat wrote him an effusive letter, thanking Weider "for your faithful and constructive efforts that you are exerting on all levels to support our Palestinian people in sport and physical fields."

Weider is actually an old Middle East hand, having initially visited the region in 1947 as guest of a famous Egyptian weightlifter and sports administrator in Cairo.

Since then, he has been through virtually every Middle Eastern capital, including Baghdad and Damascus.

"I have always been received with respect, consideration and great warmth," he said of his Arab hosts. "Everybody knew that I am of Jewish origin and that we have donated gyms to Israel, but nobody ever objected. It is amazing, but not one of my Arab colleagues or friends reacted negatively to my Jewish faith."

In 1972, when Weider went to Iraq as the president of the IFBB, the University of Baghdad presented him with an honourary degree in physical education.

"The highlight of the trip was a visit to Babylon and Ur, since I am interested in history and archeology," said Weider, the president of the International Napoleonic Society, with chapters in 30 nations.

He has not been back to Iraq since. "I would travel to Iraq today only if I was invited by the Iraqi Olympic Committee or by the Iraqi Bodybuilding Federation," said Weider, who was accompanied by four security agents during his first and only trip there.

Like Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, Weider thinks that business and politics do mix.

"I absolutely believe that business can indeed build bridges between Jews and Arabs in the Middle East," said Weider, whom the National Jewish Fund will honour at a dinner in Montreal on June 4. "Arabs are natural business people and they would make ideal business partners with Jews. There are numerous Arabs in business with Jews and they are highly successful."

Being an incurable optimist, he is sanguine about the chances of a lasting peace in the Middle East. "It is in the interests of both peoples," observed Weider, honourary president of the Arab Physical Culture Federation. "The Middle East is a fabulously wealthy area. Most Arab countries have a tremendous amount of raw materials and potential. When peace comes, the Middle East could indeed be, as the Bible states, a land of milk and honey."

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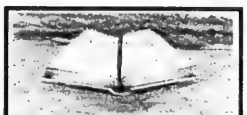
We can set healthy boundaries

By RABBI DAVEEN LITWIN

Stress, burn-out and anxiety are all words we may hear or use in conversations on a daily basis. Taking on additional spiritual or physical commitments may not seem to be a useful way to ease our sense of exhaustion.

There is, however, a role model in this week's Torah portion for creating guidelines to a healthier and holier life, something which is potentially accessible and attainable for each of us.



Rabbinic Reflections

Parshat Naso contains the laws of the Nazirite, an individual who commits him or herself to taking "time out" from the pressures of everyday life.

Specifically, the Nazirite vows not to cut his or her hair, consume any grape products or have any contact with a dead body. Nazirites could be of any age or gender; according to the Mishnah, many Israelite women took upon themselves Nazirite vows.

In general, Judaism frowns upon ascetism or any actions that separate an individual from the community, and yet the Torah clearly does permit Nazirites to "separate from the ways of the common people" (Rashi) for defined periods of time. In some rare cases, like Samson, a parent may make this a lifetime choice for their child. Nonetheless, even when a person takes on the Nazirite vows, they were still fully integrated into society, allowed to marry, conduct business and observe all the commandments.

The Torah explains the laws related to becoming a Nazirite but does not tell us why someone would choose to do so. Some commentators suggest that individuals chose to devote themselves to this "holy" lifestyle for a certain period of time after recuperation from illness, as repentance for past behaviour, as an active prayer for a hope or wish for the future or in gratitude to God. Bachya ibn Pakuda regards the self-disciplined vows of the Nazirite as a positive example of leading a life of moderation and of a healthy well-being.

What strikes me is that it is clearly the choice of the individual to become a Nazirite – to voluntarily accept the terms and responsibilities that help one to achieve a higher level of kedushah or holiness. Could we make similar choices today? The vows of the Nazirite still seem relevant in modernity.

Similar to the Nazirite, might we not find a renewed sense of balance and holiness in our lives if we could designate a "time out" to be freed from worrying about our physical appearance, to have our minds cleared from the influence of alcohol or other substances, to focus on life and living rather than the constant physical or emotional challenges of death?

These are not simple commitments nor are they things we can always control.

Nonetheless, the Torah suggests there are healthy boundaries we can set which are potentially within our grasp. Perhaps the Nazirite offers us a contemporary role model for making time to rejuvenate the mind, body and spirit. Like our ancestors, we can choose sacred ways to find healing and wholeness by a commitment to and participation in Jewish ritual and tradition.

Rabbi Litwin is the associate rabbi of Temple Sinai Congregation in Toronto.

Educational organization aims to teach the spiritual side of Judaism

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Being Jewish means restoring one's soul, asserts Rabbi David Aron.

Rabbi Aron is the founder of Isralight, an educational organization in Israel and the United States that aims to teach the spiritual side of Judaism.

He was in Toronto recently as part of a North American book tour for his latest publication, *Ten Life Changing Lessons of Kabbalah*.

The book deals with eternal questions about the nature of God. "I want to show how knowing God makes life sensual, pleasurable, meaningful and loving," he said.

It is this spiritual and emotional approach that the rabbi feels is often hidden in Jewish practice. As a child, he said, he had associated Judaism "with pain, suffering and guilt. I saw my bar mitzvah as the day I would be free."

At 18, he became involved with the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, and his attitude changed. "I was shocked to see people wearing a T-shirt with rock and roll slogans, and their tzitzit hanging out of Levi jeans. They were hip and funny – happy to be Jewish."

When he discovered that his intellectual questioning was taken seriously, he came back regularly. Eventually, he went to yeshiva, intending to study there for a year. Instead, "every year was so exciting that I decided to stay longer and longer, and eventually got smichah, rabbinic ordination."

Rabbi Aron is not an advocate of blind faith. "Doubt is healthy," he said. "If there is no doubt, then I don't think that faith can be alive and fresh.

"Faith is like courage," he went on. "Courage is knowing that there is danger, but going out to battle anyway. True faith is having doubts, but overcoming them."

> *'There is a vacuum in Jewish spirituality'*

Nevertheless, one thing that he has no doubts about is the existence of God. "I am as certain that there is a God and that His teachings are real as I am sure that love is real, even if I can't prove it."

While there has been much growth in the study of Talmud and Jewish law in recent years, he said, "there is a vacuum in Jewish spirituality, mysticism, and philosophy – issues which are relevant and challenging for the modern Jew."

Regular yeshivot, he said, teach "skills, talmudic dialectic and how to make halachic decisions. I have great respect for that – but how many people truly understand the purpose and the meaning of prayer, who God is, and the beauty of the Shchinah, His presence."

The vacuum is not just in the study of these matters, but in finding inspiring educators who can teach them, he said. Sixteen years ago, Rabbi Aron decided to create his own institution in Israel, Isralight, both to teach and to develop new teachers.

Isralight sponsors three- and five-day retreats in Hope, N.J. One is over Labour Day weekend, what the rabbi describes as "the ultimate vacation for the mind, the body and the soul." It will feature gourmet vegetarian food, sports, yoga, meditation and learning.

Similar retreats in Israel include Tour and Explore, where participants see the sites and gain spiritual insights about them, and Inward Bound, a program of intensive Jewish learning.

As well, the organization creates educational material, such as books, tapes and videos. There are also study groups and weekly coffee groups, where "the unaffiliated and those with yeshiva backgrounds all sit together."

Rabbi Aron said he hopes to expand his efforts in North America.

For more information about Isralight, call toll free 1-800-694-4949, 561-447-0592, or go to the Web site, www.isralight.org.

Jewish Life

War restitution claims – Pt. 1

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Franz Maechler. Rifka Aaronsohn. Albert Einstein.

Just three of the thousands of names on the list of Swiss bank account holders who were probably victims of Nazi persecution **[www.dormantaccounts.ch/lists.html]**. The restitution of the assets of Holocaust victims and the related controversy have received a great deal of coverage in the world media. Since the original Swiss claims process was established in 1997, there have been a number of lawsuits arising out of the Holocaust. Many of these lawsuits have resulted in settlements or agreements, each with its own rules and claims procedures. There are many sites on the Internet where you can learn more about the process, download relevant documents and read about the controversy over restitution.

Please note that there are different claims processes, depending on the type of restitution you are claiming (such as for victims of slave labour, for people trying to retrieve deposited assets, for people who are heirs to old Swiss insurance policies, etc.) Each type of claim requires completion of a detailed form. Volunteer organizations from local Jewish federations and social service agencies worldwide are available to assist claimants with all the paperwork **[www.dormantaccounts.ch/volunteer.html]**. Claimants may also want to get professional assistance. Please note that the deadline for submitting a claim in some categories is as early as Aug. 5, this year.

One of the best articles to summarize the struggle for Jewish reparations following World War II is also one of the most controversial **[www.commentary.org/0009/schoenfeld.html]**. Gabriel Schoenfeld, senior editor of *Commentary*, first takes a look at the history of reparations and the early debates. (In the 1950s Menachem Begin, leader of Israel's Herut party, held street demonstrations to denounce the Israeli government for accepting German "blood money.") Schoenfeld then looks at more recent events and suggests that in addition to "stoking the fires of anti-Semitism on the right," at least some of the claims have been settled under duress by banks or corporations anxious to avoid unceasing notoriety. Schoenfeld's article drew a great deal of response, which *Commentary* published earlier this year, including a letter from U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Stuart Eizenstat **[www.commentary.org/0101/schoenfeld.html]**.

In February of this year, the Swiss Bank Dormant Accounts Web Site listed the names of owners 21,000 dormant accounts likely to have belonged to Holocaust victims **[www.dormantaccounts.ch/]**. In addition to the list of names, the site includes a question and answer section about the claim process, recent press releases and a copy of the detailed claim form. For an explanation of the claim process, consult the Frequently Asked Questions section of the Swiss Bank Claims Web site **[www.swissbankclaims.com/Questionsandanswers.asp]**. Information at this site is available in 16 languages.

In 1997, the PBS documentary *Nazi Gold* examined Switzerland's wartime role as banker and financial broker for Nazi Germany. Although the Nazi Gold Web site has not been updated recently, it contains a great deal of valuable information **[www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/nazis/]**. There is a discussion area, a postwar chronology of events, and a transcript of a debate from a Swiss television program, *Switzerland & the War: Neutral or Cowardly?*

Beyond the official sites, the single best Web site on this topic is run by Swiss journalist Bruno Giussani. Switzerland & the Holocaust Assets is "a one-stop resource page for the information available on the Internet related to the actions of Switzerland and other countries during and after Second World War – more specifically to the handling and recovering of the Holocaust Assets – and its current coverage by the world media." **[www.giussani.com/holocaust-assets/]**. You'll find references to late-breaking news, a time-line of events and a comprehensive list of relevant Web sites **[www.giussani.com/holocaust-assets/websites/websites.html]**.

Next week, a look at restitution programs from other countries, initiatives to retrieve stolen art and examples of postwar altruism and kindness.

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At the heart of the matter

BY RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

Included in the Torah readings of the next few weeks is the passage that outlines the Nazarite vow. This vow pertains to men or women who have taken upon themselves a legal commitment to devote themselves to God for a set period of time.

During this time they are not allowed to drink wine or participate in mourning rituals, and they must abstain from cutting their hair. Once the vow of becoming a Nazarite has been taken, it bears the status of any other legal vow and it is a sin to break it.

The most famous Nazarite in the Hebrew Bible is Samson. The story appears in the book of Judges and it is a heartbreaking rendition of a man who cannot find his place among his own people. Jewish children learn of his unique strength and the secret to his power that lay in his hair.

Being a Nazarite, Samson was forbidden to cut his hair, symbolizing his commitment to God. Only when betrayed by the woman he loved, Delilah, was his secret revealed and his hair cut. But his sad tale does not begin with this betrayal.

Samson, although recognized by the text as a judge in Israel, is never recognized by the Jews of his time as a judge. In fact, on one occasion, the tribe of Judah binds Samson and hands him over to the Philistines. He continuously seeks the companionship of foreign women and never builds a home in Israel. In his final moments, captured and blinded by the Philistines, paraded in their great temple and humiliated by them, Samson begs God to let him die with the Philistines. He has lived his life behind enemy lines and perhaps he understands that he can never return home.

The last picture we have of Samson is when his family goes to claim his body and buries him quietly in the family tomb. He is never mourned by his people and he is never praised by them as a great warrior. He is the unsung hero.

Samson, a Nazarite, truly embodied the dangers inherent in such a life. The Nazarite vow portrays an individual who has chosen to withdraw from the community.

Not participating in the joys of wine, leaving their hair unkempt and not involving themselves in the grief of the community will certainly set the Nazarites apart. In fact, upon completion of their vow these people must bring a sin offering to atone for having abstained from both joy and community. One would think that religion would promote a lifestyle that dedicates the individual to God alone, but Judaism does not support such a choice.

Samson's case was unusual. Designated by God as a Nazarite before he was born, he had no choice in the matter. Perhaps God knew that what was needed at that time was a leader who would function behind enemy lines. Such a leader would have to disassociate from his own community in order to bond with the enemy.

Samson accepted his fate and always remained loyal to his people, even when they rejected him. He did not live as the typical Israelite of his time and yet he never once questioned where his heart belonged. His actions may not have been those of a righteous man but his core was unquestionable.

Samson embodies all those heroes among us who go unrecognized and never hear the praise or gratitude they so richly deserve. A passage in the Talmud glimpses this sad truth: The world is sustained by the merit of tzaddikim, but the tzaddikim are not sustained by their own merit.

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Anne Frank's legacy continues

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO – Ironically, Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel provided the inspiration for the recently released novel, *Anne Frank and Me*.

On March 20, 1994, Cherie Bennett and Jeff Gottesfeld saw Zundel on *60 Minutes* and were astonished at how easily teens could be deceived by Holocaust denial.

In response to their feelings, Bennett and Gottesfeld initially wrote a play, also titled *Anne Frank and Me*, which premiered in April, 1995. Eighteen months later, it was running off-Broadway.

In an interview, Gottesfeld said that one of the major differences between the play and the novel is that the novel addresses the problem of Holocaust denial on the Internet, an issue that barely existed in 1994.

In the novel, the main character, Nicole Burns, is assigned to write a book report on *The Diary of Anne Frank* for her English class. Nicole, who isn't Jewish, is too consumed by her day-to-day, high-school dilemmas to think deeply about issues that are not personally relevant. So, she turns to the Internet for help.

As Holocaust deniers slowly begin to influence Nicole, a twist of events at a Holocaust museum transplants her back to World War II France and into the Jewish body of Nicole Bernhard.

Although the novel may seem somewhat contrived to adults, the page-turner raises issues which teens can relate to easily – boyfriends, girlfriends, appearances, independence.

As the novel progresses, these issues become secondary as Nicole is forced to cope with war-time realities.

The effectiveness of the novel lies in its ability to explore Nicole Burns' ability to come to terms with her new life as Nicole Bernhard, an assimilated Parisian Jewish girl, and at the same time grope for answers to her new anti-Semitic reality.

Before the yellow star became a part of her life, Nicole Bernhard's world seemed complete – nice clothes, best friends, a sense of belonging and a boyfriend. The twenty-first century self-absorbed Nicole Burns can completely relate to the Nicole that lived 60 years before her.

It is that common understanding which makes these kinds of novels so compelling. Nicole can speak about the complexities and horrors of those times with the universal voice of youth.

Just as Anne Frank did, Nicole struggles with issues of friendship, betrayal, hope and dismay as her family attempts to survive.

Buddy Elias, Anne's last living relative, noted that the novel "is interesting, exciting and true to the facts ... its dedication to Anne warms my heart."

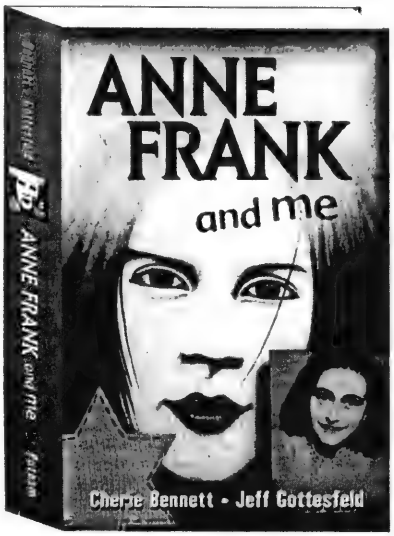
In *Anne Frank and Me*, the character of Anne is once more brought into question – did she believe in spite of everything that people are good at heart? Or had she given up hope on humanity?

Towards the end of the novel, Nicole meets Anne on a train bound for Auschwitz-Birkenau and they talk.

Anne supports Nicole, offering her friendship and hope on the transport to Auschwitz. Later, on the arrival platform at Birkenau, Nicole extends some hope of her own to a frightened Anne.

For most young readers, it doesn't matter whether Anne believed in humanity or not. What they do relate to, however, are these kinds of encounters.

As Gottesfeld said – "It's just what teens do."



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Fair Funding for Education: Myth vs. Reality

UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region have prepared this supplement – the first in a series – to keep our community informed about the recent provincial tuition tax credit for independent schools.

Myth: No other provinces or countries fund independent religious schools.
Reality: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Québec all publicly fund independent faith-based schools. The Atlantic provinces do not fund any religious-based schools, but do provide grants for textbooks and other educational material. Some 65 countries around the world recognize the right of parents to send their children to religious-based schools that are publicly funded.

On May 9th, the Ontario government introduced a refundable tax credit for parents of children attending independent schools.

When fully implemented in 2006, this credit will amount to half of the first $7,000 per child in tuition.

"Providing tax credits for parents of children in independent schools is the correct policy choice. There has been systemic state discrimination in Ontario concerning the funding of religious schools with Roman Catholic schools receiving funding and schools of other religious denominations receiving none. Both the government and the official opposition have been stressing the importance of choice in educational matters. Surely, choice needs to be for all and not for some."

— DR. SEYMOUR EPSTEIN, Executive Director, UJA FEDERATION Board of Jewish Education

Myth: Funding of independent schools hurts the public school system.
Reality: There is no evidence that the funding of independent schools in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba or Québec has harmed the public school system in these jurisdictions. The cost to the provincial government of a 50% tax rebate to parents of children in independent schools is only about one-half of one percent of the total provincial budget.

Myth: Funding of independent religious schools only rewards the rich.
Reality: Most families with children in independent religious schools are middle or lower income. Despite their modest incomes, they pay thousands of dollars and endure tremendous financial sacrifices each year in order to educate their children in their religious traditions, on top of their education taxes. The tax credit eases, but certainly does not eliminate, the financial pressure placed upon parents whose religious needs cannot be accommodated in the public school system.

Myth: Multiculturalism is best served by integrating children of all faiths in public schools.
Reality: Multiculturalism is best served when children are taught tolerance and respect for others. These are principles that must be and are taught in all school systems. While integrating children into a single school system exposes children to the diversity of people in their community, it in no way ensures that they will grow up to be tolerant adults. In addition, a second element of multiculturalism is appreciation for, and the freedom to live, in one's own heritage. Independent schools help to preserve this element by enabling parents to educate their children in their own religious or ethnic traditions.

Myth: Provincial tax credits will lead to a mass exodus from public schools to Jewish day schools.
Reality: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Québec all provide public funds of roughly the same amount proposed by the Ontario government to their independent schools, and nowhere in these jurisdictions is there any evidence that this funding has caused a mass exodus from the public school system. To the contrary, the public schools in these provinces remain strong and vibrant.

FAQs

(FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

about the Jewish Day School System in Ontario

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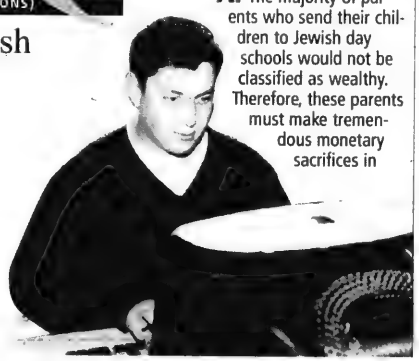

Q: What sacrifices do parents make in order to send their children to Jewish day schools?

A: The majority of parents who send their children to Jewish day schools would not be classified as wealthy. Therefore, these parents must make tremendous monetary sacrifices in order to educate their children in the Jewish tradition.

Q: How much does it cost to send a child to Jewish day school?

A: Tuition for most Jewish day schools ranges between $6,000 and $13,000 per year per child.

Q: What stream of Judaism do the day schools accommodate?

A: Students from all streams of Judaism attend a wide range of Jewish day schools.

Q: How many students are there in the Ontario Jewish educational system?

A: There are approximately 11,300 students in 34 Jewish day schools (from Junior Kindergarten to OAC) in the GTA. Jewish day school enrollment in the GTA is among the highest per capita in North America. There are approximately 10 schools in Hamilton, Ottawa and London, with roughly 1,000 additional students.

Q: Do families with children in Jewish day schools receive tuition subsidies?

A: At least one-third of all students receive assistance.
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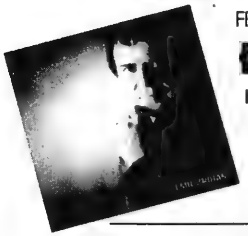

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Torah study project aims to foster unity

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — This Shavuot marked the official start of Toronto's Siyum HaTorah project, a North American effort to foster community unity through Torah study.

The idea, explained local organizers Ralph Levine and Rabbi Avraham Bartfeld, is for members of the community to collectively study the entire body of Tanach, the Hebrew Bible, and Talmud over a one year period. Around Shavuot 2002, and every year afterwards, there will be a siyum, a celebration to mark the completion of the first year's project and the beginning of the next.

Those interested can sign up to study anything from a verse, to a chapter, to a book of the Bible, to a volume of Talmud. A computer will keep track of who is doing what, to make sure that everything is being covered.

More than one person can study the same thing, Rabbi Bartfeld said. As well, people can study on their own, with a partner, or in a class.

"It is an opportunity for people with all levels of knowledge to take part in a community Torah study," Levine said.

Siyum HaTorah, the formal name of which is Mifal Zichron Yerachmiel Boruch, originated over 15 years ago in Baltimore, with Rabbi Yerachmiel Boruch Friedman, president of Agudas Yisroel of Baltimore. It is being supported by his son, Howard, who provides financial assistance to any community undertaking the project.

The project is now being run in Queens and Monsey in New York, Seattle, Wash., and Lakewood, N.J. There are plans to expand into more communities.

Rabbi Bartfeld said that he envisions "5,000 Jews taking part – a five year old and a hundred-year-old, Jews in payos, in kippot srugot [the knitted kippot of the religious Zionists], and Lubavitchers."

While Siyum HaTorah is under Orthodox auspices, all Jews are welcome to take part.

As the project spreads through the community, Levine and Rabbi Bartfeld said they hope it will lead to more respect for each other, and less politics and *sinat chinum*, senseless hatred, between Toronto's Jews.

"The bottom line is that we are all klal yisroel," said Levine.

For more information, call 416-631-6606, or write to The Siyum HaTorah of Toronto, 77 Regina Ave., Toronto, M6A 1R5.

Continuity in leadership, revenue said essential for future of Jews

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Continuity in leadership and revenue flow is essential for the future of the Jewish community, said Michael Schulman, chair of the Family Philanthropy Forum.

Toronto's leading charitable families attended the forum recently to hear guest lecturer and nationally renowned philanthropist Lee Meyerhoff Hendler speak on intergenerational philanthropy.

A UJA FEDERATION initiative, operating under the auspices of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, the forum is devoted to educating those families about the most effective and forward thinking philanthropic practices.

"Philanthropy is the art and science of giving money away," said Meyerhoff Hendler.

"The talents and wealth we have are a burden when we don't know what to do with it, but we have the opportunity to do philanthropy, and convey our values and passions to our children and grandchildren."

She said philanthropy is difficult because it is a way to make sense of being Jewish.

"You have to decide how to spend your money in a way that conveys Jewish values, identity and meaning to your kids and grandkids."

Meyerhoff Hendler told the crowd to find a cause or organization they are passionate about, and then invest in it for the long haul.

"When you have a vision of what you want to do and then get your children involved, you have the chance to teach them the value of philanthropy. You can transform your money into a source of honour, and create a legacy for your family," said Meyerhoff Hendler.

Meyerhoff Hendler is a third-generation philanthropist and lectures on Jewish identity, intergenerational philanthropy and issues of women's leadership. She is the author of *The Year Mom Got Religion*, an autobiographical chronicle of Jewish adult education.

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Ontario Liberals pay tribute to Monte Kwinter

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Buoyed by polls showing them ahead of the Conservatives, provincial Liberals showed their fighting trim last week with a gala tribute to Monte Kwinter.

The York Centre MPP was the honoree at the first tribute dinner to benefit the recently-created Ontario Liberal Fund. A series of planned dinners and events is intended to wipe out the party's $3.2 million debt. The dinner was expected to raise over $100,000.

A who's who of provincial and federal Liberals mingled with members of the Jewish and business communities to pay tribute to Kwinter, the popular MPP first elected in 1985 in the old riding of Wilson Heights.

Praising Kwinter before some 400 guests at the Sheraton Centre were Ontario Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty, former premier David Peterson, former New Brunswick premier Frank McKenna, Toronto mayor Mel Lastman and former Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod.

Also in attendance were former federal cabinet minister Robert Kaplan and Greg Sorbara, president of the Ontario Liberal Party, and who's running for a seat in the riding of Vaughan-King-Aurora, left vacant when MPP Al Palladini died earlier this year.

Organizers passed out campaign buttons proclaiming "Kwinter 2003," and the MPP used the occasion to announce he'll seek re-election in the next vote. "Let there be no doubt," he said to applause, "I will be running in the next election."

Israeli consul general Meir Romem brought greetings, and praised Kwinter's work in the '80s on behalf of Soviet Jewry. "He's a mensch," Romem said, "and a great friend of Israel."

The invocation was delivered by Rabbi Edward Goldfarb of Holy Blossom Temple.

Congratulatory messages were read from Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and federal cabinet ministers Elinor Caplan, John Manley and Alan Rock.

Speaker after speaker lauded Kwinter's record and abilities.

"We have an expression in caucus for someone who does 17 things at the same time, and all well," quipped McGuinty. "We call that 'the full Monte.'"

The Liberal leader, introduced by Peterson as "Ontario's premier-in-waiting," recalled Kwinter's "eloquent and powerful" speech before the legislature on Yom Hashoah, proclaimed by the Tory government a few years ago as Holocaust Memorial Day.

"Everyone stopped what they were doing and listened to Monte. It was very moving."

McGuinty conceded he and Kwinter "don't always agree on each on every issue," referring, perhaps, to their recent split on the government's tax credit for private schools. McGuinty has fiercely opposed the measure, and Kwinter supports it

York Centre MPP Monte Kwinter is flanked at last week's tribute dinner by former premier David Peterson (left) and current Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty. [Ron Csillag photo]

Kwinter, with his wife of 45 years, Wilma, in attendance, issued a passionate defence of politics, saying the field offers an unmatched way to effect change.

Kwinter held three cabinet posts under Peterson, and logged a long list of civic involvement before entering politics, including with the Toronto Harbour Commission, the Canadian National Exhibition and the Indy 500.

CHAT RICHMOND HILL: Faculty, administration, parents and students of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto gathered to celebrate the completion of their first year at the Richmond Hill campus. Paul Shaviv, headmaster of CHAT, said that after last year's initial animated meetings with parents, everyone very quickly pulled together and the school has since been blessed with incredible support. Gary Levine, Richmond Hill vice-principal, said the school has proven that CHAT is where CHAT students are. Pictured, from left, are Margot Bychutsky, Galit Binaev, Danya Lipson and Gilian Horenfeldt. [Anna Morgan photo]

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USDS teacher wins computer education award

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Merav Anafi from the United Synagogue Day School recently won the ECOO Teacher of the Year Award.

Formed in 1979, the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO) represents all levels of the education system and draws members from all areas of study.

Anafi was chosen for demonstrating exceptional and imaginative applications in computers, said Pat Bland, the awards chair.

In addition to creating customized activities that conform specifically to ministry guidelines, Anafi's achievements include the manipulation of computer programs, such as Kidpix and HyperStudio, to display Hebrew letters.

With the help of Sam Weisbrod, a Grade 7 student, Anafi changed Kidpix stamps so that the entire Hebrew alphabet would be represented.

The exciting thing about this innovation is that it can be used for many different languages, Anafi said.

At USDS, adding Hebrew to the multi-media program allowed Anafi to integrate computers into the Hebrew and Judaic studies curriculum.

From senior kindergarten on, students use multi-media programs as part of their studies.

Each year, grade-appropriate projects are provided in almost every subject taught. The finished products include slides, which the students arrange, and a narrative, which the students record.

In the five years that Anafi has been with USDS, she has created many customized activities that reflect and build on class themes.

From math and science to spelling and language construction, computer projects are designed and customized according to the needs of the students and teachers, Anafi said.

It is a wonderful way to allow children to express themselves with a medium that facilitates the development of multiple intelligences.

Merav Anafi receiving award

All kids express their creativity in different ways. On the computer, each student can easily access the skill they are strong in – whether it is art, music, research or writing, Anafi said.

This type of learning also allows children to develop at their own pace.

Furthermore, Anafi noted, many kids who have behavioural problems in other classrooms come here and are incredibly focused and attentive.

Anafi completed a masters degree in microbiology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She was a teachers' consultant in the Jerusalem division and a curriculum writer in the Israeli Ministry of Education.

In 1990, at a time when spreadsheets were hardly used in education, Anafi wrote a book describing how to integrate spreadsheets into specific areas of study.

"All of the spreadsheet activities were designed to compliment, reinforce and enrich classroom curriculum," Anafi said.

"Each activity could be implemented on three different levels to accommodate the varied needs and learning styles of students in a heterogeneous classroom."

She also wrote grade nine educational books about genetics, which include games the kids design and play.

Some of Anafi's books are still being used in Israeli schools.

Anafi has two daughters, Maayan, 13, and Gal, 11. Her husband, Moti, is a scientist.

As the computer resource teacher at USDS, Bathurst campus, Anafi builds on her Israeli background by integrating the use of games and computers into the curriculum.

"For many children, this is simply the best way to learn," Anafi said.

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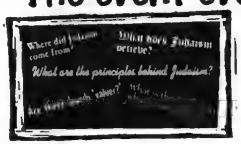

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רעדאַגירט פֿן: אַלעק סילווער

אהרן לאַנסקי אין טאָראָנטאָ

פֿון מרים דאשקין־בעקערמאַן

וועַן מען הערט, אַז אהרן לאַנסקי וועט רעדן, קומט שטענדיק אַ גרויסער עולם אים הערן. אַזוי איז טאַקע געווען זונטיק פֿרי, דעם 26טן אַפּריל, 2001, בײַם ייִדישן פֿילם פעסטיוואַל אין טאָראָנטאָ. עס זיצען געווען אַנוועזנד אַרום 500 מענטשן. וועַן לאַנסקי באַווייזט זיך, האָבן מענטשן אַ סודפֿרז — אַזאַ יקגער מאַן. ער האָט שוין אַזוי פֿיל אופֿגענטאַן אוּן ער איז נאָר 46 יאָר אַלט.

דאָס איז געווען דער 9טער יערלעכער טאָראָנטער ייִדישער פֿילם פעסטיוואַל, ווו עס איז אָפּגעשלאָסן געוואָרן דער פּראַיעקט פֿון „1000 יאָר ייִדיש", פּראָקלאַמירט מיט אַ יאָר צוריק פֿון „קאַמיטעט פֿאַר ייִדיש" בײַ דער ייִדישער פּעדעראַציע פֿון גרויס־טאָראָנטאָ. עס איז אָפּגעהאַלטן געוואָרן די „י. ב. אוּן דאָרא זאַלצבערג מעמאָריאַל לעקציע". וועגן דער זאַלצבערג פֿאַמיליע, ספּעציעל וועגן זאַלצבערגס טעטיקייטן אויפֿן ייִדישן אוּן פֿאַלקישן געביט האָט געריידט זייערס אַ פֿלימענדיקע. עס איז סערווירט געוואָרן אַ פֿרישטיק אוּן עס איז געווען געוואָרן דער ייִדישער פֿילם „ליבע אוּן לידנשאַפֿט" פֿון יאָר 1936, איז ייִדיש מיט ענגלישע אונטערשריפֿטן.

אהרן לאַנסקי איז דער גרינדער פֿון ייִדישן בוך צענטער אין אַמהערסט, מאַסאַטשוסעטס. שוין וויַ אַ יונגער מאַן פֿון 23 יאָר, האָט ער אָנגעהויבן זאַמלען ייִדישע ביכער, וואָס מענטשן האָבן אַרויסגעוואָרפֿן. אַזוי גיט אַן זייַן אַרבעט בײַם היינטיקן טאָג, וועַן מען האָט אויסגעבויט אין אַמהערסט אַ פֿרעכטיקן בנין פֿאַר 8 מיליאָן דאָלאָר, מיט אַלע מאָדערנסטע אייַנריכטונגען. דאָרט וועַרן ייִדישע ביכער אָפּגעהיטן, אַן פֿון דאָרט וועַרן אַרויסגעשיקט באַשפּעלונגען צו אוניווערסיטעטן אוּן פּריוואַטע מענטשן איבער דער וועלט.

יעדער טיטל איז צו באַקומען עלעקטראָניש. אָפּילו וועַן די פֿאָטאָגראַפֿיעס ביכער וועלן זיך צעפֿאַלן, וועלן זיי אייביק בלײַבן אויף דעם נייעם סיסטעם, וואָס הייסט: „דיגיטיזאַלישאַציע", אַ נייער עלעקטראָנישער פֿראָצעס. דאָס איז די ערשטע ליטעראַטור אויף דער וועלט, וואָס ווערט אויף אַזאַ אופֿן פֿרעזערווירט. איך דעם נייעם בנין קומען אַריַן פֿאַר פֿאָרשיידענע לעקציעס, סעמינאַרן, אויספֿשטעלונגען אַ״ז״ו. עס איז אויסן פֿון די מערסטע באַזוכטע ייִדישע טוריסטן־פּלעצער אין אַמעריקע.

לאַנסקי האָט אָנגעהויבן זיין רעדע מיט אַ קורצער היסטאָריע פֿון ייִדיש אוּן אויפֿגעוויזן ווי אַזוי עס האָט אַריינגעמען ווערטער פֿון פֿאַרשיידענע שפּראַכן אוּן זיי פֿאַרייִדישט. כאָטש 20% באַשטייט פֿון העברעיִשע ווערטער, איז העברעיש תמיד געווען לשון־קודש אוּן ייִדיש די שפּראַך פֿון רוב אשכנזישע ייִדן. אָנהייבנדיק פֿון מעדעלע מוכר ספֿרים ערשטן בוך אין ייִדיש אין 1864 ביז אויסבורך פֿון דער צווייטער וועלט־מלחמה, זיינען געווען 8 מיליאָן ייִדיש רעדנערס אוּן לייענערס. עס איז געשאַפֿן געוואָרן אַ פֿרעכטיקע ייִדישע ליטעראַטור אוּן פֿרעסע, מיט הונדערטער ביכער, צייטונגען אוּן זשורנאַלן, ווי אויך אַ גרויסע צאָל דראַמאַטישע, מחזיקאַלישע אוּן אַרטיסטישע וועַרק אויף ייִדיש, אַריינגערעכנט פֿילם, טעאַטער אוּן ראַדיאָ פֿראַגראַמען.

וועַן ייִדן האָבן עמיגרירט אין פֿריַיע לענדער אוּן געוואָרן אַסימילירט, האָבן זיי ניט געשאַפֿן קיין ייִדישע טאָג שולן אוּן אויפֿגעהערט רעדן ייִדיש. די יוגנט זוכט רחוניות אין דער פֿרעמד. אָבער אַ דאַנק דער אויפֿלעבונג פֿון קלעזמער מוזיק, אוּן אַ דאַנק אַזעלכע אינסטיטוציעס, ווי דער ייִדישער בוך־צענטער, געפֿינען יונגע מענטשן אַן אינטערעס אין אונדזער 1000־אַריקער קולטור.

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Secular Judaism's about honesty: Rabbi Wine

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For many, secular Judaism is a contradiction in terms. But for Rabbi Sherwin Wine, it's all about honesty.

"Our guiding principle," said the founder of Humanistic Judaism in a telephone interview, "is that we say clearly and openly what we feel. We enable people to see and feel, and to really reflect what they see and feel."

Rabbi Wine says that whatever connection is made to Judaism "should be a complete connection to what you believe. It's very important that whatever you say should ring true in your innermost being."

So in the growing number of secular, humanistic Jewish congregations in North America, "you don't have to say prayers you don't believe in. You don't have to do anything you don't believe."

That honesty, if not the theology, has been welcomed by more "conventional" Jews, Rabbi Wine says.

"What I've often received is, 'I don't agree with what you're saying, but I do respect your honesty.' I also get people saying, 'Finally! This is what I've been searching for.'"

That's not to say Rabbi Wine has been completely and warmly welcomed into all Jewish circles. Few modern Jewish thinkers have raised more hackles. But then, few Jewish thinkers, let alone rabbis, are atheists (although he doesn't trumpet that too loudly).

Nevertheless, his message has struck a chord. In Toronto, where Rabbi Wine delivered a series of lectures and presentations last weekend, the city's only secular, humanistic Jewish congregation, Oraynu ("Our Light") boasts 50 family members, and has been going strong since its founding in 1969.

Today, humanistic Judaism, which eschews religion and instead embraces cultural values that also stress the power of the individual, claims 30,000 members in some 50 North American congregations, including such high-profile Jews as Prof. Alan Dershowitz and Yehuda Bauer, the Holocaust scholar. The movement even runs two schools in Israel, where secular Judaism is growing.

Put simply, Rabbi Wine and his fellow humanists feel there is more to Judaism than God. In fact, they say, Judaism denuded of its theological baggage, of halachah, a deity, of dietary laws and observing mitzvot, can be a perfect fit – a comfortable, inviting place where no one need feel hypocritical for practicing aspects of the faith without having faith.

For these adherents, Judaism is a cultural force, a celebration of an ancient and still-strong civilization that must be nurtured if it's to survive. It's a Judaism governed by empirical reason and human needs, not necessarily by the values enunciated in the Torah.

Rabbi Wine, now 72, sees secular Judaism as part of the continuum of non-halachic Judaism begun by the Reform movement. It was embraced by such early secular Zionists as Herzl, Max Nordau and David Ben-Gurion, and by such poetic luminaries as Chaim Nachman Bialik and Yehuda Amichai (not to mention Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud.)

Rabbi Sherwin Wine

In fact, poetry and literary readings figure prominently in secular Jewish "celebrations" (not "services"). The movement also recognizes the importance of holidays and festivals as ways to foster Jewish identity, but argues these holy days must be made relevant to the modern age.

Rabbi Wine considers Humanistic Judaism a fifth stream of the religion, and every bit as legitimate as the standard approaches. As he explains it, it rests on two main pillars: the cultural, and the teaching that "the basic power for solving human problems does not lie outside human beings, but within them. Humanistic Judaism defines a source of power."

Rabbi Wine, who was raised in a Conservative home and ordained in the Reform movement, made history in 1963 while spiritual leader of the Birmingham Temple on the outskirts of Detroit (where he's still spiritual leader). He and a handful of followers "came out," so to speak, as a congregation of Jewish atheists, and later affiliated with the international humanistic movement.

The running thread throughout Jewish history, Rabbi Wine feels, is not monotheism or halachah, "but a commitment to survival." And in the Bible, he points out, Jews are not defined by their religious beliefs, but as a nation and a great civilization.

Nevertheless, he does not oppose intermarriage.

"People have the right to marry people they love. That ethical principle outweighs group considerations. On the other hand, I would love to see connections to the Jewish community retained."

Neither does he frown on the desire by some secular Jews to light Shabbat candles or keep kosher.

"We welcome it, but not because God commanded it. We see it as another way to identify with the Jewish people."

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York professor immersed in study of Germany

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

"Everyone asks me that question," Jeffery Peck chuckled without the slightest discomfort.

Why, as a scholar, is he so immersed in the study of Germany?

"I was drawn to Germany by the urge to try to figure it out," he replied.

Jewish scholars like himself are intrigued by the contradictions and complexities of German-Jewish relations, explained Peck, director of the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies at York University and the University of Montreal.

Academia

Given what happened in the 1930s and 1940s, some might assume that Jews would avoid Germany like the plague.

In fact, as he pointed out, the opposite is true. Most of the directors of similar centres in the United States are Jewish.

Formally opened in 1997 and funded by the German government, the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies focuses on contemporary Germany in its European context.

Peck, an American who assumed its directorship two years ago, taught at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and the University of Washington in Seattle before coming to Canada.

Concentrating on interdisciplinary German studies, he focuses on questions of national and minority identities, the relationship between literature and anthropology, multiculturalism in Germany and the United States, and German and American responses to the Holocaust.

Although Peck focused on German literature at the outset of his academic career, he has been working on Jewish issues since 1988.

Jeffery Peck

"I got into the field by studying why Jews live in Germany. I was completely taken by the topic."

In 1995, in collaboration with John Borneman of Cornell University, Peck wrote *Sojourners: The Return of German Jews and the Question of Identity* (University of Nebraska Press). The pair also produced a video documentary on the subject.

At the moment, Peck is finishing a volume of essays, *After the Holocaust: Jews and Other Foreigners in Germany.* It deals with the problems they face there.

Not surprisingly, the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies has close working relations with York University's Centre for Jewish Studies.

In addition to co-sponsoring lectures, they collaborate on joint projects. The latest is *Teaching for the Future, Learning from the Past: A Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education Project for Young Educators.*

It brings together university students and faculty from Canada, Germany and Poland and explores the Holocaust and racism in the context of contemporary education.

The first session, scheduled to take place in Germany and Poland this summer over three weeks, will be followed by a week-long symposium in Toronto in February 2002.

As director of the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies, Peck is mandated to fulfil three broad objectives.

The first is to educate the next generation of Canadian experts. With this in mind, the centre runs a diploma program where about 60 students are presently registered.

The other two goals are to stimulate and conduct research and to promote an awareness in Canada of German and European issues.

In this respect, Peck is particularly interested in reaching out to the Jewish community through lectures at synagogues and organizations.

He wants to develop partnerships with universities across Canada. There are already such links with McGill, Queen's, the University of Alberta and the University of Victoria. Outside Canada, partnerships with German universities in Konstanz, Mainz, Mannheim and Berlin have been established.

Peck, who has been a visiting professor at the Free University and at Humboldt University in Berlin, was born in Pittsburgh 51 years ago.

His father, Samuel, is a jeweler. Sylvia, his late mother, was a school teacher. Peck's grandparents were from Hungary and Latvia. Members of his extended family in Europe were murdered during the Holocaust, but he was not raised with that awareness.

Peck's appetite for German culture and history was whetted by studying German in high school and at Michigan State University. He completed his PhD in comparative literature at the University of California.

In 1969, he visited Germany for the first time, staying with a Protestant clergyman outside Stuttgart.

Since then, he has gone back often. "I've probably lived in Germany for about six or seven years in the last 32 years."

Like most Jews, he feels ambivalent about Germany. The German cultural and intellectual traditions that fascinate him are leavened by the spectre of the Third Reich.

Peck believes that Jews in Germany live quite comfortably, though not without ambivalence, and that xenophobia is a greater concern than anti-Semitism.

He encourages Jews to visit Germany, which, he points out, has dealt honestly with its past, nurtured its Jewish community and formed a close and strategic relationship with Israel.

"If Germany can be Israel's most important ally after the United States," he observed, "we in North America can have a differentiated attitude toward Germany."

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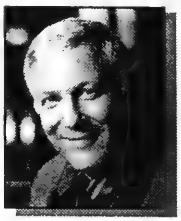

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The Red Tent

By JUDY BART KANCIGOR
Special to The CJN

A sign over Anita Diamont's desk reads, "Creativity masquerades as commentary."

"It's a great line," says the author of *The Red Tent*, the fictionalized account of Dinah – an obscure woman in the Bible, daughter of Jacob – now in its 14th printing with over 750,000 copies sold, at once widely acclaimed by loyal fans and derided by literal readers of the Bible for taking liberties with scripture.

"What I did is nothing compared to what some of the rabbis did in making up Midrash from terse and unelaborated text," she says. "Creativity doesn't have to masquerade as anything. I wrote a work of fiction!"

Pagan gods and goddesses course though the book to the chagrin of fundamentalists. "We are talking about a world many years before Sinai, before the commandments," notes Diamont. "The women of *The Red Tent* are not Jewish women, not for me anyway. They are mythic ancestors of the Jewish people."

Much food for thought as I prepare dinner for my book group, meeting tonight to discuss *The Red Tent*.

Four years after publication, when most books would be banished to the bargain bin, its slow, steady rise in popularity may be attributed to both a clever marketing campaign to the clergy and to its overwhelming acceptance by book groups just like ours.

In the four years we have been meeting, we have grown intimate, as only women do, sharing ideas as we break bread together, nourishing our souls as well as our bodies.

"Women convene as women to celebrate themselves in all of their roles – largely in book groups," Diamont notes. "We feed each other, and we talk. Whether it's about the book is not important."

The Red Tent mirrors, like no other book we have discussed, our group itself, a classic example of life imitating art. And like any assemblage of women out of earshot of men, from the quilting bee to the college dorm, we are a red tent.

As is our custom, to enhance the mood, our meal will parallel the book. (On *God of Small Things* night we dined on tandori chicken, etouffee for *Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, pasta arrabiatta for *Under the Tuscan Sun*.)

To recreate an authentic biblical meal I consult Kitty Morse, whose cookbook *A Biblical Feast* (Ten Speed Press) meets the challenge of creating tasty dishes for the modern, sophisticated palate using only the 80 or so ingredients mentioned in the Bible, what Morse calls "the original Mediterranean diet."

"I wanted to make the recipes as authentic as possible," says Morse. "I tested and tasted, but coming from Morocco, I am very familiar with these ingredients – saffron, cumin, lentils, figs – and use them all the time. In fact, it is still the kind of cuisine eaten today in a Berber or Arab home."

For tonight's appetizer Morse suggests her Toasted Ground Almond and Sesame Dip. Like Jacob and his tribe, we will first dip bread into olive oil and then the nut mixture. Don't be put off by the nigella seeds (black cumin), Morse urges, which add a distinct, peppery flavour and are worth a trip to a Middle Eastern market.

"More than any other food, it was bread that sustained God's chosen people," she notes. "For the ancient Hebrews, bread was quite literally the staff of life." I resist the temptation to use my bread machine, reaching out in kinship to the women of the red tent as I knead and pound.

I fashion an impromptu salad from the list in Morse's cookbook: arugula, thinly sliced onion, olives, cucumbers and goat cheese.

"The cucumber was a prized food in biblical times," says Morse. "It was cool and crisp and didn't have to be cooked."

The ancient Hebrews raised ewes, goats and cows for cheese and yogurt as well as milk and butter, she adds. There will be no tomatoes or peppers in the salad tonight, as these were new world delicacies.

My dressing is olive oil, of course, and wine vinegar. I am surprised to learn that the Fertile Crescent, so rich with citrus today, bore no lemons in biblical times.

Selecting Jacob's Pottage is a no-brainer. Morse claims the hearty lentil stew may be similar to the one Jacob was served when he relinquished his birthright to Esau.

"There are 9,000 varieties of lentils catalogued today," she notes, also pointing out that because wheat was expensive, lentils were ground into meal (called pulse meal) and used to make bread.

While the concept of dessert is a more recent innovation, that does not mean our ancient forebears lacked a sweet tooth. "Refined sugars were unknown in biblical times," says Morse, "but if one were lucky enough to find a beehive, there was honey." Grapes, figs and pomegranates were also reduced to a syrupy consistency to form fruit honeys, and *A Biblical Feast* contains recipes for all three.

To end our repast I choose the Dried Fruit, Cinnamon and Red Wine Compote, an aromatic mélange of apricots, dates, figs and raisins. Another surprise. "Many biblical botanists believe that the unnamed fruit Eve offered to Adam was most likely an apricot." Morse reveals.

Well, there's the doorbell. All is ready. Our feast will sustain us; our words will maintain us. The bonding begins. Selah.

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Life imitates art when it comes to *The Red Tent*

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In a spice grinder, grain mill, or stone grinding implement (such as a Mexican *molcajete*), grind the almonds to the consistency of coarse bread crumbs. Transfer them to a bowl. Coarsely grind the cumin seeds and add them to the almonds. Stir in the sesame seeds, nigella seeds, and salt.

To serve, place a small bowl of extra virgin olive oil in the centre of the table, alongside a bowl of the almond mixture. To eat, dip a piece of bread in the oil, then in the almonds.

UNLEAVENED GRIDDLE BREAD

And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil; of wheaten flour shalt thou make them. (Exodus 29:2)

1 cup whole wheat flour
2 cups white bread flour
2 tsp. salt
1 cup 2 tbsp. water
1 tbsp. nigella seeds, or toasted and cracked coriander or toasted cumin seeds
olive oil for cooking

In a large bowl, combine the whole wheat and white bread flours. Add salt and blend. Make a well in the centre. Gradually add the water, and mix thoroughly until a loose dough forms. Transfer the mixture to a lightly floured work surface. Knead until the dough becomes soft and elastic, 10 to 12 minutes. Shape the dough into a ball and let it rest for 15 to 30 minutes. Knead it again, vigorously, for 1 minute.

Preheat a cast-iron or griddle over medium high heat. Separate the dough into 8 equal balls. On a floured surface, roll out each ball of dough to a diameter of 6 in. and a thickness of 1/4 in. Sprinkle the tops with nigella seeds.

Using the rolling pin, roll the seeds into the top of the dough. Lightly coat the pan or griddle with the oil. Place the bread rounds in the pan or on the griddle, and cook until each round is dotted with dark brown spots and puffs slightly, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Stack on a plate and serve warm. Makes 8 6-in. breads.

JACOB'S POTTAGE OF LENTILS, BARLEY, MUSTARD GREENS AND MINT

Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright. (Genesis 25:34)

Esau relinquished his birthright, the privilege and honour bestowed upon him as the first-born son, in return for some lentil stew. This hearty pottage of lentils, barley, and mustard greens seasoned with wild herbs may be similar to the one he was served. Although the ancient Hebrews cultivated the mustard plant primarily for its seed, it is likely that they enjoyed its peppery leaves as a potherb as well. Serve this stew with a loaf of fresh, warm bread.

2 tbsp. olive oil
1 onion, diced
4 cloves garlic
2 tbsp. pearl barley
3/4 cup brown lentils, rinsed, drained, and picked over
1 leek, white part only, finely diced
4 cups vegetable broth
1 bunch mustard leaves, rinsed under running water, drained and cut into thin ribbons
10 fresh mint leaves, finely chopped, or 2 tsp. dried, crushed mint leaves
salt to taste

Heat the olive oil in a large soup pot over medium high heat. Cook the onion, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, 6 to 8 minutes. Add the garlic, barley, and lentils. Cook, while stirring, until the barley turns golden; about 3 minutes. Add the leek and stock.

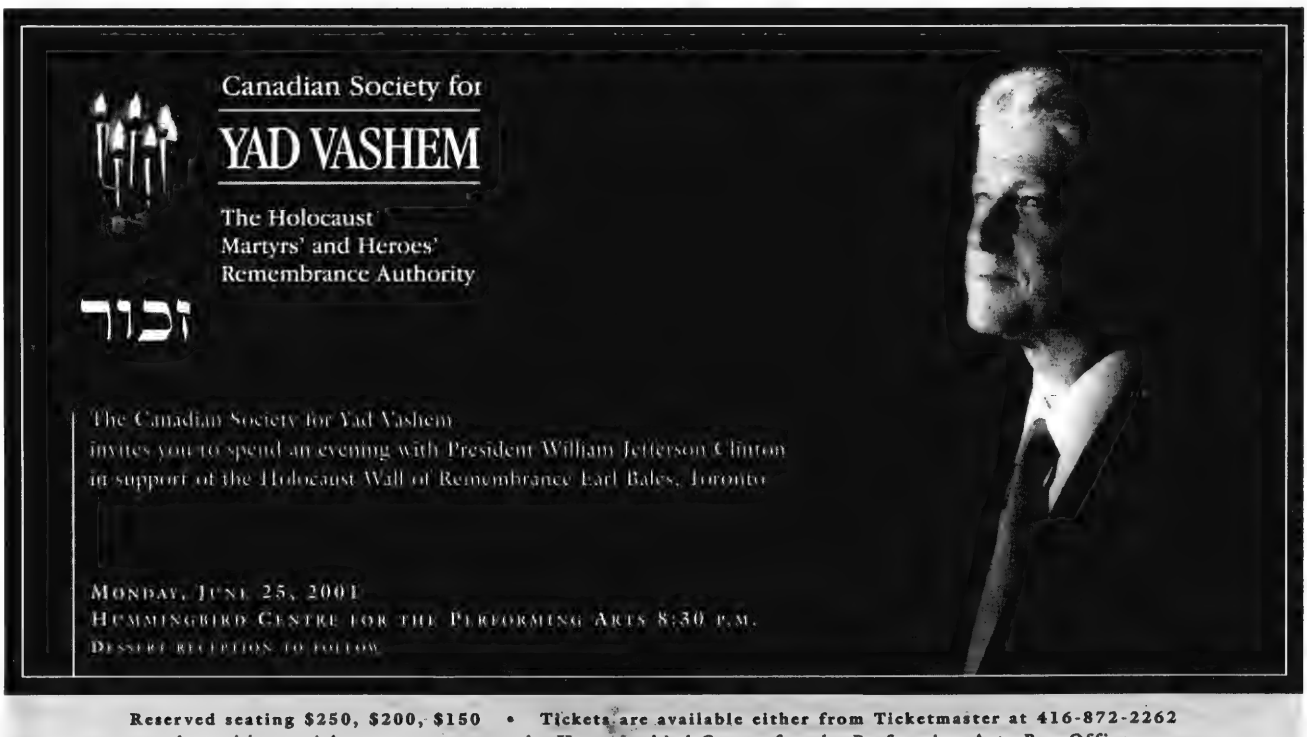
Cover and cook, until the barley is tender, 30 to 35 minutes. Add the mustard leaves and cook until wilted, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the mint, season with salt if necessary (if too salty, add water), and serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

DRIED FRUIT, CINNAMON AND RED WINE COMPOTE

8 oz. dried apricots
8 oz. pitted dates, finely chopped
4 oz. dried figs, coarsely chopped (about 3/4 cups)
4 oz. raisins (about 3/4 cups)
1 3/4 cups sweet red kosher wine or port
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 cup crushed almonds, pistachios or walnuts
whole nuts for garnish

Soak the apricots in warm water until plumped, about 30 minutes. Drain and finely chop. Place the dates, apricots, figs, raisins, wine and cinnamon in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring until the mixture thickens. Add the crushed nuts, and stir to blend.

Spread the mixture on a shallow platter. Garnish with whole nuts, and serve. Supply each guest with a spoon to eat from the communal dish. Serves 4 to 6.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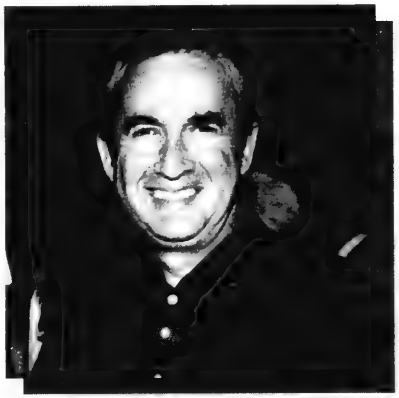

Gerald Schwartz, Chair Downtown Consortium

A who's who of Toronto's business and communal elite is the driving force behind the revitalization of the city's downtown Jewish community. It's called The Downtown Consortium.

"An initiative as ambitious at the Dream Downtown requires ambitious supporters," says **Alan Sandler,** President of UJA FEDERATION, which is spearheading the Jewish Toronto Tomorrow initiative.

The consortium, led by Chair, **Gerald Schwartz**, and Vice-Chairs, **Larry Tanenbaum, Brent Belzberg, Lawrence Bloomberg, David Kassie** and **Stephen Pustil** will help support the development of projects and partnerships to enhance Jewish life throughout the downtown core.

A number of consortium members, which include Jewish Toronto's leading philanthropists, have also stepped forward with large financial contributions to the key Downtown Dream projects: The Miles S. Nadal Community Centre and The Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life at U of T. Both projects are slated to begin construction by the Fall.

"It is truly wonderful to be in the company of so many distinguished and talented people who are galvanized by a unique and heartfelt commitment to the Dream Downtown initiatives" says **Miles Nadal.**

Miles Nadal and Mark Sarner, President of the Bloor JCC.

"I consider myself fortunate to have been given the opportunity to contribute to the present and future fabric of downtown Toronto." added **Greg Wolfond**, whose family is the leading financial force behind a new Jewish student centre at the University of Toronto.

Paying tribute to the "hard work and inspiring vision" of Dream Downtown supporters, **Premier Mike Harris** said that, "Ontario is fortunate to have organizations which are deeply committed to building a stronger, more vibrant Jewish Toronto."

U of T/ Jewish Campus Services; a JTT Partnership. l-r: Gerry Halbert, Henry Wolfond, Greg Wolfond, Rose Wolfe, David Gotfrid, Jon Dellandrea

For more information on JTT projects and the new philanthropy, call 416.631.5828.

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Miles Nadal: Back to *the Future*

The Nadal Family l-r: Miles, Samantha, Joanne, Renee and Sarah.

It's been a long time since **Miles Nadal** spent evenings and weekends shooting hoops in the gym at what was known as the "South Y". But the connection Nadal formed with what's now the Bloor Jewish community centre as a young boy is stronger today than ever before.

That's why Nadal is leading the way in re-building the facility he became so fond of in his youth.

"I grew up at the "South Y," explains Nadal, recalling summers spent at the community centre-run summer camp and basketball games with his younger brother. "For me, it was the Jewish community."

Today, in spite of its age, the centre's cultural, educational and recreational programs serves 3,000 Jewish and non-Jewish members in addition to thousands of other users who live and work in the downtown area. "The fact that the centre is bursting at the seams even though its resources are stretched to the limit attests to its values."

In order to meet the growing demands of an increasingly vibrant downtown community the existing structure is being replaced by the new Miles S. Nadal Centre.

The modern three-storey structure will feature enhanced sports, fitness and recreational facilities, a state-of the art, multi-purpose theatre as well as main floor commercial space facing Bloor Street.

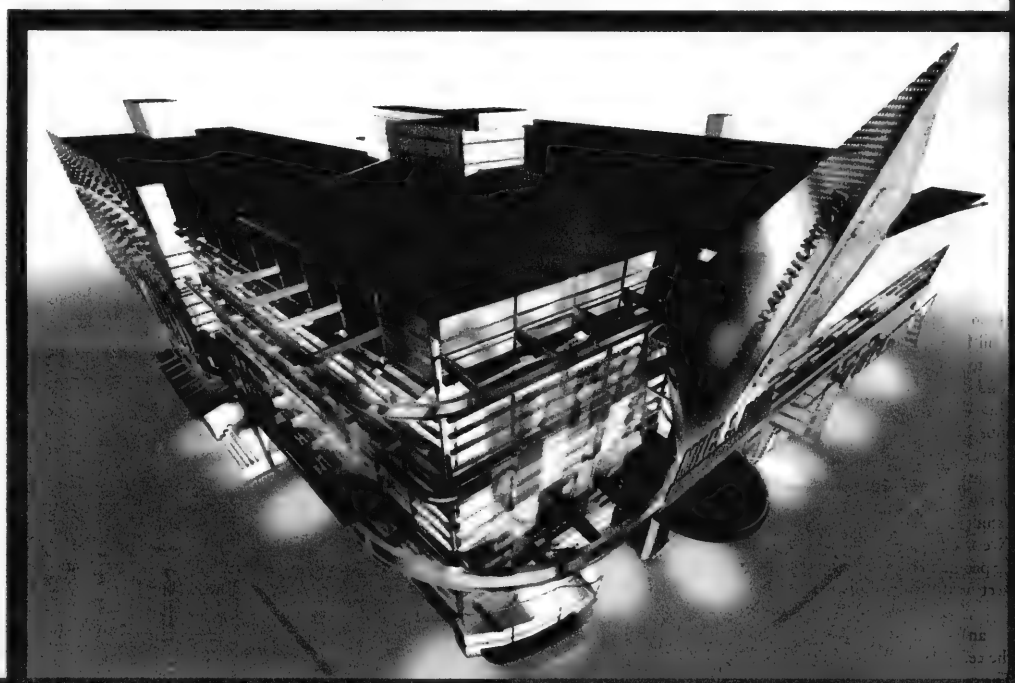
Architect **Geula Solow-Ruda** says the new building will combine "21st century design with a celebration of urban Jewish urban life."

In providing the leading gift to the centre's redevelopment, Nadal feels he is preserving an important part of the community's past while investing in a vital part of its future. "The Bloor Jewish Community Centre, perhaps more than any other facility in the city, represents for me the continuum that is Jewish Toronto."

But Nadal's commitment to and belief in the project extends far beyond his own financial contribution. His success in exciting and motivating other donors has already helped to raise millions of additional funds for the centre, whose benefits, maintains Nadal, will reach beyond the Jewish community.

"Just as its predecessor was an important part of the broader downtown community and landscape, the new centre will continue to be a symbolic reflection of the unique multicultural character of our city. That's why the response and show of support for the project has been so great."

A leading community philanthropist Nadal is no novice to supporting worthwhile causes. By his own admission, his personal involvement and enthusiasm have never run so deep. "I like to make a difference and this project allows me to do so in a very meaningful and rewarding way. There are few things more rewarding than making a significant contribution to securing the spiritual and physical wellbeing of my community."



The New Miles S. Nadal Jewish Community Centre

Drawings prepared by Peter Pennoyer Architects

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Theatre Pays Tribute to *Al Green*

The Green Family l-r: Barry, Lindy, Al, Malka, David and Karen

A new state-of-the-art cultural centre is being built in the city's downtown core in honour one of the Jewish community's most committed leaders.

The Green Family Cultural Arts Centre will be located in the new Miles S. Nadal Community Centre, the cornerstone of the multi-million dollar Jewish Toronto Tomorrow Downtown revitalization project.

The family of well known developer, artist and community leader **Al Green**, is providing the lead funding to build the 350 seat, multi-purpose theatre in recognition of Green's lifetime dedication to the arts and to the Jewish community.

"My father's dream has always been to build community," notes **David Green**, who together with brother **Barry** and sisters **Karen**, **Lindy** and **Donna** jumped at the chance to honour their father through the JTT project.

"We support the Dream Downtown because we care deeply about preserving this vital part of the community," says Barry.

"My father's roots are in the downtown Jewish community, so naturally we were very excited to have the chance to create something special for him there," explains David, who is chairing the Jewish Toronto Tomorrow capital fundraising campaign for The Mile S. Nadal Community Centre.

"His love of and involvement in community have been an inspiration for us all, adds Karen, whose own children attend the Downtown Jewish Community School, which will also be housed in the new centre. "This is a way of showing our appreciation for all that my father and his generation have done to build Jewish Toronto.

"Philanthropy has been part of our lives from an early age," explains Lindy, a member of the Theatre Advisory Board. "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to carry on this tradition as well as my family's commitment to the arts."

Jewish Centre On *Campus*

Greg and Henry Wolfond

Jewish students in the downtown core will have a place to call their own thanks to the generosity of Toronto's Wolfond family.

The Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life, which will be located at the corner of Harbord and Huron streets in the University of Toronto district, will serve over 4,500 Jewish U of T students.

"We realize how important it is for young people to have the opportunity to connect with their roots," says Greg Wolfond, who together with brothers Henry and Chad, are providing funding for the centre.

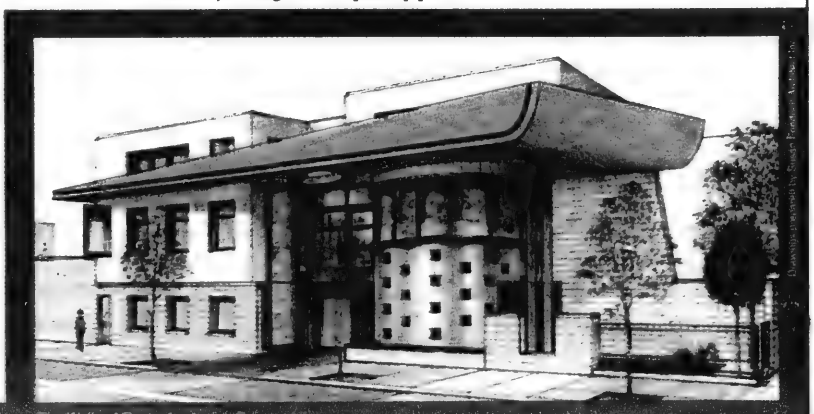
The centre will host a wide variety of cultural, social and educational programs including the award-winning "Colouring Ourselves" student art festival, the new graduate and young professional program and Birthright Israel. The four-level 10,000 square foot building, which will be fully accessible to students with disabilities, will feature a fireplace lounge, a spiritual centre, numerous resource rooms and a courtyard garden.

"Our objective is to design a building that is a unique symbol of Jewish Life on Campus that instills Jewish pride in the students that it serves," explains architect Susan Friedrich.

"Having a centre of our own will allow us to reach more students than ever," says Zac Kaye, Director of Jewish Campus Services which will be housed in the new centre. "The Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life will serve as beacon to inform Jewish students that at U of T there is a strong Jewish presence that is there for them."

Until now JCS staff and students have been crammed into the basement of 1200 square feet of space at University College with exposed pipes, tiny offices and no room for programs.

It's been very difficult to operate in this kind of environment and provide our students with the facility they deserve." stresses Michelle Lackie, Director of the future Wolfond Centre. "We are anxiously awaiting the opening of this exciting new building!"



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Saturday, June 2

FIRST NARAYEVER

First Narayever Congregation celebrates the completion of renovations with an evening of storytelling, Havdallah service, klezmer/Yiddish stylings of **Brian Katz, Alan Morovitz** and **Martin van de Ven.** 9 p.m., 187 Brunswick Ave. 416-927-0546.

Sunday, June 3

ISRAEL DAY FESTIVAL

At Mel Lastman Square 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Opening ceremony at 12:30 p.m. with **Mayor Mel Lastman, Meir Romem,** consul general of Israel and other dignitaries. Attractions include "shuk" marketplace, Israeli movie, auction, Russian Family Circus, children's activities. Sponsored by Canadian Zionist Federation 416-633-3988.

LITERARY-MUSICAL EVENT

Yiddish Culture Council literary musical evening marking the 100th birthday of Yiddish poet **Itzik Manger,** 7:30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Guest speaker **Gerry Kane** chair, National Committee for Yiddish of Canadian Jewish Congress. Topic (in Yiddish and English) From Grey to Blue-The Essence of Itzik Manger. Musical program by singer/pianist **Nina Shapilski.**

MAGICAL MYSTERIES

Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present **Mayer Mechanic's** magical mysteries and music by Phlow Entertainment – **Adrian Bloomberg, Charles Dreezer, Howard Rosenberg** with Orthodox style dancing, 8 p.m.

SHE'ARIM BRUNCH

Dr. Abraham Shore Academy She'arim Hebrew Day School annual brunch honouring **Sam Hennick** and marking the inauguration of the Sara and Sam Hennick Education Centre, 10:30 a.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Reserve 416-633-7393.

HABONIM BREAKFAST

Congregation Habonim invites you to hear **Lenka Lichtenberg** perform Treasury of Songs, 10 a.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave.

JEWISH HEALING SERVICE

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks and music therapist **Mary Rykov** lead a Jewish healing service for all who are in physical and emotional distress, 3-4 p.m., Lipa Green Building. **Etta** 416-944-3359.

JLGBT BARBECUE

JLGBT (Jewish Lesbian Gay Bisexual, Transgendered) barbecue, 6:30 p.m., Earl Bales Park, pit 5 (near Timberlane Street) Sponsored by Jewish Campus Services **Michelle** 416-978-0422.

WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion special general members meeting, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Earl Bales Park Community Centre. Full legion dress, honours and awards, presentations. Wives welcome. Light brunch. 416-782-5024 or 416-783-1329.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Feminist Book Discussion Group of Older Women's Network discusses *The Vision of Emma Blau* by **Ursula Hegi,** 2 p.m., at Barbara Frum Library. **Ruth Goldsmith** 416-782-6414.

Monday, June 4

JEWISH WOMEN IN FILM

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University presents What's a nice Jewish girl doing in a movie like this? Hollywood's image of Jewish women in film. Guest speaker **Prof. Sara Horowitz**, York University, and moderator **Risa Shuman**, executive producer, TVOntario's *Saturday Night at the Movies*, Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall. For tickets 416-485-8000.

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Beth Jacob V'Anshe Dridz Sisterhood general meeting featuring singer **Alexandra Zeifman**, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue.

Tuesday, June 5

HADASSAH LIEBERMAN

Aish HaTorah Canada's annual event honouring Guardians of the Jewish Future features keynote speaker **Hadassah Lieberman**, wife of U.S. vice-presidential candidate **Joseph Lieberman;** master of ceremonies **Sandy Rinaldo,** *CTV News* anchor; and guest speaker is **Lori Palatnik**, rebbetzin at Aish HaTorah, Boca Raton. 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

CHUG TANACH

Meets at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. Chevruta presentation, Jeremiah Chapters 46, 47.

Wednesday, June 6

JEWISH BOOK AWARDS

Canadian Jewish Book Awards takes place 7:30 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre. Meet the authors at the reception following.

SAFETY SYMPOSIUM

Seniors Safety Symposium sponsored by BASSIC (Bringing Awareness of Senior Safety Issues in the Community). Seniors, caregivers, professionals, family members are welcome. 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., McConaghy Seniors' Centre, 10200 Yonge St., Richmond Hill. Reserve. 416-362-9528.

Thursday, June 7

AISH 30'S PRESENTS

A new program for singles in their 30s, What Makes Kosher Wine Kosher? Are They Any Good? Wine tasting followed by rooftop reception, 7:45 p.m., the Village Shul, 1072 Eglinton Ave. W. RSVP 905-764-1818, ext. 222.

And What Else Is New

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am congregations joint Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat June 8 and 9 with **Rabbi Reuven Hammer**, scholar and writer.

At Beth David: Friday, June 8, Kabbalat Shabbat service, family dinner, lecture, Jerusalem: Our Eternal Capital; Saturday, June 9, study session, The Amidah: Israel's Prayer for Redemption. 416-633-5500

At Beth Emeth: Saturday, June 9, 8:45 a.m., sermon The Symphony of Prayer, followed by study luncheon The Shema – Learning to Listen. 416-633-3838.

EMUNAH WOMEN SHABBES

Emunah Women of Toronto 6th annual Emunah Shabbes Saturday, June 9, at the following synagogues: Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto; Congregation B'nai Torah; Beth Jacob V'Anshe Dridz, Yeshiva Or Chaim, Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. For information on times and speakers, Emunah office, 416-636-0036.

AT BETH TZEDEC

Rabbi Jack Riemer, storyteller and preacher, lectures at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Saturday, June 2, Shabbat service 8:45 a.m. From the pulpit, The Archie and Edith Bunker of the Bible. Shabbat Study Luncheon, *Agnon's Kerchief.*

Sunday, June 3, morning brunch, under the auspices of the Men's Club. Service 9 a.m., brunch 9:30 a.m., lecture 10 a.m. My Favourite Prostitute: Can You Guess Who It Is? For men and women 416-781-3511.

GALA CONCERT

Or HaEmet Sephardic School celebrates its 25th anniversary with a Gala Concert featuring **Emil Zrihan**, head soloist of the Israeli Andalusian Orchestra of Ashdod, Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Toronto Centre for the Arts. Tickets must be ordered in advance. **Estee** 905-669-7654, ext. 266.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Shaarei Shomayim first annual golf tournament for men and women is set for Tuesday, June 12, at 12:30 p.m. at Royal Ashburn Golf Club. A kosher lunch, snacks and barbecue dinner, silent auction. Net proceeds go to various charitable organizations. Tax receipts available. **Peter Klemensberg** 416-787-7665 or shul office 416-789-3213.

MIDSUMMER HAVDALLAH

Shir Libeynu Congregation's A Midsummer's Night Havdallah, 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Bloor Jewish Community Centre, Rooftop Garden. Song, study, worship. Bring something scented such as spice box or orange studded with cloves, or fresh herbs.

CULTURE AND LUNCH

At Beth Sholom Synagogue Wednesday, June 13. **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich** reviews *Galileo's Daughter.* Reservations and payment by June 7. 416-783-6103.

CYCLING EVENT

Zareinu Educational Centre of Metropolitan Toronto's 4th annual 199k/50k Cycling Event, Sunday, June 10. Route begins in Kleinburg and ends at Earl Bales Park. Free jerseys awarded to the first 200 riders who register and meet their minimum pledge requirement. Pre-registration a must! **Shaindy** 416-661-1800.

SINGLES DANCE PARTY

Shaar Shalom Singles and Intersynagogue Singles (35 and better) present The First Rose of Summer Dance Party, Sunday, June 10, at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. Happy Half Hour 7-7:30 p.m. Free dance lesson with **Steve Miller,** 7:30-8:15 p.m. Dance music by DJ **Dave Jones**. Synagogue office 905-889-4975 or **David** 416-224-9494.

TALENT TIME

Medina Theatre Ensemble annual variety show, Talent Time, Sunday, June 10, 8 p.m. at B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. Medina is showcasing its members and performers from the local community. Information/interviews **Morris Jacobs** 416-785-0344 or **Susan Hassar** 416-485-1967.

ISRAELI SIMCHA DANCING

Adath Israel Sisterhood's Israeli Simcha Dancing continues Thursdays, 8 p.m., May 31 and June 7. **Marcia Pinchefsky** 416-782-6693.

CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs of North York closing concert featuring Broadway, pop and folk songs, Sunday, June 10, 2-4 p.m. at Earl Bales Park Community Centre. Program includes a raffle fund-raiser offering great prizes.

Choralairs perform in nursing homes and seniors residences. New members welcome. **Fay Cohen** 416-633-7233 or **Judy Gordon** 416-221-3161.

FOR SENIORS

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch & Learn presents Life Saving Service-Medic Alert Foundation. speaker **Tracy Hatten,** Wednesday, June 6 at noon. Bring dairy lunch. Coffee, tea, cookies served.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 31, bingo. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Casino Rama June 13,17,27; Atlantic City tour, June 4-7; Casino Niagara, June 21. 416-395-7881.

LZA Seniors: Dance classes Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets available for *Sound of Music* on Oct. 4 at Stratford. **Libby** 416-782-2959 or office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Group meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to kosher Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, Aug. 3-12. Package includes tax, tips, entertainment. **Al** 416-633-8127 or **Helen** 415-635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

Intergenerational Dance with Grade 7 students of Louis-Honore Frechette, Tuesday, June 5, 1:30-3 p.m. featuring **Jeff Goldberg's** Sonic Events, an interactive DJ entertainment. ext. 117,

Writing Memoirs workshop with **Gloria Temkin** Tuesday, June 5. **Therese** ext. 124.

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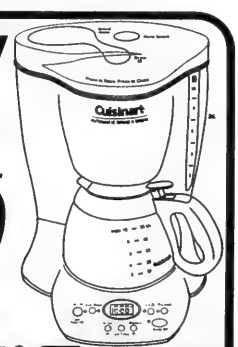

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[Frances Kraft photos]

Coast to Coast

Jewish War Vets meet in Ottawa

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Jewish war veterans have made a tremendous sacrifice and participated in the struggle for tikkun olam, to make the world a better place, said MP Irwin Cotler.

"You are the real heroes. You put your lives on the line so that we can live and so that these values can endure," said Cotler, speaking recently at the 11th annual dinner of the Jewish War Veterans, Ottawa Post.

Cotler spoke of the current situation in Israel and the Middle East, explaining why negotiations for peace have not been successful. "The core of the conflict," he said, "has been, since 1947, and still remains, the unwillingness of the Arab and Palestinian leaders to recognize the legitimacy of Israel as a Jewish state."

The conditions put forth by the Arabs and Palestinians for peace would ultimately result in the disappearance of Israel as a Jewish homeland, and nothing short of that will satisfy its enemies, he said.

Verna Bruce, assistant deputy minister for the Department of Veterans' Affairs, spoke on behalf of her department. "Keep telling the stories. It is important," she said. "We need to understand what it was like for you when you were 17, 18, 19, serving in Canada and in other parts of the world."

Ottawa Mayor Bob Chiarelli began his remarks with a few words in Hebrew, and then said, "On behalf of all of the citizens of Ottawa, thank you for your contribution. It is recognized, it is acknowledged and it is very much appreciated."

Although unable to attend the dinner, Israeli Ambassador Haim Divon and Rabbi Reuven Bulka, spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas and chaplain for the Armed Forces, both sent greetings.

"Thousands of Jews have died in combat for their country and thousands more have been wounded," said Divon in a written message. "Every Jewish community in Canada made a contribution to the war effort. Let us remember and pay tribute to those who gave their lives in the Canadian Armed Forces."

Post Commander Mel Goldberg acted as master of ceremonies for the evening, which began with members of the head table being piped in to take their seats, followed by the colour party, including Morris Lang, Hy Hymes, Barry Cohen, Norman Beck and sergeant-at-arms Arnold Greenberg.

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Community pays tribute to woman of 'quiet dignity'

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Naomi Bulka, wife of Rabbi Reuven Bulka, died on May 19 in Bethesda, Md., where she was undergoing medical treatment. She was 55.

Obituary

Born in England, Naomi Bulka, née Jakobovits, grew up in Montreal, where her parents George and Sessi Jakobovits still live.

She and her husband came to Ottawa shortly after they were married, when Rabbi Bulka became the spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

More than 1,500 mourners attended her funeral, which was conducted by Rabbi Bulka in the synagogue on May 21.

Rabbis, dignitaries, representatives of Jewish organizations and politicians joined friends, family and congregants in paying tribute to a woman known for her quiet dignity, kindness and generosity of spirit.

Israeli Ambassador Haim Divon, former Ottawa mayors Jim Watson and Jacquelin Holzman, MP Irwin Cotler, Minister of Foreign Affairs John Manley and Imam Gamal Solaiman were among those in attendance.

"I admired and respected [Naomi Bulka] greatly," said Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray, who is a member of Congregation Machzikei Hadas and has known the Bulkas for some time.

Former governor general Ray Hnatyshyn, a longtime friend of the Bulkas, said, "Usually I'm here on happy occasions. This is tragic, such a young woman. [My wife and I] wanted to show our respect for Naomi. The service was very moving."

During the service, in which Naomi Bulka's father, three sons and a son-in-law also spoke, Rabbi Bulka said, "We are devastated, and when I say 'we,' I include everyone here." He said Naomi had never wanted to marry a rabbi, but "she landed up being the best wife a rabbi could ever have."

Naomi Bulka was involved in various community activities and causes. She greatly valued Jewish education and volunteered her time at the Ottawa Torah Institute and Machon Sarah. She also served on the mikvah committee.

She was a committed and observant Jew, people who spoke said, and she was also an intellectual and independent woman. Just as she supported her husband in every way, he, in turn, supported her decision to attend university when all of their children were old enough.

She earned a degree and immediately began working as a technical writer at Nortel Networks Corp., where she worked until very recently, when illness forced her to take a leave of absence. She not only loved her work, but appreciated the company's flex-time schedule which enabled her to work full time while still being able to prepare for and celebrate Shabbat and all the Jewish holidays. She often worked late into the night or all day on a Sunday to make up the necessary time, but she thrived on the challenges.

"In her humility and in her modesty," Rabbi Bulka said, "she never realized how much she was loved."

Naomi Bulka

In the packed sanctuary, there was one seat which was not taken. Instinctively, everyone left Naomi Bulka's usual seat in the front row, close to her husband's place on the bimah, vacant.

Naomi Bulka is survived by her husband, children Yocheved and Moshe Shonek, Shmuel and Chani Bulka, Rena and Yehuda Levy, Eliezer and Haviva Bulka and Binyomin Bulka; as well as many grandchildren, her parents, her parents-in-law, Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Bulka of Jerusalem, two sisters and two brothers.

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– With files from Zev Singer.

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A broad cabinet shuffle likely

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, it's that time of year again. It seems that while every Canadian was busy on the Victoria Day weekend planting the garden, the minority of Canadians infected with the virus *politicus obsessivitus* pored over tea leaves trying to figure out the next great political event.

Last year, it was "Will there be an election"? This year, it's "When will the prime minister shuffle his Cabinet and how substantial a shuffle will it be?"

The one thing that all the pundits agree on is the when. We can expect the announcement at the end of June after the House recesses for the summer break.

Conventional wisdom has it that the shuffle will be relatively minor. A few lacklustre performers will be dumped and room will be made for promising new recruits. More adventurous speculators believe that the shuffle will encompass a far broader range of portfolios and set the stage for a Chrétien exit within 18 months.

Your modest scribe falls into this latter category of Ottawa watchers who believe that we are soon to witness the end game of the Chrétien era. There are two reasons.

First, it may have gone largely unnoticed by the public, but the economic statement recently presented by the minister of finance describes a two-year plan. This is a significant departure from the modern-day custom of submitting a five-year projection of government expenditures and revenue.

There can only be two rationales for this. Either the government is worried for the health of the economy in two-years time or the prime minister does not want to commit his government to programs beyond that time, namely beyond his tenure.

Since most economists believe that Canada will weather the short-term economic stresses, they have given Canada a vote of confidence for the medium and long term. Thus, we are left with the other hypothesis – which leads to the second point.

Tough as he is, and as mean as he can be to his opponents, Chrétien is first and last a Liberal. Whatever history will say about him as a prime minister, Chrétien wants to ensure that his legacy within the Liberal Party portrays him as a leader that passed on a secure and stable party to his successor. He can only guarantee that if he establishes a level playing field for all would-be successors (i.e., a large shuffle to make room for other candidates) and provides the contestants with enough flexibility to present a vision of her or his leadership platform (i.e., no constraints of a long-term budget).

Either way, there are sure to be some winners and losers. I'll look at some of them over the next while.

VISIT TO OTTAWA: On their recent trip to Ottawa, the grade 6 and 7 students from the Toronto Heschel School met with Minister of Defence Art Eggleton. [Ester Kagan photo]

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New CJC region chair hopes to unify community

By MARLANE PRESS
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The new chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, says his top priorities are the unification of various organizations within the Jewish community and the promotion of human rights.

Nisson Goldman, a local lawyer and vice-chair of CJC during the 1998-2001 term, was elected at the group's recent triennial general meeting.

"During this administration, CJC hopes to assist the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver to unify organizations within the Jewish community so that when we advocate for the community, we do so with a clear voice," he said.

"The Pacific region will also continue to promote human rights and the dignity of the members of our community. As well, we will continue to fight anti-Semitic acts, publications, and Internet sites so as to isolate the perpetrators of these acts, and limit their influence and membership in every way possible," he said.

Goldman is also committed to continuing the CJC's advocacy on behalf of Israel, taking measures to protect its citizens, and ensuring Canada's support and friendship with Israel.

He also plans to address the issue of poverty, stating that CJC will assist in any way possible to relieve poverty within the Jewish community and the community at large.

Goldman was born in 1931 in Moose Jaw, Sask. He was raised in a secular home, surrounded by a small Jewish community. He lived in Moose Jaw until he moved to Vancouver at age 18.

"My upbringing wasn't really religious and we certainly weren't observant, although I knew what all the Jewish holidays were and had ideas of Jewish morality," Goldman said.

"It was a small Jewish community and I think people knew each other very well. We had a shul and I had a Jewish life. Really, it was a microcosm of what went on in other places."

Successes that CJC officials claimed in the recent past include a major initiative to fight hate on the Internet and educational outreach to the general community, especially public schools, about Jewish issues.

He plans to continue these efforts and voiced a need for more dialogue with other religious agencies, including church groups that might have common causes with CJC's agenda.

Goldman said his lifelong concern for human rights has been a natural inclination. He became involved with a human rights subdivision of the Canadian Bar Association more than 20 years ago and got involved with CJC six years ago.

He said he would like to see his group recruit and mentor more young leaders and develop stable and diversified sources of funding to allow them to do their jobs thoroughly.

"I'd like to try and foster, as much as we can, upcoming leadership in the Jewish community. I'd like to see young people brought along to participate in the community affairs."

Goldman succeeds Zena Simces, who has taken other responsibilities, including the position of chair of CJC's national social action committee.

Vice-chairs are Sheila Fruman, Mark Wexler and Tony DuMoulin. David Stewart is secretary; Renee Switzer is treasurer; and general counsel is Jonathan Festinger.

The national vice-president is Mark Weintraub. Officers at large include Robert Goldschmid, Richard Kurland, Marla Morry, Ed Rozenberg, Herb Silver, Neal Steinman, and David Schwartz.

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On Campus

U of T Students' Law Society president looking forward to challenges

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Despite what is being portrayed in the media, the faculty of law at the University of Toronto is a warm and accepting place, says Benjamin Shinewald.

Shinewald was recently elected president of the U of T Students' Law Society, and looks forward to a challenging and rewarding few years ahead of him.

"It's no secret that this has been a tough year," Shinewald said in reference to the marks scandal that affected the school after some 30 students in the first-year class were accused of misrepresenting grades in job applications.

Benjamin Shinewald

"However, the summer is a big, long break with a third of the students leaving and a third new students coming in," Shinewald said. "And by the time school starts next year, there will be some finality to a good part of the issue.

"The important thing," Shinewald said, "is that there is a tremendous student body and a wonderful faculty here. I would like to move towards having that much more front and centre in the school."

Shinewald said he has never found any obstacles to students speaking their minds at the faculty of law. Whether on Israel-related or other issues, Shinewald feels students can freely express their opinions.

However, he said, "for a place that has such a huge Jewish contingent, the organization and the official Jewish life of the school is actually quite limited.

"There is a Jewish Law Students' Association – which holds one annual conference," Shinewald said. "It is a great conference. But that's it – just one conference each year."

On the other hand, there are a lot of unofficial Jewish events at the school, he said.

Shinewald is originally from Winnipeg and attended the Ramah Hebrew School and the Joseph Wolinsky High School.

Shinewald spent the third year of his bachelors degree at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, and then completed a bachelor of arts degree in political studies at the University of Manitoba.

He went on to pursue an internship at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C, and then completed a master of science in international relations at the London School of Economics.

This summer, Shinewald will be working at a New York law firm, and once he finishes law school, is open to settling in the United States.

At the University of Toronto, Shinewald said he sees himself as president for all law students.

"I will encourage more social events for all the students here.

"Right now, there are exciting renovations going on with a magnificent lounge being planned for students and faculty.

"It will be important next year to get started on the right foot," he said. "With the right kind of activities and the right kind of atmosphere permeating from the top, there is no reason why we shouldn't have a great feeling around this place."

Memorablia sought by Hillel centres

MONTREAL — Hillel Jewish Student Centres is looking for memorabilia.

As part of an upcoming fund-raising event to be held on June 20, Hillel Jewish Student Centres will mount a retrospective of past activities and milestone events in Hillel's history.

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At 7 p.m., Irwin Cotler and Gordie Echenberg will pair up once again to debate David Grossman and Gerald Pfeffer on issues including freedom of speech, capital punishment, and the '60's as a curse or a blessing on humanity.

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On Campus

Student activism and charitable work

By ELISHEVA GOULD
Special to The CJN

Guest Voice

I have been thinking a great deal lately about how integral the student's role has been in inspiring social change over the last century.

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My own father, at the age of 19, risked his life to participate in the Freedom Summer of '64, going down to Mississippi to teach literacy and helping his black pupils register to vote.

Whether as riotous protesters or as conscientious objectors, young adults have been in the forefront of political activism and advocacy again and again, waking up the world to each generation's crucial humanitarian causes.

Slowly and steadily, student activists have helped facilitate drastic change; their voices of reason and simple humanity have forever altered our history and society.

Whether one looks back on such events with nostalgia, pride or imagination, the spirit of those times is not dead. One only has to turn on the TV to see how young adults still lead important political demonstrations across Europe or fill busloads across Canada and the United States heading off to make their statements against the World Trade Organization or the Summit of the Americas.

Many of the students I know choose to make their marks closer to home, working at the food bank, volunteering at shelters, donating their money and belongings, and giving freely of their time to help homeless individuals. One of my friends is working to change the policy regarding students with learning disabilities at his Ivy League college to make it more inclusive and more just.

All these acts of advocacy are not only student-motivated, but Jewishly-motivated as well. The concept of tikkun olam – of doing our part to help repair the world and diminish its injustices – speaks to both students and Jews. What better place can there be for a centre for Jewish students to initiate and participate in acts of tikkun olam than a Jewish student organization on a university campus?

The Jewish Student Union (JSU) at the University of Toronto will officially become a Tzedek Hillel in the 2001-2002 school year. This $10,000 commitment – half from the JSU's budget and half from Hillel International – will provide us with resources and conferences to help us inspire and launch various new charitable projects and initiatives.

Tzedek Hillel works on a "CASE" methodology – community partners, advocacy, service (or volunteerism) and education.

In a move toward anticipating and solidifying such a commitment, U of T's JSU recently held a small Alternative Reading Week retreat. As one of the participants, I volunteered at an "Out of the Cold" soup kitchen, serving food to and hanging out with some of Toronto's hungry and/or homeless people. That evening, we met and shared stories with people with real problems and real ideas about the assistance they need.

Another night, we went out on the Street Help vans jointly run by the Native Men's Residence and Ve'ahavta, the Toronto-based Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, providing food, clothing, warmth and comfort to those living on our streets.

During the day, we met with some inspiring people – young and old – who have picked themselves up from the depths of despair, drug addiction and abusive homes, and who have proved that, with the charity, love and support of caring people, it can be done.

We also met with a high school student who works with Toronto's Craig Kielburger – who, when he was in Grade 6, founded and chaired Free the Children, a non-profit organization run entirely by children for children – to help free youth from the slavery and torture of child labour. Craig has travelled to several Third World countries to meet and talk to the children and families he and his organization were going to help. Listening to Craig's colleague, we all thought: "If these kids can accomplish so much, then *so can we*!"

The "tzedek" in Tzedek Hillel means "righteousness" and "justice" – finding something that has gone wrong in our society and making the commitment and the effort needed to remedy it. This essence of the word "tzedek" – the root of the word "tzedakah," which means so much more than just giving charity – is what I have gleaned from my volunteer work over the past few years.

Last summer in Israel, I volunteered for Danny Siegel and his non-profit "Ziv" Tzedakah Fund. Among the many projects the fund undertakes, it helps find meaningful work for people who are crushed by mental illness and depression; provides school supplies and children's clothing, even shoes and wedding dresses for people in need; provides Shabbat meals for hungry families; and works with people with severe physical challenges.

It is vital that we all devote some time in our lives, even if it's only a few times a year, to help those who need it.

The world still needs our help.

As a student – and as a Jew – I look forward to continuing my work of incorporating more "tzedek" and "tzedakah" into the ways I conduct my life and reach out toward others in need.

There are so many causes out there – so many needs to be filled, so much pain to be eased, so many troubles to be worked out – it doesn't matter which side we're on politically, or what we choose to put our time and energy into. What matters only is that we *do*.

One of Ve'ahavta's mottos, a quote from Rav Nachman of Breslav, reads: "If you believe you can spoil, believe you can fix."

I think we all know how badly many aspects of our world have been spoiled… now all we have to do is believe in our power, as students and human beings, to repair – and actively take part in such righteous endeavours.

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Innovative interdisciplinary studies at Hebrew U

JERUSALEM — Combined computer science/life sciences studies and psychobiology are among the most competitive, sought-after areas of study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for the 2001-2 academic year, according to initial figures compiled after completion of the first round of registration.

In the computer science/life science integrated program for undergraduates, only about five percent of those applying will be accepted, said student registration authorities, while in psychobiology, the acceptance figure is about nine percent. In general, there is high demand at the university for studies in life sciences, medical sciences and agricultural-related sciences.

Hebrew University president Prof. Menachem Magidor said that the rapid development of biotechnological research and industry in Israel has had a direct effect on the growing number of students seeking education in areas in those fields. Magidor emphasized that the university offers varied graduate study opportunities for students interested in science and high technology careers, including biotechnology.

The number of those seeking admission has remained consistent with last year for this period, he noted. Registration will remain open following the initial registration period for most departments, depending on available spaces remaining.

In recent years, the Hebrew University has focused on creating several innovative, interdisciplinary programs which combine studies from various faculties and departments.

A new program, instituted this year, provides special loans with preferential, no-interest repayment terms to encourage students to pursue their studies in Jerusalem. Subject to certain criteria, the loans can even be turned into grants.

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Scenes from the disaster. [Israeli photos]

Banquet hall collapse

By EDGAR ASHER
CJN Israel Bureau

JERUSALEM — A four-storey wedding hall in the Talpiot district of Jerusalem collapsed late last Thursday night, killing at least 25 people.

More than 300 people were reported injured and scores were still believed to be buried under the rubble Friday morning. Hundreds of ambulances were called in to take the injured to hospitals in the area and beyond, as emergency facilities became full.

This tragedy is believed to be the worst civilian disaster of its type in Israel's history. The ceremony on the upper floor of the building had ended and guests were dancing when the floor gave way, crashing through floor after floor to the ground. About 650 people were in the hall at the time.

The reason for the collapse was unknown at press time, but Jerusalem police said there was no terror element involved and no explosion.

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IDF: 'Arafat won't sign interim deal; violence to grow'

By AMIR OREN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The current conflict between Israel and the Palestinians will continue for many months, maybe even years, although the number of casualties is expected to rise and the methods used by both sides are likely to intensify, according to a strategic evaluation by the Israel Defence Forces.

The General Staff Operations Directorate also predicts that Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat will refuse to negotiate a long-term interim agreement with Israel and will insist on a permanent status agreement under which a Palestinian state will be established within the pre-1967 borders with Jerusalem as its capital and with the right of return for the refugees.

Despite the fact that Arafat would rather leave this to the next generation of Palestinian leaders than give up on these beliefs, Israel must continue to see him as the one who can bring about a "steady pacification" of the conflict. The PA is far from collapse and even if its security forces are not in control of all the population, Arafat still has a high degree of control over the heads of these forces.

According to the IDF's evaluation of the situation, Israel must attempt to disassociate the Palestinian conflict from the conflict with its northern neighbours – Syria and Lebanon – by efficient but selective responses to any provocative acts by Hezbollah.

The PA is far from collapse

Syria does not want a war with Israel; the air force's strike against a Syrian radar station just outside of Beirut in April left a deep impression on Damascus, aware that it was just the start of what Israel can do.

The Operations Directorate's report was presented to Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz and other IDF generals, as well as to Defence Minister Benjamin Ben Eliezer, who passed it on to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. It will soon be presented to the cabinet for discussion.

The Operations Directorate continues to produce the reports, shooting down the expectations which followed the establishment of the National Security Council. It does not offer recommendations for direct action by the politicians, but rather offers preferred military and diplomatic alternatives. Among these alternatives are an effort to halt the violence and to use restraint so as to avoid an all-out conflagration, which was the IDF's policy before the intifadah began and still is.

The Operations Directorate and other IDF units prefer to continue with the policy of presenting the Palestinian with a united military front, though they see the need to signal to the Palestinians as well as the Americans that Israel is ready to compromise if the violence stops.

Finalized before Sharon's announcement last week of a unilateral cease-fire, the report also finds that neither side has used all its force against the other and that there will be a limited escalation. It predicts that a diplomatic conflict will develop over the endorsement of the Mitchell Commission report by the Bush administration, with both sides making an all-out effort to delegitimize the other in the Americans' eyes: Arafat will take a stand against the Israeli occupation and the settlements, while Israel will push the issue of the terrorist attacks.

Arafat's hope of exhausting Israeli society through violence, of hoping to push the government into making further concessions, is all but dead. Arafat is also trying to isolate Israel in the international arena. The IDF believes that Arafat does not have a definite plan for the next stages of the conflict, apart from his basic aims, and he is playing it by ear. The army does not believe that there are any players in the Middle East – not Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Syria or the Palestinians – that want to see the conflict escalate into an all-out war.

IDF guns face Beit Jala, from where Palestinian snipers constantly fire upon Gila. [Iranet photo]

Suicide bombers strike

As *The CJN* was going to an early press deadline on May 25, news was received of two suicide bombings in Israel.

Early Friday morning in Hadera a car loaded with explosives was driven by two people into a bus stop. At least one person, not including the two people in the car, was killed and 14 injured. Islamic Jihad took credit for the action.

Also on Friday, a truck laden with explosives attempted to crash into an IDF base in southern Gaza. The explosives did not ignite, and IDF forces fired on the truck. No injuries were reported among the IDF personnel.

— CJN wire services

German firms give OK for slave labour payments

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BERLIN — German firms have dropped their opposition to releasing funds for Nazi-era slave and forced labourers.

Industry representatives announced last week that they are now satisfied with the degree of protection from future lawsuits provided by American courts.

The firms had been unwilling to release their half of the $5-billion fund until their lawyers could ensure "legal closure" – that is, a promise that no more lawsuits relating to the Nazi era will be filed.

The firms' announcement paves the way for the German Parliament to approve release of the funds. Parliament was slated to deal with the issue on May 30.

In another development that hastened the release of the funds, a U.S. judge dismissed a class-action lawsuit by former Nazi-era slave laborers against German companies.

The decision by Judge Shirley Wohl Kram could help pave the way for payments to begin in mid-July.

"It is my hope that payments begin immediately," Kram said.

Manfred Gentz, president of DaimlerChrysler and director of the German Industry Foundation, "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future," said last week that he expected the funds to be available shortly, in light of Kram's dismissal.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder greeted the announcement with relief and thanked all those who made it possible "to close this painful chapter of German history."

The announcement followed days of intensifying pressure from survivor representatives, German politicians and even from within the industry foundation's own ranks.

Critics had said that, thanks to the U.S. appeals court ruling, sufficient legal protection had been achieved – and the industry foundation should acknowledge this.

In its ruling, the court removed all conditions from a U.S. lower court judge's previous dismissal of lawsuits against German banks.

German politicians and survivor representatives alike hailed the U.S. appeals court decision.

Otto Lambsdorff, the German government's chief negotiator for the fund, called the ruling "superb."

With the new co-operative mood on the part of the industries and the likely Parliament approval May 30, payments to survivors may begin within a few weeks.

Individuals and groups representing the labourers have called for the money to be distributed quickly.

The industries' decision to drop their resistance may have been influenced by last-minute pressure from 43 of the 6,000 German companies that contributed to the fund.

In an open letter to Schroeder last week, the firms urged the chancellor to pay the aging survivors before they die.

In their letter, they said 200 survivors die each day.

The German government and a group of German businesses agreed in February 1999 to create the $5.2 billion fund to compensate the labourers.

Under the terms of an agreement reached in March 2000, some 240,000 slave labourers – about 140,000 of whom are Jewish – would receive up to $7,500 each. More than 1 million forced labourers would get up to $2,500 each.

People whose property was looted by the Nazis, who were victims of Nazi medical experiments or who hold unpaid Holocaust-era insurance policies also may claim payments.

The high price of the intifadah

By NEHEMIA STRASLER
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Before the intifadah began last fall, the Israeli and Palestinian economies were looking better than ever. Israel was reaping the benefits of a thriving, cutting-edge, start-up industry, with an unheard-of growth rate of 8-9 percent during the first three quarters of 2000. The Palestinians' standard of living was also making impressive leaps. The Palestinian Authority (PA) was working on plans for six giant shopping malls on the invisible border separating Israel and the Palestinian territories to attract even more Israelis to shop on the West Bank.

Comment

So it is especially painful and disappointing to realize just how much wealth, how many golden opportunities for development, for improvement in living standards and for the broadening of intellectual horizons have been lost by both sides as a result of the fighting that began late last September.

• *Economic growth.* The first intifadah casualty was economic growth. Tourism was devastated almost instantly. The construction sector plunged into a deep hole, after only just having shown some signs of recovery midway through 2000. Other economic sectors soon also began showing the intifadah's harsh impact. Before the latest violence, economic growth was anticipated to reach 5-6 percent in 2001. Now, however, it is clear that growth will not exceed 1-2 percent, which means a 4-percent production loss – that is, a shortfall of $4 billion, or approximately NIS 6,000 per family in Israel.

However, since nothing is straightforward in economics, it is not absolutely certain that the entire loss can be attributed solely to the intifadah. After all, the Israeli economy sustained a severe blow in the last quarter of 2000 when the Nasdaq stock market crashed, and Israel's start-up companies were badly shaken.

• *The flow of investment capital into Israel.* The billions of overseas dollars that poured into the Israeli economy last year have simply dried up. The entire flow of investment capital from abroad seems to have evaporated overnight. The principal reason is the crisis among the start-up firms, which once had no trouble raising billions of dollars on the Nasdaq. Less foreign investment capital means a more sluggish growth rate for the economy. A dramatic decline can also be observed in domestic investments, which are shying away because of the increased military risks.

Palestinians burn Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in effigy. [RNS photo]

• *Unemployment.* Although the latest figures do not indicate it yet, this year's reduced economic growth rate will inevitably translate into a higher unemployment rate.

• *International credit rating.* The international credit rating firm, Fitch, announced last week there was a solid chance that it would soon lower Israel's international credit rating because of the deterioration in the security situation since the publication of Fitch's previous report in December 2000, and because of the slim prospects for an easing of tensions or for a renewal of the peace process. A lower international rating for Israel would have a grave impact on the national economy, forcing Israeli companies negotiating loans overseas to pay higher interest rates. This, in turn, would reduce the desire to invest, down-scale production levels and ultimately raise the unemployment rate.

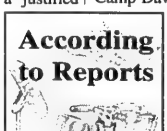
• *The state budget.* Last week, the government decided to slash NIS 2.8 billion from the various ministerial budgets, in order to have the cash to cover the additional costs being incurred by the defence establishment, because of both the intifadah and other threats emanating from the region. Budget-slashing on such a scale will deliver a harsh blow to everything in Israel, particularly its social services and its infrastructure, which is losing NIS 350 million from the Ports and Railways Authority's budget. For example, less money will mean the temporary shelving of a double-track rail line for Be'er Sheva.

• *The European Union.* Israeli exports to EU countries have, up until now, enjoyed a preferential status that have taken the form of a total customs exemption. But EU pressure is mounting for the imposition of full customs duties on all Israeli exports that have originated in the industrial zones or agricultural areas of the territories. The rationale for this pressure is the argument that the settlements are not part of Israel proper. Such an EU decision would make exports less attractive, which would result in a further decline in economic activity – and the inevitable further rise in unemployment.

• *The long-term impact.* The economy is in the adjustment stage, re-organizing to deal with the new situation. Private consumption is surprisingly on an upward swing, but there are long-term implications. If the fighting and the bombings continue, if Israel is again perceived as a garrison state and an international outcast, the economic repercussions will be sombre indeed: investment funding will shrivel up, the prospects for future economic growth will fade, the gloomy economic climate will become even gloomier, and the low morale of the Israeli public will sink even lower.

Reporters, even in opinion, should be fair

Since the outbreak of Palestinian violence last September, Palestinian leaders and their supporters abroad have insisted that the present uprising is a justified reaction against "occupation" in order to achieve statehood in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



This interpretation stands at complete variance with mainstream analysis in Israel and many western circles, which argues that Arafat's real agenda is more insidious. As *New York Times* columnist Tom Friedman recently put it, Arafat "apparently has not given up his long-term aim of eliminating Israel." He hopes to accomplish this by arousing international pressure, under the glare of sympathetic media, to force unilateral Israeli concessions and to coerce Israel into accepting the "right of return," an action that would effectively destroy the Jewish State.

As the memory of Arafat's rejection of Israel's generous offers at Camp David recedes, it is disturbing to find an increasing number of journalists reporting the Palestinian interpretation of their "uprising" as fact, and ignoring the alternative accounts.

Sandro Contenta for the *Toronto Star* does this repeatedly, whether unwittingly or not. So, too, does CBC TV reporter Neil Macdonald – in direct violation of the CBC's own guidelines emphasizing fairness and balance. For instance, in his report for the National on May 7, Macdonald began as follows: "The Israeli army now has blanket permission from its government to strike inside the area of Palestinian self-rule. It says it must do this in order to defend itself against what it calls terrorists, the armed Palestinians battling the Israeli occupation."

Notice the qualification of the word "terrorists," and the absence of any qualification around the words "battling the Israeli occupation." As Macdonald reports it, the "Israeli occupation" is not something the Palestinians "call it"; rather, it is passed off as a fact.

As Israel intensified its reaction to the terrorist attack in Netanya on May 18, Macdonald turned his attention in an increasingly opinionated way by expressing his disapproval of Israel's use of F-16's. In response to a question posed by a CBC anchor about world attitudes, Macdonald went so far as to say, "I think it's probably fair to say that Israel has got a long history of not particularly caring what the rest of the world thinks. It believes that it is its prerogative to deal with the Palestinians as it sees fit, and Israel does not tolerate resistance to its occupation of the Palestinian territories. All that really matters to the Israeli leadership, be it left-wing or right-wing leadership, is the disapproval or the approval of the United States of America, which is Israel's main sponsor and one of its greatest funders, and George W. Bush has pretty much consistently come down on the Israeli side and bought the Israeli line that this is self-defence."

Even when he gives analysis, Macdonald is still bound, as a reporter, to be fair and impartial. But here again, he offers only an interpretation of events partial to the Palestinian perspective.

There is a clear line between commentary (opinion) and impartial reporting (including analysis), one that Macdonald has crossed.

Prepared by Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee.

May 21

• Palestinian gunmen fired on the house of an Israeli teenager from Tekoa bludgeoned to death earlier this month. No one was hurt in the attack on the Mandell family dwelling.

May 22

• Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he viewed the Mitchell Report as a basis for renewing peace negotiations but said the first step must be a halt to Palestinian violence.

May 23

• The Palestinian Authority urged Arab countries to revoke Mauritania's membership in the Arab League for not complying with its ban on political contacts with Israel.

• Egypt's writers' union expelled prominent playwright Ali Salem because of his support for peace with Israel, for what it described as his "normalization activities with the Zionist entity."

May 24

• An IDF attack helicopter shot down a small Lebanese civilian plane that crossed the border. It was the first anniversary of Israel's pull-out from southern Lebanon. Officials gave the order to bring down the plane after the pilot ignored warning calls.

May 25

• The Israeli Embassy in London is demanding that the BBC investigate comments made by its reporter in Gaza, Fayad Abu Shamala, during an event organized by Hamas earlier this month. According to the Hamas Web site, Shamala thanked "the Hamas movement for holding the exceptional affair, despite the pace of current events and the sensitive circumstances applying to journalists and media organizations, which are waging the campaign shoulder-to-shoulder together with the Palestinian people."

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Naomi Klein continues her campaign for workers' rights

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — As countries become "hospitable to trade, they're being asked to give up democracy," author and activist Naomi Klein says.

One of the country's most identifiable political activists, Klein, 29, was the featured guest at a speaker's series organized by the Danforth Jewish Circle (DJC). The *Globe and Mail* columnist is the author of the international best seller *No Logo*, an exposé of free trade and multinational marketing.

Naomi Klein

No Logo, published by Alfred A. Knopf Canada last year, recently netted Klein the $10,000 Canadian Business Book Award. The paperback edition, released this year, has been at the top of the bestseller list for the last three months.

Most of the more than 25,000 protesters who had gathered there accepted free trade, but oppose the growing power of multinational corporations and the weakening of democracies, Klein said.

She condemned the gratuitous use of tear gas, noting that gas was sprayed in areas quite a distance from where the political leaders were meeting.

Demonstrations by international groups of protesters have marked all international trade summits since the 1999 Seattle summit. And while the convergence of protesters in Seattle took political leaders and the established media by surprise, Klein had actually anticipated the emergence of large-scale international protests in *No Logo*.

"I predicted this would happen in Seattle, Washington and Windsor," Klein told *The CJN* in an earlier interview.

The timing of *No Logo* was quite propitious, she said: it was released shortly after the Seattle summit, which drew some 48,000 protesters.

"A lot of people didn't think there was a movement. Seattle was seen as a big breakthrough, all of these international happenings were ignored by mainstream and activist press."

A political activist since her student days at the University of Toronto, Klein said she became curious about the power of branding and the multinationals.

"I wanted to know for myself. [It was] the visceral reaction to the trend. Did it fit into a larger system?"

Branding, she explains in *No Logo*, is the "marketing renaissance of the late '80s and early '90s, which focused on the image-building of brands, so that a brand became synonymous with an experience or lifestyle."

"Nike, for example, is leveraging the deep emotional connection that people have with sports and fitness," she writes.

She details the name-brand companies' shift from producing to marketing goods – they began contracting out the manufacturing to factories located in free trade zones in various third world countries.

Klein documents the poor working conditions in the free-trade zones; workers often accept these conditions because owners can easily shut down their factories and move to countries with fewer restrictions.

No Logo was born out of some articles Klein wrote when covering some of the international campaigns for the *Village Voice* and *Ms.* magazine, she said.

She said she networked with other activists on the Internet and got regular updates on their campaigns.

"There was an amazing group campaigning for labour rights," she said. "There are a coalition of different, smaller anti-sweatshop groups in Asia and Latin America. They produce great research."

She discovered that the Internet was an important communication link between the various international activists.

"It was my first exposure into how powerful the Internet was. I caught onto that fairly quickly."

After the book deal was signed, Klein also travelled extensively to do her research, visiting free trade zones in Indonesia and the Philippines.

"The book took four years," Klein said.

She said her friend Gerard Greenfield helped her establish contact with activists in Cavite, the largest free trade zone in the Philippines. (Cavite is located in Rosario, a town 90 miles south of Manila.)

"There was this worker committee [in Rosario] according to Gerard that was doing the most innovative work. It's so hard to organize [there]... In China it's illegal."

These activists in Rosario were aided by a Roman Catholic priest who wanted to improve the conditions of his parishioners, she explained. She said visiting Cavite was "the most dramatic moment" in writing *No Logo* because she got to see "how the activists' campaigns were affecting workers."

Klein's been thrilled with the response to *No Logo*, which has been translated into several languages and has had multiple publishings in Great Britain, she said.

"I can't not be happy with the book. It has been received better than I had ever hoped. The book is getting out there.

"The mail has been fantastic. I get wonderful letters from young people. Young activists have been really important to me. It's hard to be a young activist."

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13th ANNUAL JEWISH BOOK AWARDS TO HONOUR MATT COHEN, AL WAXMAN

The committee behind the annual Canadian Jewish Book Awards recently released a list of the dozen winners it plans to honour next week at a festive gathering in Toronto.

In choosing the winners, the committee assessed the relative merits of more than 50 books submitted from across Canada.

"It was a wonderful embarrassment of riches which demonstrates the vitality of Jewish writing and scholarship in Canada," said committee co-chair Frances Mandell.

Honoraria – cash prizes – are associated with some, but not all, of the awards.

Author **Michael Kaufman** takes the prestigious Beatrice and Martin Fischer fiction prize for his first novel, *The Possibility of Dreaming On A Night Without Stars* (Viking).

Another high-profile award winner is **Erna Paris**, whose recent non-fiction work *Long Shadows* (Knopf Canada) has garnered the history prize. *Long Shadows* has already won two prestigious Writers Trust of Canada awards, totalling $20,000 in prizes.

As a highlight of this year's awards ceremonies, the committee is honouring the memories of the late writer **Matt Cohen** and the late actor-director **Al Waxman** by bestowing Biography Awards on their respective works – Cohen's *Typing: A Life in 26 Keys* (Random House), and Waxman's *That's What I Am* (Malcolm Lester Publishing).

Broadcaster **Andy Barrie**, host of CBC's Metro Morning, is slated to read selections from both autobiographies as a tribute to Cohen and Waxman.

Other winners:

- **Franklyn Bialystok** won the Canadian Jewish History prize for *Delayed Impact* (McGill-Queen's University Press);
- **Irene Watts** won the Young Adult Fiction prize for *Remember Me* (Tundra);
- Editor **Barry Dov Walfish** won the Biblical Scholarship prize for *Apples of Gold in Settings of Silver* (Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies);
- **Vivian Felsen** won a Yiddish (translation) prize for *Montreal of Yesterday* (Vehicule);
- **Gitel Donath** won the Holocaust Memoir prize for *My Bones Don't Rest in Auschwitz* (Kaplan);
- **Karen Shenfeld** won the poetry prize for *The Law of Return* (Guernica);
- **Howard Margolian** won the Jewish Scholarship prize for *Unauthorized Entry* (University of Toronto);
- Editors **F. DeCosta** and **Bernard Schwarz** won a Holocaust history prize for *The Holocaust's Ghost* (Univesity of Alberta);
- And the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum won the newly-instituted prize in World Jewish Culture for the cookbook *Art and Tradition: Treasures of Jewish Life*, edited by curator **Dorion Liebgott**.

Sponsored by the Koffler Centre of the Arts, the 13th annual Jewish Book Awards ceremony is set for Wednesday June 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Admission to the celebration and the reception that follows is free. All are welcome.

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Tribute to Itzik Manger: Gerry Kane, chair of the national committee for Yiddish of the Canadian Jewish Congress, speaks (in Yiddish and English) on From Grey to Blue – The Essence of Itzik Manger, and singer-pianist **Nina Shapilski** performs at an evening of tribute to the famous late Yiddish poet on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Admission $3. Workmen's Circle Centre, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Sunday June 3, 7:30 p.m.

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Time of your Life: This celebration honouring adults ages 55+ features a fashion show, beverage demonstration, line dancing, photography display and much more. Guest speaker, **Dr. Herbert Lee**. Door prizes, free samples. Free admission.

Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Wednesday June 6, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 416-225-2112, ext. 126, Joan Turner.

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Arts Briefs

- Quilts, wallhangings and watercolours by **Linda R. Goldman** are on view at the Yorkville Library, 22 Yorkville Ave., June 1 to 30. 416-393-7647.
- *Fosse*, the Tony-award-winning musical about the legendary choreographer-director **Bob Fosse**, returns to Toronto for eight performances, June 19 to 24. $38 to $92. Pantages Theatre. 416-870-8000.

E-mail worthy items to Eye on Arts at info@cjnews.com. Please be brief. Deadline is 10 a.m., of the Tuesday 10 days before the issue date.

Music of Holocaust victims to come to life

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The music of four Jewish composers who died in the Holocaust will be featured at a concert honouring the memory of all the musicians who died in the war.

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, an international human rights organization dedicated to preserving the Holocaust's memory, will present Music of the Lost Composers at the Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. West, main floor, CBC Building, on Monday, June 4, at 8 p.m.

The four superbly talented composers being featured are Victor Ullman, Gideon Klein, Laszlo Weiner and Erwin Schulhoff.

The music will be performed by the New World Symphony Orchestra of Toronto, an ensemble of Canada's finest musicians made up of members of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, The Canadian Opera Company and The National Ballet of Canada.

Sherry Kaufman (left) and Bonnie Goldstein, co-chairs of the Music of the Lost Composers concert for the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center For Holocaust Studies.

Stefanos Karabekos, the artistic director who will conduct the concert, is renowned as both a conductor and composer. He has conducted numerous concerts throughout Canada as well as in his native country of Greece.

"The composers we honour at this concert are representative of the many musicians who perished in the Holocaust," says Bonnie Goldstein, co-chair of the concert along with Sherry Kaufman.

"It is important to keep on remembering, and to realize that a concert such as this illustrates that the Nazi plan to stifle Jewish life and creativity was a failure," Goldman says.

"The preservation of the scores for these works, especially since two were actually written in Terezin, is a near miracle," Kaufman says. She notes that survivors hid them and smuggled them through the war's chaotic years.

"Music is still coming to light," she says. "For example, one of Klein's pieces was only discovered in a bundle of papers by accident in 1990. I believe that this will be an evening that will touch everyone's heart."

In addition, three survivors – Anita Ekstein, Elly Gotz and Nate Leipciger – have been selected to speak about the lives and accomplishments of each of the composers.

"Remembering these composers brings their legacies to the present," Goldstein says. "We are fortunate to bring to life this remarkable evening of music that was all but lost forever."

For tickets to the concert or for more information, call 416-864-9735 or 1-866-864-9735.

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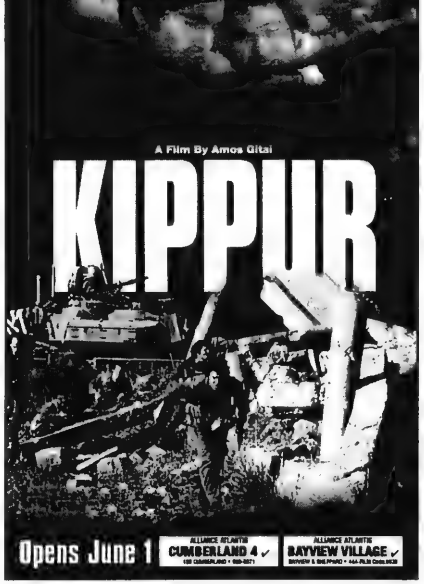
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Kippur recreates an era most would rather forget

By RONALD CHARLES EPSTEIN
Special to The CJN

On Oct. 6, 1973, Yom Kippur, Egyptian and Syrian forces invaded Israel, sparking a war that traumatized the country's population, especially the young reservists called up to fend off the attacks.

One of them, Amos Gitai, in collaboration with writer Marie-Jose Anselme, recalls the conflict in *Kippur*, a drama that has been screened at the Cannes, Toronto International and Toronto Jewish film festivals.

Kippur is opening June 1 at selected theatres.

The simple plot follows two reservists, Weinraub (Liron Levo) and Ruso (Tomer Ruso), who unsuccessfully attempt to join their unit, which has left for the Syrian front without them. Instead, they join a helicopter evacuation unit that operates in the Golan Heights.

Liron Levo, as Sgt. Weinraub, establishes his character as a man of his time. The young leftist who buys used cars on principle has been replaced by materialistic yuppies.

Israel's lack of military preparedness revealed flaws and tensions, which are subtly reflected in this story. Amir (Juliano Merr), the captain, says that when then defence minister Moshe Dayan asked to be flown on an inspection tour, Amir told him to go "to the bus station."

The plot is an implicit condemnation of the system. That two soldiers are unable to join their units is a poor reflection on a mobilization system that, during the Six Day War, was cited for its efficiency.

Gitai, whose last film was the controversial *Kadosh*, skilfully recreates the Israel of the 1970s by filming old urban districts, military installations and timeless rural settings. The silence of an aging inner-city neighbourhood visually communicates the fact that it is a holy day. Anyone who has ever visited Israel will recognize it in the film.

Though the story's slow pacing lacks an obvious narrative, at best reflecting wartime realities, this director nevertheless honours his generation by recreating an era that others would rather forget.

Filmmaker documenting blood libel trial

By BEN ROSE
Special to CJN

TORONTO — A documentary filmmaker is telling the story of Mendel Beilis "to reaffirm my own Jewishness and for generations in the future."

Beilis was falsely accused of murdering a 13-year-old Christian boy in Poland in 1913 to use the child's blood in making matzot.

Albert Maysels, 74, who is married to a Catholic, recently told the Toronto Jewish Film Festival (TJFF) that, after a long search, he found Beilis's 92-year-old daughter in the Bronx and has also spoken to Beilis's three elderly nieces.

Beilis went to Israel after the "blood libel" trial, did not fit in there, and came to Brooklyn where, Maysels said, he was a "failed life insurance salesman." He died in 1941, leaving a wife and five children.

The Beilis case promoted "blood libel" propaganda against Jews in Poland, which, Maysels said, is still prevalent.

The filmmaker, one of the first to use a hand-held camera in "cinéma verité" style, showed a six-minute excerpt of *Jews on Trial* and said he expected the finished product to be shown around the world in a year or two.

The excerpt dealt with the difficulties Maysels had in finding Beilis's daughter, and finally showed her inviting him to lunch at a shelter for women in the Bronx if he could produce 60 cents to pay for his lunch.

Maysels said he has been to Israel three times and intends to go again to track down further details about Beilis's life.

Maysels and his son David visited Kiev last September, obtained a transcript of the trial, visited the prison where Beilis was held for two years, talked to Jews who remembered the case, and charged that Czar Nicholas had engineered the guilty verdict.

He said one of the prosecuting attorneys was so anti-Semitic that he had his office walls plastered with photos of Jewish noses.

He added that, for the first time, he will take a prominent part in the film, because in essence the film is about "what it means to be Jewish."

An artist always puts some of his own biography in his work, he said.

Maysels, a late addition to the TJFF program, was introduced "as one of the great documentary filmmakers of the age," by director Shlomo Schwartzberg, at the free event at the Bloor Cinema.

Maysels referred to one of his films, titled *Salesman*, about four Irish Bible salesmen working in Boston, and compared one of them to his own father, who wanted to be a musician "of clean hands and a pure heart."

The memory of his father has similarly urged him to make a film "from the heart," about the Beilis affair, he said.

Maysels said he found the grave of the young boy supposedly murdered by Beilis in Kiev to be "hyped and covered with flowers," adding that the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox church has recently called for him to be made a saint.

After World War II, he said, a pamphlet attacking the Jews for "blood libel" was distributed in a Polish town and resulted in a pogrom in which 40 Jews died.

Unlike his father, Beilis was not an Orthodox Jew and was working in a brick factory on the Sabbath when he was arrested.

In Kiev people went out of their way to help Maysels, said Ukrainian-born Konstantin Selezen, himself a documentary filmmaker, who acted as interpreter and guide in Kiev, and joined Maysels on the platform.

They were surprised to find a statue of Sholom Aleichem in the city. "That wouldn't have been allowed 20 years ago," Maysels said.

KLEZMER CONCERT: Toronto klezmer band Beyond the Pale celebrates the release of their CD *Routes* (available from Borealis Records) with a concert at the Tranzac Club 292 Brunswick (south of Bloor) on June 3 at 8 p.m. Beyond the Pale is a unique modern ensemble rooted firmly in the spirit and forms of klezmer music. It flirts with elements of other eastern European folk styles (Romanian, Ukrainian, Roma, Balkan) and modern North American styles like reggae and funk. Led by Eric Stein on mandolin and tsimbl, Beyond the Pale includes Anne Lindsay (violin), Sasha Luminsky (accordian), Martin van de Ven (clarinet) and Brent Higgins (bass). They will be joined by guests Dave Wall, Rick Lazar, Josh Engel and Dan Goldman. Call 416-530-4288 or visit www.beyondthepale.net.

FOSSE

The CJN is giving away 6 pairs of tickets to the opening night of **Fosse**. Performance date is Tues., June 19, 8 p.m., at The Pantages Theatre.

Rules: To be eligible to win a pair of tickets to **Fosse**, please print your name, address and daytime phone number on a piece of paper along with the answer to this question:

What year did Fosse win a Tony Award for Best Musical?
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All correct answers received by 3 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2001 are eligible. The winning entry will be randomly selected from all correct answers received at *The CJN* offices on Monday, June 11, at 10 a.m. The winner will be notified the same day. Odds of winning depend on the number of entries received. *The CJN will not enter into any correspondence with contestants.*

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Golf, boating are some of the things to do in Newport Beach

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Nicknamed "The Colourful Coast" for its blue skies, vivid sunsets and sandy white beaches, this southern California resort community has a plethora of activities for visitors.

Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Newport Beach is made up of unique villages including Balboa Island, Balboa Peninsula, Cannery Village, Mariner's Mile, Corona Del Mar, Fashion Island, Newport Center, Lido Marina Village and Back Bay Reserve. The mild Mediterranean-like climate is the reason the population of 70,202 swells to 100,000 every summer. Newport Beach's warm sun and cool sea breezes make it easy to enjoy the many outdoor activities offered. Golf lovers are attracted to the area's greens such as the Aliso Viejo Golf Club, Strawberry Farms Golf Club and Tustin Ranch Golf Club. The Pelican Hill Golf Club, near Newport's financial and hotel districts offers two award-winning courses.

Golf Magazine wrote, "Pelican Hill Golf Club offers the 36 best holes of public access golf in Southern California."

Bicycles and boats can be rented throughout the Newport Beach community. A wond-erful place to explore by foot, kayak, canoe or bike is the Upper Newport Bay Ecolog-ical Reserve or "Back Bay", a 752-acre coastal wetland and home to 200 rare and endangered bird species.

It is Southern California's largest estuary, with a salt-water marsh ecosystem. Free two-hour walking tours are offered the first and third Saturday each month, departing from Shellmaker Island at 9 am.

Newport Beach annually hosts the Newport To Ensenada International Yacht Race where participants from around the world spend two days sailing from Orange County to Mexico over the last weekend in April.

Tourists wishing to do some boating on their own, can pick from a number of charter companies including sail, power or electric boats from Blue Dolphin Sailing Club or partake in a romantic gondola ride with a singing gondolier from Adventures at Sea.

Other boating activities include whale-watching outings, sports fishing, deep-sea fishing off Catalina Island and party boating. Newport Beach is a magnet for boaters, as witnessed at many of the marina docks — bursting with impressive yachts. It is one of the largest small yacht harbours in the world.

A wonderful way to view the boating activities including the Newport To Ensenada International Yacht Race is from Lookout Point and Inspiration Point at the "Crown of the Sea" — the coastal village with small-town charm — Corona Del Mar. While there, be sure to stop by Roger's Gardens a large, lush, manicured nursery with exotic flowers, bushes and trees, where free gardening seminars and a variety of attractive events are offered all year round.

There are a number of beautiful sandy beaches including the Newport Beach Municipal Beach great for surfing, and volleyball, and Corona Del Mar Beach – perfect for snorkeling. Balboa Island offers beaches at the end of each quaint narrow street.

From Balboa Island you can drive or take a ferry across to check out the beach at Balboa Peninsula and then hang out at the historic Fun Zone featuring a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, bumper cars and bike, boat and skate rentals — a hopping place both day and night.

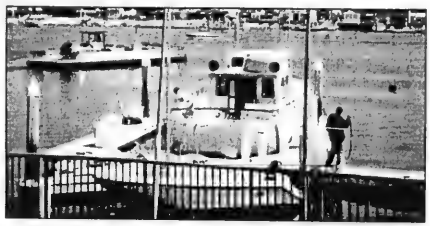
You can enjoy the great outdoors while shopping the quaint boutiques along the picturesque streets.

Lido Marina Village is a European style open-air marketplace with tree-lined cobblestone roads. Even the shopping mecca, Fashion Island, boasts over 200 stores and has a wonderful outdoor area to catch a few rays in between spending.

Newport Beach offers its guests a wide choice of accommodations at several price points, be it a beachfront or inland B & B, boutique hotels, long-term rental property or upscale resort.

Resort properties of note include the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Tennis Club, Marriott Suites, Hyatt Newporter, The Radisson Hotel, The Sutton Place Hotel and the very elegant Four Seasons.

Newport Beach is just 10 minutes from Orange County's John Wayne International Airport, named in honour of the late actor and resident of the area. Newport Beach is 80 km south of Los Angeles and 163 km north of San Diego. Conveniently located only 20 minutes from Disneyland and the new Disney's California Adventure, you can go to the beach in the morning and be at the theme parks by the afternoon.



The ferry from Balboa Island to Balboa Peninsula (above) where you can hang out at the Fun Zone (left). [Kathryn Kates photos.]

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Becel Ride for Heart planned for June 3

TORONTO — Some 13,500 cyclists and in-line skaters will take part in the 2001 Becel Ride for Heart in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario on June 3, at 7:15 a.m.

Participants will include three-time Olympic rowing medalist Marnie McBean and three-time Canadian figure skating champion Josée Chouinard.

The research and health promotion activities of the Heart and Stroke Foundation are vital to the well-being and longevity of all Canadians as heart disease and stroke are Canada's leading causes of death.

"This year's goal is to raise $1.5 million," says Rick Gallop, president of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

The Ride for Heart follows a new route that starts at the west entrance to the Canadian National Exhibition grounds, at British Columbia Drive and Lakeshore Boulevard. Cyclists will take the Gardiner Expressway to the Don Valley Parkway to complete either a 25-km or a 50-km route that loops back to the CNE. Both the Gardiner and the Don Valley will be closed to other traffic.

For the first time, in-line skaters will be able to skate the Gardiner Expressway, and three routes of 2.5-km, 5-km and 10-km are available. In-line skaters will line up for an 8:15 a.m. start time in the north lane along Lakeshore Boulevard. The startline is on British Columbia Drive.

After the ride, cyclists and skaters will enjoy a free lunch, entertainment, a massage and a visit to a health and fitness expo.

Participants can register at four check-in centres in the GTA between May 31 and June 2: Scarborough Cedarbrae Public Library, Toronto Public Library, Mississauga Civic Centre, and Mitchell Field Community Centre.

Event-day registrations will occur at the Better Living Centre on the CNE grounds between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. for cyclists, and between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. for in-line skaters.

The 2001 Becel Ride for Heart will take place rain or shine for cyclists; heavy rain could force the skating event to move to an indoor location.

For further information, please contact Diane Hargrave, Donna Nopper and Jennifer Asling at 416-467-9954.

100 YEARS: Pearl Steinberg, a resident of Baycrest's Apotex Centre, Jewish Home for the Aged, celebrated her 100th birthday on May 1. With her in the photo is son Dr. Murray Buchman. Steinberg has six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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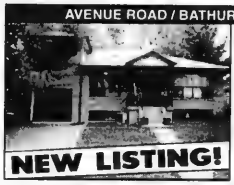

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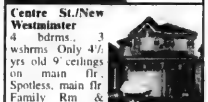

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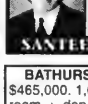

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Former Watchmen drummer networking in Toronto for Winnipeg bands

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Sammy Kohn is a musician of a different suit. For 12 years, Kohn has been the drummer for The Watchmen, one of Winnipeg's most successful rock bands.

Early this year, he left the group (which also consists of two other Jewish musicians: Danny Greaves and Joey Serlin) and moved to Toronto to pursue a new career in music management.

"It was a fantastic experience being with the Watchmen," Kohn says. "I got to travel the world. We made four albums, two with major Canadian labels. I fulfilled every dream I set out to achieve as a teenager. It was my college education. I have nothing but good things to say about my bandmates. I love and respect them, but I felt that it was time for a parting of the ways."

In Toronto, Kohn is staffing Studio II Entertainment Ltd.'s first office outside of Winnipeg. Studio II is a Winnipeg-based recording and artist management facility that won Studio of the Year honours at the 2000 Prairie Music Awards.

Last summer, Jason Gordon, another successful young Jewish rock musician, bought a partnership in the company which had recorded his band, Frenzee.

"Working with Studio II gives me the opportunity to refine my skills in the entertainment management side of the business," Kohn says. "My role here is to network on behalf of our clients. There is a wealth of opportunity in Toronto. I am meeting people in the industry here who will benefit our company and the Winnipeg-based bands we represent."

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School board move may affect CHAT

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"The Canadian Reform movement strongly supports the issue of fair funding for independent religious schools. We speak with one voice as a constituent of Canadian Jewish Congress when Ed Morgan says… that the tax credit is warmly welcomed in the Jewish community.

"We live in a diverse society where cultural differences are celebrated and the rights of minorities must be protected. Our educational system is a reflection of the larger society in which we live, and as such, must meet the needs of Ontario's faith communities," she wrote.

A suggestion to the TDSB by some school trustees to prevent independent schools from leasing facilities previously used by public schools "is thoughtless and contrary to the spirit of inclusiveness upon which Canada prides itself," Morgan said.

"This proposal is a clear expression of intolerance and flies in the face of the Ontario Human Rights Code, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion," he added.

Some of the schools that may be affected if the board goes ahead with its proposals include Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) and Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah.

If the proposal is ever passed, schools looking for new space could also be affected, said UJA FEDERATION director of communications, Howard English.

–With files from Anna Morgan.

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Single female, 49 yrs, red hair, sensuous, spontaneous, compassionate, affectionate, enjoys holding hands, cuddling, good listener, seeks male, 55 plus, gentle, kind, spiritual, looks not an issue, its what's inside that counts. **AD#1221**

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Widowed Jewish female, 50'ish, professional, attractive, honest, caring and sharing, stable, good morals, seeks male, Jewish, 50-58 yrs, for long term relationship. **AD#1801**

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Single Jewish male, 40+, grey blue eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, companionate, good sense of humour, enjoy the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, seeks female, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, orthodox preferred, intelligent, with similar interests. **AD#1188**

CALL ME
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue eyes, warm sincere, gentle, compassionate,good communicator, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking cooking, seeks female, othodox, preferred, 35-45 yrs, intelligent, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1600**

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FRIENDS 1ST
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COOKING UP FUN
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SEEKING SOULMATE
Single Jewish male, 52 yrs, non smoker, 5' 2", enjoys working out, quiet romantic evenings, outdoor activities, seeks female, 40-50 yrs, for serious relationship. **AD#1448**

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
Single Jewish male, 54 yrs, real estate agent, and writer, handsome, healthy, intelligent, seeks female, young attractive, and ready to start a family. **AD#1208**

NO FLAKEY
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LOOKING FOR YOU
Single male, 53 yrs, professional, fit, active, 2 university aged children, enjoys politics, the arts, adventure, travel, seeks Jewish female for a mature relationship. **AD#1606**

LIKES TO COOK
A single man who stands 5' 6", weighs 180 lbs, and has dark brown hair, seeks someone for a long relationship. He enjoys movies, long walks, cooking television and sports **AD#1386**

FRIENDS 1ST
Single Jewish male, 33 yrs, professional, educated, slim, intelligent, handsome, enjoys reading, bridge, going to synagogue, exercising, strong family, family values, seeks female, Jewish sensitive, mid to late 20's, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1367**

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HERE I AM
Single male, Jewish, 55 yrs, professional, fit, handsome, sincere, sensitive, intelligent, enjoys sports, travel, good conservation, seeks female, 40's, attractive, bright, warm, open, sincere, thoughtful, emotionally, stable, for playful, loving relationship **AD#1467**

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'Forgive and forget,' says MVP coach Brown

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Larry Brown, head coach of the National Basketball Association's (NBA) Philadelphia 76ers, feels it's time to forgive and forget, after the controversial comments made by New York Knicks stars Allan Houston and Charlie Ward a few weeks ago.

"It's disappointing," he said in an exclusive interview with *The CJN* before the sixth game of the quarter finals against the Toronto Raptors. "I think it's kids really not knowing what they're saying and not being well educated, but I believe they're both quality guys that just made a mistake... Sometimes you say silly things without thinking about it."

Larry Brown

Brown did not want to comment on whether NBA Commissioner David Stern's reprimand was severe enough, but he said the apology Houston and Ward were required to give is sufficient.

"As long as they're ready to say they made a mistake, I'll accept that."

Brown said he has never encountered any anti-Semitism during his career in the NBA, and that his team cares about each other and about him.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and raised in Long Beach, N.Y., Brown said his grandfather was a Conservative Jew from the "old country."

"Being Jewish was important to my family and they made me understand that and be proud I was Jewish," Brown said.

He said that he was fortunate to have played in the 1961 Maccabi Games in Israel, and that seeing his grandfather's family was "kind of neat."

The issue of religion in the NBA became controversial when New York Knicks coach Jeff van Gundy said, in response to pre-game prayer sessions, that "the two worst things to happen to the NBA were God and golf," but Brown said he is not opposed to prayer before games.

"If it's not offensive to any of my players, [it's OK]. We do it as a team and we take into consideration [the fact that there are] a whole bunch of different religions, but generally everybody does it in his own way."

Brown's life philosophy and message to every child who dreams of becoming a professional athlete is to aim for excellence.

"The most important thing if you're going to play a sport or do anything, is to do the best you can. The only failure I ever see is when you don't try."

The essential thing, he said, is to study hard at school and be a good person.

In his 19 seasons coaching in the NBA Brown has compiled a .555 record, placing him 10th on the NBA's all-time victory list. In 1998-99, he became the first coach in the league's history to guide six franchises to the playoffs.

Brown was recently named NBA Coach of the Year for the 2000-2001 season.

Western wrestler grapples with disappointing result

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It still pains Seth Ross to talk about the OUAA championships. A medal was clearly within his grasp, but the Montreal native had what he readily admits was a "disappointing'" tournament against some of Canada's top freestyle wrestlers.

Fighting in the 54 kilogram weight category – "a tough weight class" – Ross finished fifth, a far cry from his usually excellent results at other top events. Earlier in the year, for example, the University of Western Ontario grappler finished second in the Ontario Junior Provincial Championships. At an open tourney at McMaster, he pushed a four-time CIAU champion to the limit before losing.

Prior to his university career, the 19-year-old was twice champion of the Greater Montreal Athletic Association and last year, as a CEGEP student at Dawson College, he won the junior provincial championship in Quebec.

Tack on a couple of wins at the Loyola Tournament and a silver at the Omnium, an open event in la belle province, and it becomes clear Ross has the stuff to excel as a wrestler.

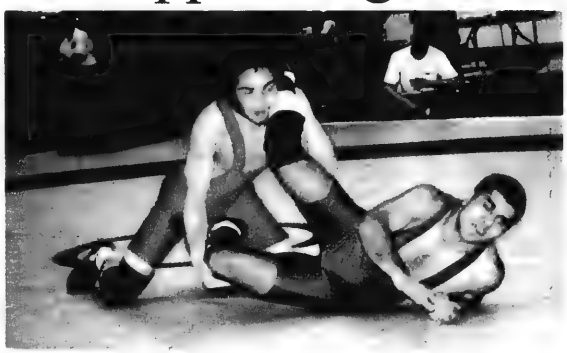
At the OUAA event, however, things did not go his way. Ross dropped a tough 5-3 decision to Nick Zuback, last year's CIAU silver medalist. He followed that up with an 11-10 loss to Amit Saini of McMaster, after seeing a 10-4 lead slip away.

"It's too painful going over it," he remarked.

Ross has some consolation, however. He expects to be part of the Canadian wrestling team at this summer's Maccabiah Games in Israel, which get under way on July 16.

"It's always been a goal for me," he said.

Ross has been around wrestling for most of his life. His father, Max, was a competitive wrestler in high school and although he didn't push him into the sport, eight years ago his brother Zack shlepped him along to a practice.


Ross (left) in a mid-match grip.

The coach at the Montreal Wrestling Club, Viktor Zilberman, a legendary judge of talent, picked Ross out of the crowd "and asked me to go to practice."

For Ross, wrestling is "a natural thing for people too short to play basketball," as well as "a controlled outlet for aggression."

A fan of other contact sports – he's also played rugby and football – Ross advanced quickly in the freestyle format.

He developed strong points in a "cross ankles" move, a ground tactic that involves forcing an opponent's ankles to cross and then twisting the foe so he rolls over for a two-point score.

He also sports "a decent shoulder throw," but his main strength is his use of tactics.

"Wrestling," he says, "is physical chess.

"I'm not as quick as other guys in my weight category. I think the key for me is being smarter than the opponent, anticipating and making up for my average quickness. Experience helps me see things coming. I'm more likely to set things up," he said.

Ross' smarts are borne out by his CEGEP marks, which were in the 93 percent range. Couple that with his extracurricular activities as president of the school, class valedictorian and editor of the yearbook, and it's understandable that Ross earned a full scholarship at Western worth $6,000 a year.

Ross is studying English and philosophy. He plans to eventually enter business school.

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Joseph Edery tourney at BJCC

TORONTO — A basketball tournament in memory of Joseph Edery will take place Sunday, June 3 at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre.

Edery died April 6 of last year at the age of 17.

Money raised from the double elimination 3-on-3 tournament will go toward sending teenagers to Israel, and to other charitable causes which benefit Jewish teens.

The entry fee is $10 per person (maximum four members per team). Applications are available at their Web site, www.jembasketball.com. For information, call 905-763-7278.

Recommended Reading

Fiction

• **The Daughters Victorious: A Dramatization of the Torah Story of the Daughters of Zelapchad. Based on Teachings from the Talmud and Midrash,** *by Shlomo (Stanley) Wexler,* Gefen Publishing House, $44.95 HC.

This heart-wrenching, historical novel by a true scholar demonstrates the heights to which women can aspire from a Torah perspective. A great read – you won't be able to put it down. (The author will be at Israel's Eglinton for a reading on Sunday, June 24, 7:30 p.m.)

• **The Further Adventures of Menachem Mendl,** *by Sholem Aleichem,* Syracuse University Press, $45.99 HC.

Previously unpublished in the United States, this classic collection about one of Yiddish literature's most beloved characters has been translated into English by Aliza Shevrin.

• **Misplaced Love,** *by Maggie Dwyer,* Turnstone Press, $16.95 SC.

An interesting collection of bittersweet stories, most of which are set in Winnipeg's Jewish community. (The author was chosen by Carol Shields to be a part of CBC Radio's Festival of Fiction.)

Non-Fiction

• **Israelis and the Jewish Tradition,** *by David Hartman,* Yale University Press, $31.50 HC.

"A daringly original interpretation of the meaning of Judaism, that antagonistic attitudes toward other strains of Judaism than one's own... must not be part of our understanding of what Judaism means today." –Hilary Putnam, Harvard University.

• **Radical Then, Radical Now,** *by Jonathan Sacks,* HarperCollins, $23.95 SC.

This profound work by the Cambridge and Oxford-educated chief rabbi of Great Britain discusses the indispensable contribution of Judaism to humanity and the future of the Jewish people (Note: It is the softcover version of *A Letter in the Scroll.*)

• **Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses,** *by Bruce Feiler,* William Morrow, $39.50 HC.

A fascinating and moving account of the author's trip to the Middle East to visit the biblical sites. Includes discussions with people of various faiths who live and breathe the spirituality of the region.

• **The Foods of Israel Today: More than 300 Recipes – and Memories – Reflecting Israel's Past and Present Through its Many Cuisines,** *by Joan Nathan,* Alfred A. Knopf, $60 HC.

"An extraordinary journey through the Land of Israel and the development of modern Israeli food. I was delighted to visit all the different ethnic communities..." –Teddy Kollek, former mayor of Jerusalem.

Children

Ages 6 and up

• **Take Me to the Holy Land: A Youngster's Tour of Eretz Israel,** *by Tsivia Yanofsky,* Mesorah Publications, $33.99 HC.

One of the finest books for children (and adults!) on Israel. Written by a well-respected educator, it includes wonderful explanations of the sites, captivating photographs, interesting facts and a question corner.

Ages 3-8

• **A Cloak for the Moon,** *retold by Eric Kimmel,* Holiday House, $26.95 HC.

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1 tsp. minced onions
salt & pepper

Mix all ingredients but the cheese. Put into greased pie pan and bake 1/2 hr. at 350°F. Top with cheese and bake 1/2 hr. more.
Yield: 6 servings.

Dear Karilani,

Prom is coming up and I don't have a date. All of my friends are going with dates and no one has asked me. I feel so unwanted and left out. I don't understand why no one wants to invite me to the prom. What do you think I should do?

Unwanted

About Teens

Dear Unwanted,

First things first. You have to stop being so hard on yourself. I'm sure there are people who would like to invite you to the prom but are too shy to ask. If you want to go with someone, there is no rule saying that you can't ask him. There is a stigma about girls not asking guys out, but we're living in the year 2001. Times have changed. That stigma does not apply anymore.

Also, who says you have to go with a "date?" I think you'll find you have more fun when you go with just a friend, guy or girl, or a group of friends. You can't possibly be the only one without a date. So go find that other friend who is feeling like you and go with him or her.

There is no reason that you should feel left out. I'm sure many of your friends are stuck with dates they don't even want to go with. So, really you are in a better situation than they are because you can choose who you go to the prom with. Think about who you would have the most fun with and ask him. I'm sure whoever you ask will be relieved that someone asked. You will feel really good about it afterwards.

If that person already has a date, no big deal. Just ask someone else. The key here is to go with the people you'll have the best time with. It is your prom after all.

Dear Karilani is written on a rotating basis by three high school students. The drawing is a composite. We welcome questions from our readers. Please mail, e-mail or fax them to The CJN.

Crossword Puzzle

The Canadian Jewish news

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across

1 Circle of activity
5 Linden and others
9 Miss by ___
14 Lots
15 Using to sit on
16 Like a Jewish ghetto established in 1555
17 With 1-down, Asher Ginsberg's alter ego
18 Elat sight
19 Eat away
20 Hillary Rodham Clinton's least favorite Jew, maybe
23 Lie ill
24 Compass pt.
25 First of twelve
29 Kilmer of "The Doors"
31 ___ Omer
35 One of Spielberg's prizes
36 Hillel and Shammai
38 "September" star Farrow
39 Koch's domain
42 Long time
43 Island festivals
44 Supermarket section
45 Pipe part
47 Three to Primo Levi
48 Bowling locales
49 "I ___ Rock"
51 "___ see it..."
52 Herb Gardner play that became a 1996 Walter Matthau movie
60 Part of a biblical phrase about retribution
61 Israeli city
62 Ron Howard role
63 Dickensian start
64 Hasidic man's body part you can't see
65 Joe holders
66 *Odessa Tales* author Isaac
67 Morays
68 "Hey, buddy!"

Down

1 See 17-across
2 Emperor after Galba
3 Reddish-brown
4 "The King ___"
5 Bette Midler's home state
6 To any degree
7 Tangential subject for Dr. Ruth
8 Spout, as rhetoric
9 Moshe of politics
10 Bit
11 "You alright?" answer
12 Kenny Rogers hit
13 Chemical suffix
21 Library cubicle
22 British ___
25 Schleps
26 "___ the Sheriff"
27 Piece of Tony Kushner
28 Legendary US Air Force General ___ Arnold
29 Treasure
30 Rock of ___
32 Keep entertained
33 Feminine
34 Caan's "Misery" costar
36 Go a few rounds
37 One of Ginsburg's colleagues
40 Lash ___ (attack)
41 Saudi asset
46 Place for the menorah, maybe
48 Some poplars
50 Holy cutter
51 Passover's month, usually
52 Littlest amount
53 One of Lot's sons
54 "The Jewish ___"
55 Aspirin target
56 Circumstance go-with
57 "Mr. Holland's ___" (Richard Dreyfuss movie)
58 Fixes
59 Brandeis event
60 It's picked up in bars

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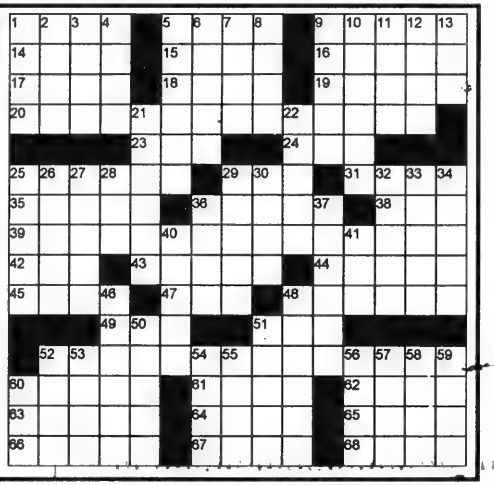

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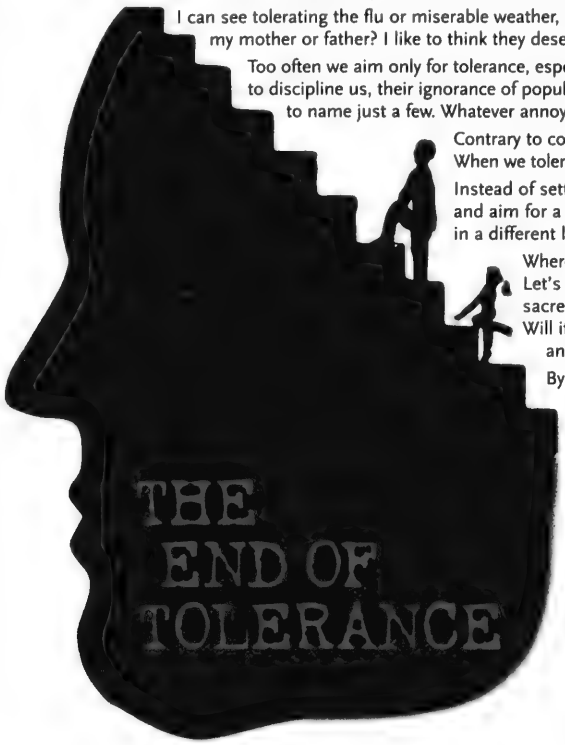
When it comes to relationships, tolerance is way overrated.



I can see tolerating the flu or miserable weather, but the idea of having to tolerate, for example, my mother or father? I like to think they deserve more than that.

Too often we aim only for tolerance, especially with our parents. At one point or another, we tolerate their attempts to discipline us, their ignorance of popular culture, their opinions on our career choices, their bouts of crankiness, to name just a few. Whatever annoys us, we tolerate, and that's on a good day.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, though, tolerance is not a virtue but a negative mindset. When we tolerate something, we grit our teeth and quietly endure. We survive with silence.

Instead of settling for the meager rewards of tolerance, I suggest we go for broke and aim for a *timeless connection* with our parents, one that lets us see the relationship in a different light.

Where do we go to create this timeless connection? Outside our comfort zone. Let's imagine, if you'll forgive me, that we're at our parents' funeral. In that sacred moment of reflection, will their character flaws still seem so annoying? Will it matter who was right and who was wrong? Will we look back, perhaps, and grieve the absence of a second chance?

By staring into the eyes of eternity, we melt the ice of tolerance and learn to *embrace* it all – good and bad – with an infinite heart. We transcend the thought of judgement, open our eyes, and see our parents as who they really are: eternal partners, whose destinies are forever intertwined with ours.

It's with this consciousness of infinity that we give our parents what they want most from us, which I believe is simply this: *to continue the conversation.* They want to know more than anything that there won't be any silence; that we won't say goodbye until the very end. Is there a simpler or deeper connection than that?

In this special issue of OLAM, we honor our parents by continuing the conversation. The Jewish tradition approaches this subject with reverence. The chapter in the Code of Jewish Law dealing with this area has no fewer than 25 specific laws, each elaborated upon by subsequent generations of scholars. So the simplicity of the Fifth Commandment – honor thy father and mother – is just the beginning. It's up to us to learn, to explore, to run with it.

We've had a lot of fun running with it. When I first mentioned to a friend that I wanted to devote a whole issue of OLAM to our parents, he kidded me that it was good for "one or two articles." As our contributing writers have shown, however, this is one conversation that will always continue.

Editorial by David Suissa

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One of the joys of living in California is that parents get to choose when to introduce their children to the reality of snow. When my twins reached the ripe old age of 8, my wife and I decided that the time had arrived. So we packed up our van and took off for a weekend away at Lake Arrowhead, about two hours outside of Los Angeles and a world away.

Once we were well on our way, Shira, my daughter, asked me to turn on the radio, and she told me which station she wanted. It was a contemporary rock station, and I'm not sure what amazed me more: that I didn't think that anything they were playing was music, or that Shira could correctly identify the singer and band for each and every song they played. On the secular side, the gap between her generation and my own is almost total.

A few more miles down the road, my wife and son had fallen asleep, leaving me and Shira alone to talk. Shira started our conversation by informing me that the boys in her class play a fantasy game in which they pretend to be kings. After explaining to her that this may be a male trait (which continues well into adulthood), I asked her if she would want to be a king or queen. "Yes", she said, "wouldn't you?"

"No," I told her. "A king has to be in public all the time. A king has to attend endless banquets, and never gets to just relax."

"Well," she informed me, "I would like to have a [illegible] myself for the display of ma[illegible]." Following, I asked Shira, "What would you do with a large sum of money if you had it?" And there the miracle of Torah broke through the generation gap:

"*Abba*," she said, "if I had a lot of money I would give it to *tzedakah* (charity). I'd build hospitals and lots of schools. And I'd make sure that poor people had enough to eat every day..." She paused, and then added, "...and I'd save enough to build myself a swimming pool to hold me and a few friends."

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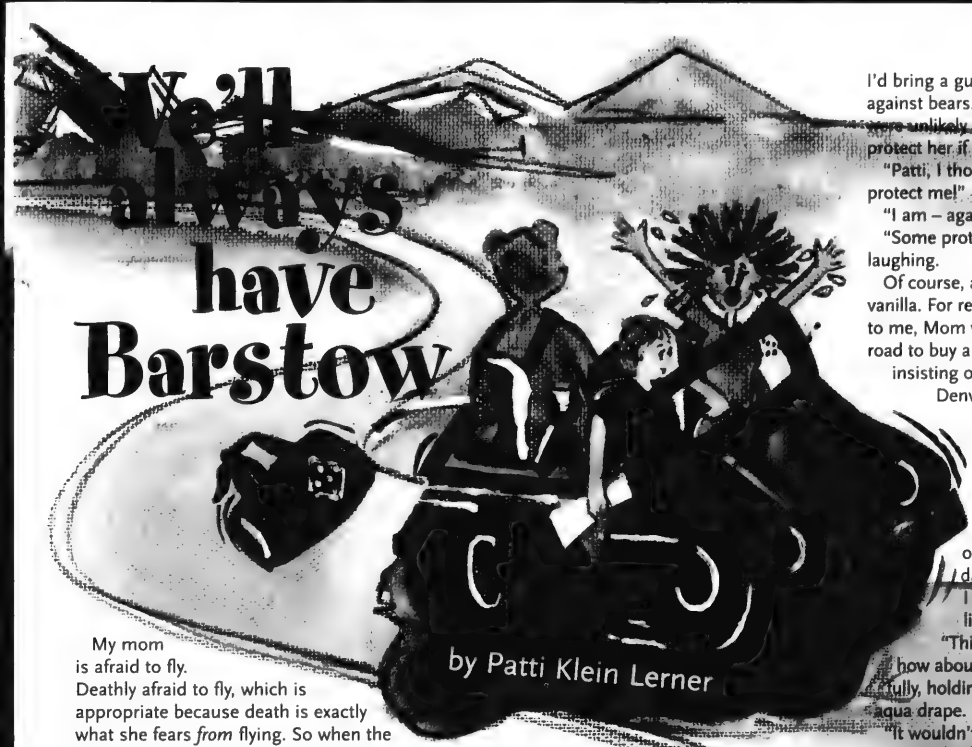

by Patti Klein Lerner

My mom is afraid to fly. Deathly afraid to fly, which is appropriate because death is exactly what she fears *from* flying. So when the invitation arrived for my cousin's wedding 1,500 miles across the country in St. Paul, I capitalized on that fear, exploiting it for my own selfish purposes. I saw it as a chance to honor my mother, something I'd never been very good at. Oh, I love my Mom and she loves me, but to call our early relationship "rocky" would be to paint too rosy a picture. The phrase "constantly at each other's throats" is more like it.

What to do to repair the breach? Why, of course, take a three-week, 3,000-mile road trip together, I decided with the special brand of clarity for which I am noted. The rest of the family would fly to the wedding, but Mom and I would drive, stopping to camp along the way, as money was tight. Also, I yearned to show Mom the splendor of our nation's rivers, mountains and forests. Heck, I yearned to spend an hour with Mom without fighting.

Mom was pushing 60 and had never camped before, but she didn't want me going alone; she'd come along to protect me. The day of the trip, I was happy to see her waiting outside her apartment, packed and ready, right on schedule. She had sewn herself three duffel bags from scratch, one each for clothes for her "top and bottom halves" and another with giant bottles of shampoo and tissues enough to last a large family through 60 bouts of the common cold. "You said I shouldn't bring big bulky suitcases," Mom said.

An hour later, with Mom repacked, we set off, happy and excited. So far so good, I thought. Then my car sputtered to a stop along a barren stretch of Interstate 15 outside Barstow. It was 5 p.m. but the temperature was 105 degrees. Now, my mom is from Minnesota, and she is not shy about letting you know how much she hates to be hot. "I can't stand this heat," she'll say when the mercury reaches 75 or so. I thought briefly about impaling myself on a cactus, deciding instead to brace myself for the inevitable verbal explosion.

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But lo and behold, Mom was mum. She smiled and calmly suggested walking to the nearest gas station. "What good will complaining do?" Mom asked cheerfully.

A further miracle ensued. We found a mobile car repairman in Barstow who had us back on the road within hours. By the next evening, Mom and I were sitting under the ponderosa pines at our Bryce Canyon campsite, breathing in the vanilla-scented air.

At dusk, a skunk ambled into our campsite. I jumped on the picnic table and made frantic motions with my arms. "Patti!" cried Mom, who had barely let me possess a water pistol in my youth, but who nevertheless had hoped I'd bring a gun on the trip to protect us against bears. I'd reassured her that we were unlikely to see a bear, but that I would protect her if one appeared.

"Patti, I thought you were going to protect me!"

"I am – against bears. This is a skunk."

"Some protector you are!" Mom said, laughing.

Of course, all was not pine trees and vanilla. For reasons that are still a mystery to me, Mom waited until we were on the road to buy a dress for the wedding, insisting on stopping at every mall from Denver to Minneapolis. Why, I wondered, would a woman who lives in Los Angeles want to shop for a wedding dress in Cheyenne, Wyoming? I longed to sit by gurgling rivers, watching the leaves on the trees ripple in the dappled sunlight. Instead I sat on hard mall benches listening to muzak.

"This dress looks good, Mom – how about this one?" I suggested hopefully, holding up a diaphanous aqua drape.

"It wouldn't look good on me," Mom said.

"Try it on and see," I urged.

"No!"

"Well how about this one?" I asked,

"I don't like the neckline. I want a V-neck," Mom said.

"Why didn't you buy a dress in Los Angeles?" I snarled.

"I didn't find anything that looked good. Now *leave* me alone!" Mom said enunciating every word through gritted teeth.

"I'm giving up my vacation time for this." I griped.

"I want to go home!" Mom trumped me.

I wish I were the kind of person who could honor my mother by smiling sweetly as she tried on every dress in America. I am, in fact, the kind of daughter who gets sucked into a screaming fight on a St. Paul street corner when the national dress dragnet still had not produced a suitable frock. Mom ended up wearing the same dress she had hauled across the country in her homemade duffel bag.

But despite the fights, by the end of the trip my now veteran camper Mom and I were undeniably closer. Together, we'd climbed mountains literally and figuratively. I would do it again tomorrow, and so would she. And in the meantime, we'll always have Barstow.

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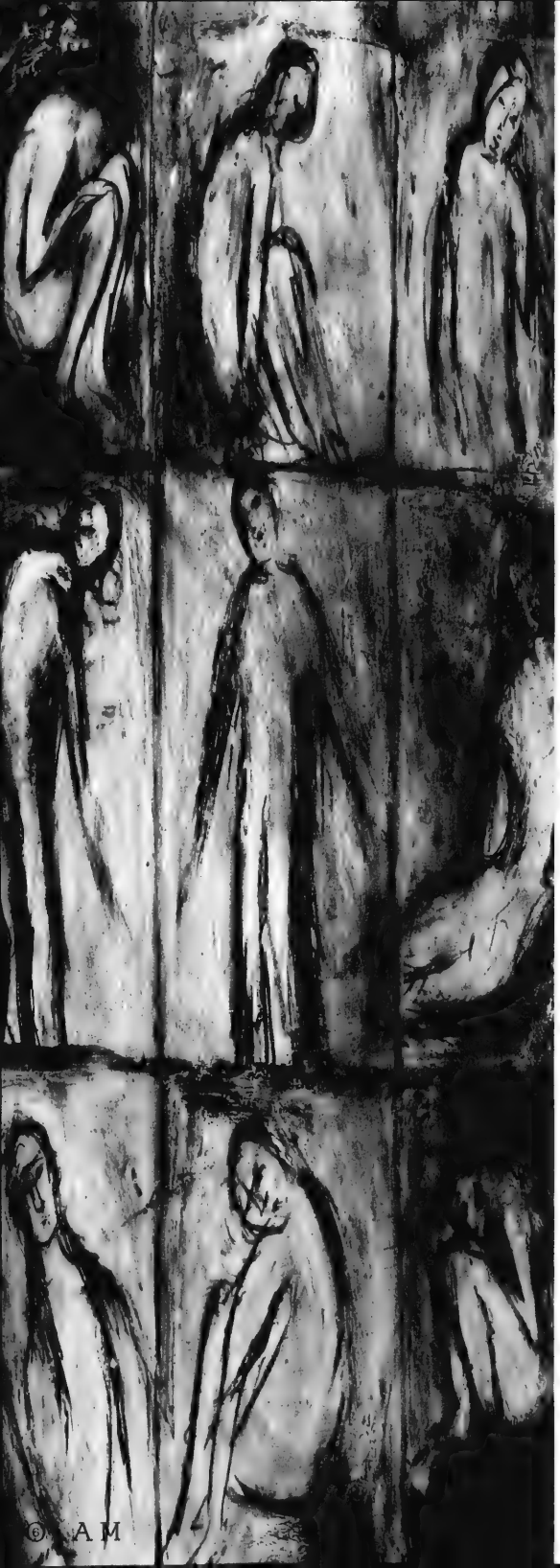

Why we choose our parents

by Michael Ozair

There is a concept in Jewish mystical thought known as *gilgul,* which can be translated as reincarnation. *Gilgul* does not necessarily mean that a soul in its entirety has been reincarnated; it may only be a *nitzotz,* or spark of a soul, that is reincarnated. That is to say that an individual can possess a *nitzotz* from the soul of someone who has lived previously. *Gilgul* occurs when the preceding incarnation of that soul has more to accomplish.

Rabbi Menashe Ben Israel of the 17th century writes that the word, *gilgul,* in Hebrew letters equals the numerical value of 72, which is also *chesed,* the Hebrew word for kindness. When this type of numerical connection occurs,it implies a conceptual relationship. In this case, reincarnation is seen as the ultimate kindness, in that a soul is given another chance for the refinement of its past and the spiritual advancement of its future.

Ultimately, a soul can never fail. To succeed, the soul will come back as many times as necessary to fulfill its spiritual mission. This is the view of the Kabbalists, who call the process of the soul's returning for the purpose of rectification *tikkun,* or repair. Sometimes it is discussed as the *birur hisaron,* or the clearing of a shortcoming.

If greatness is your soul's destiny, then to achieve it, it's only logical that you have a plan. Just as you would not head off to college without knowing about the school you'll be attending, souls do not randomly incarnate into this world. Rather, souls arrive with a very specific curriculum containing both goals and challenges. Your parents are a big part of that program.

It is in this respect that the Hasidic master Rabbi Yisrael of Rhizin teaches that our souls choose our parents. While the reasons for a soul's choice of parents will vary, it is always significant. Reasons can include past life relationships, or simply the conducive environment that the parents can provide for the soul in achieving its overall goal.

In a broad sense, your parents are the guarantors of your mission. How this works is different in every case. One possibility is that your parents will provide positive mentoring, as guides and as a support system. Another is the opposite – that they will model for you what you do not want to become and thus clarify the positive direction in which you need to go. The key is to know that directly or indirectly, your parents create the fire behind your passion to grow *toward* your spiritual advancement.

Here is an exercise to help you find out what your purpose is in this world and what role your parents are playing in it. Ask yourself these three questions:

1. Regardless of what I do for a living and what my obligations are, what is the theme that most obviously is pushing my soul *forward* in life, day after day?

2. What is the one theme that best describes the force pulling my soul *off track* day after day?

3. What role have my parents played, directly or indirectly, in developing these themes?

Why bother looking at these themes at all? Because through them we can discover the real reason we chose to come here this time around, and as an added bonus, we may discover why we chose our parents to raise us. Ultimately, the biblical commandment does not obligate us to love our parents, but to honor them. Honor in Hebrew is *kibbud,* which literally means "to make heavy". To honor our parents means to acknowledge them as people of tremendous worth in our pilgrimage of life. It demands effort and often requires a tolerance for emotional pain, yet it is the most dignified endeavor of an entire lifetime.

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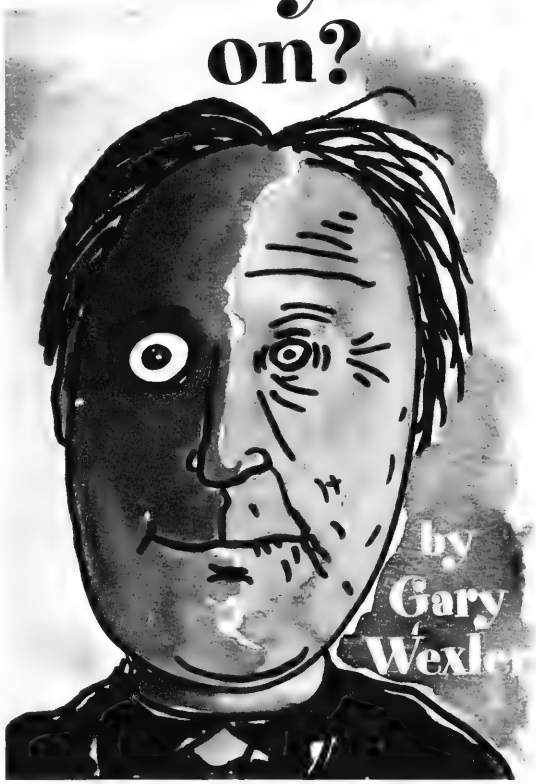
Mr. Wexler, what medications are you on?



My mother is 81. My father is 83. They've just come back from the House of Blues, where they go several times a year with a senior citizens group from Plummer Park and dance the afternoon away. A few months ago, a local news station caught them dancing and they appeared on the 6 o'clock broadcast.

My mother keeps a busy schedule. Recently, she was appointed to some official senior citizens position by the mayor of West Hollywood. She goes to an exercise class three times a week, a Yiddish class once a week and a drama class where she is always the star performer. My father's schedule is whatever my mother tells him to do. Not much has changed over the years.

Every week, it seems another of their friends has died. Each is one of five siblings. And almost all of them have died as well. They are constantly at funerals and shivas. My mother says the phone rings about 50 percent less than it used to. Yet they continue to remanufacture a social circle, going to plays, movies and out to dinner, and travelling. Last year, they took a Yiddish-speaking cruise to the Caribbean. Three weeks ago, my cousin's daughters came in from Chicago and my mother made dinner for 20 people. On Friday nights after Shabbat dinner, my father still lines everyone up – me, my kids, my brother – to give us massages. They're far better than what I get for $60 at the massage place on Ventura Boulevard.

I am in awe of my parents at this point in their lives. They make great old people. I never felt that way about them as middle-aged people. Like most kids, I didn't think my parents were so great. I only saw what was wrong. At the age of 49, soon to be 50, I now want to be just like them. I should live so long.

Last month, my father had a cough and a sore throat. My brother took him to Kaiser because my mother insisted he be seen by a doctor. My father hates doctors and never goes. My mother is at Kaiser almost every day, though there is nothing wrong with her. So the doctor examines my father and says to him, "Mr. Wexler, what medications are you on?"

"What?" my father answers.

The doctor repeats his question.

My father replies, "I don't take any medicines."

The doctor looks at my father's chart. "Mr. Wexler, you are 83 years old."

My father looks at him, "So?"

"What medications are you on?"

"Nothing," my father says with intolerance.

"Let me get this straight," the doctor says. "You are 83 and you take no medication."

"Correct."

"I've never seen this before. Go home. You only have a cold."

My mother seemed to be satisfied.

Yet with all their activity, my parents are obsessed with death. It's all around them. Every week, after they attend their weekly funeral, they call me to come over to rehearse their death plans. "In case anything should ever happen to us, you know where the key is to the vault. Make sure you go there immediately and take out the...."

"Yeah, yeah, yeah, Mom."

"And the funeral plans are paid for with Kaplin at the mortuary. We took care of that years ago."

For two decades I have heard about the funeral plans with Kaplin at the mortuary. Kaplin and the mortuary are both spoken about in hushed reverance as if he is the hovering Angel of Death.

Last week, my mother calls me in a complete panic. They were dancing at the park ... "Boy, you should see those Russians dance" ... and a woman comes to her and says, "Did you hear about Kaplin?"

"No," my mother gasps, believing she is about to hear that Kaplin died.

"He disappeared with hundreds of thousands of dollars in people's funeral monies."

My mother rushes my father out of the park and calls me at work to tell me the news. "You have to come over and bring the envelope with all the funeral plans. Kaplin's disappeared with the money!"

"What money?" I ask.

"The funeral money which we paid him 20 years ago."

I start to laugh. My mother starts to yell.

"What do you think is so funny?" She raises her voice even louder.

We get into this squabble. I am once again 15 years old. Yet, I suddenly realize, she is 81.

I stop. I think. I say to myself, "You are the luckiest guy on earth. You're almost 50 and your parents are still alive, healthy and active. They don't come to you for a thing. They are totally independent. They drive. They go out. They have friends. Their minds and bodies are totally intact. Don't get her upset, you idiot."

I apologize. That night I bring over the funeral plans. I look at my parents. They are 81 and 83 years old. Yet, I cannot imagine that someday, my brother and I will have to use what is in that envelope.

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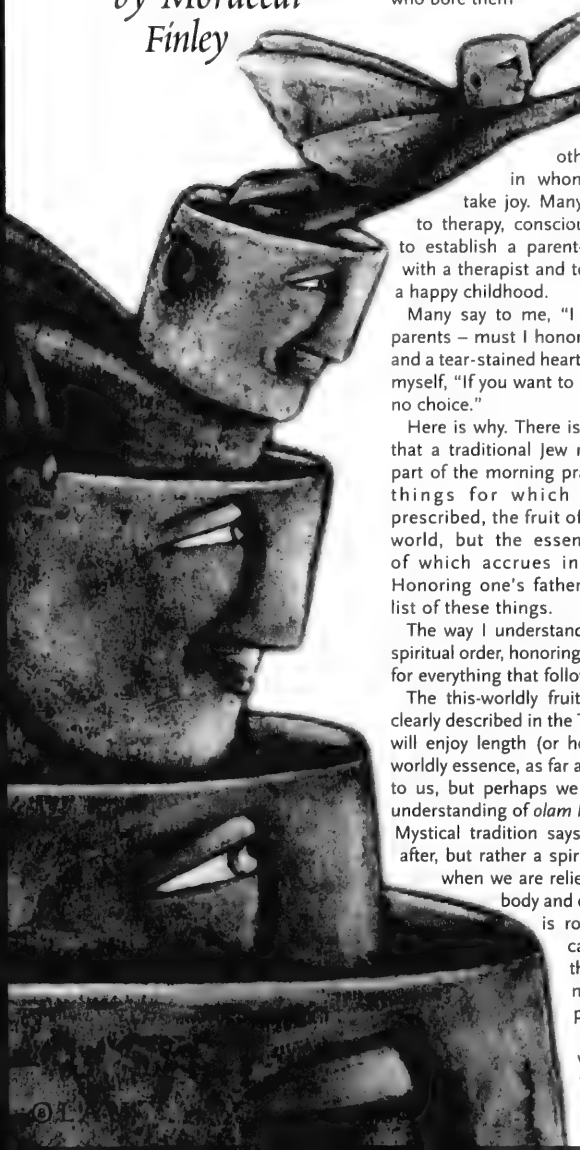
Meet the (deeper) parents

by Mordecai Finley



Our oldest daughter Shulamit, now 7, began a little game with me a few years ago. "Who is your daddy?" I asked her, lifting her up. She smiled in a sure and knowing way and said, "I have two fathers – you and God." The game went on – she soon had two additional parents, Adam and Eve, and as she learned more, Abraham and Sarah were added. When she is older, and I explain that in the kabbalah, one aspect of the inner life of God is divided into two energies, the masculine and the feminine – and called *abba* (Dad) and *ima* (Mom) – I am sure she will be delighted.

If I were to ask her the meaning of "Honor your parents," she would likely ask, "Which ones?"

Which ones, indeed. Many people with whom I have worked in spiritual counseling rue the parents who bore them and have no other parents in whom they can take joy. Many people go to therapy, consciously or not, to establish a parent-child bond with a therapist and to try, once again, to have a happy childhood.

> "try asking yourself: When your parents bore you, and when they looked at you for the first time, do you think their plan was to hurt you?"

Many say to me, "I did not have honorable parents – must I honor them?" I detect a tragic and a tear-stained heart, and reply, heavy-hearted myself, "If you want to get on with life, you have no choice."

Here is why. There is a section in the Talmud that a traditional Jew recites every morning as part of the morning prayers. It says, "There are things for which no set measure is prescribed, the fruit of which you enjoy in this world, but the essence (*keren*, in Hebrew) of which accrues in the world to come." Honoring one's father and mother heads the list of these things.

The way I understand this is that in a certain spiritual order, honoring parents is the foundation for everything that follows.

The this-worldly fruit of honoring parents is clearly described in the Ten Commandments: you will enjoy length (or health) of days. The next-worldly essence, as far as I know, is not explained to us, but perhaps we can detect it in a fuller understanding of *olam ha-ba*, the world to come. Mystical tradition says that this is not a time after, but rather a spiritual dimension we enter when we are relieved of the constraints of body and ego, a consciousness that is rooted in the soul. If you can honor your parents, then your soul-consciousness will carry you to paradise today.

But for those who have very bad parents, how can this be accomplished? Such people may never have learned to feel safe or whole. They often possess an underlying sense of victimhood, and with it an underlying hostility. Told to forgive, they say, "I can't – I am too hurt," or "Too angry."

If this sounds like you, try asking yourself: When your parents bore you, and when they looked at you for the first time, do you think their plan was to hurt you? Undoubtedly they became a mix of what they learned growing up and the holy energy of archetypal parents struggling to get through. Imagine that every parent is constructed of experience plus the divine masculine and feminine energy, and the ideal wholeness of Adam and Eve, and the covenantal love of Abraham and Sarah.

Understand the idiosyncracies of your parents. Odd as this may sound, the negative things parents do to their children are rarely personal; when we hurt those whom we love, it is usually our particular form of craziness coming out – a *ruach shtoot*, as Jewish tradition calls it. Your parents may not even know what they are (or were) doing.

Understand that after a certain point, choosing to stay angry is a spiritual choice. Emotions don't often feel like choices until we access the world of the soul – a realm deeper than our emotions – but from the soul's perspective we can see that emotions don't have a natural, ineluctable form. We can shape them.

Find a tactical way to love, forgive and honor your parents. Sometimes it needs to be at a distance. Full reconciliation may not be possible. But do something, and be sure it is not your own pride or stubbornness getting in the way.

Then, finally, find your deeper parents. Imagine Abraham and Sarah rejoicing to know that their work in founding the Jewish people finds fruition in you. Imagine the full human potential of Adam and Eve in the garden. They know that their way back to the garden is through you; if you live a life of moral dignity and spiritual wholeness, you heal them. Their hope is in you.

Imagine the divine *Ima* and *Abba* pulsing through you, urging you toward balance, joy and holiness.

Honoring parents means honoring all these parents, and in honoring all of them, learning to honor the temporal ones we are sometimes stuck with. It also means making it as easy as we can for our kids to honor us, by fortifying our own bridges to those other, holy parents. Thus may we provide childhoods of safe love, unswerving morality, the experience of joy and the knowledge of the sacred.

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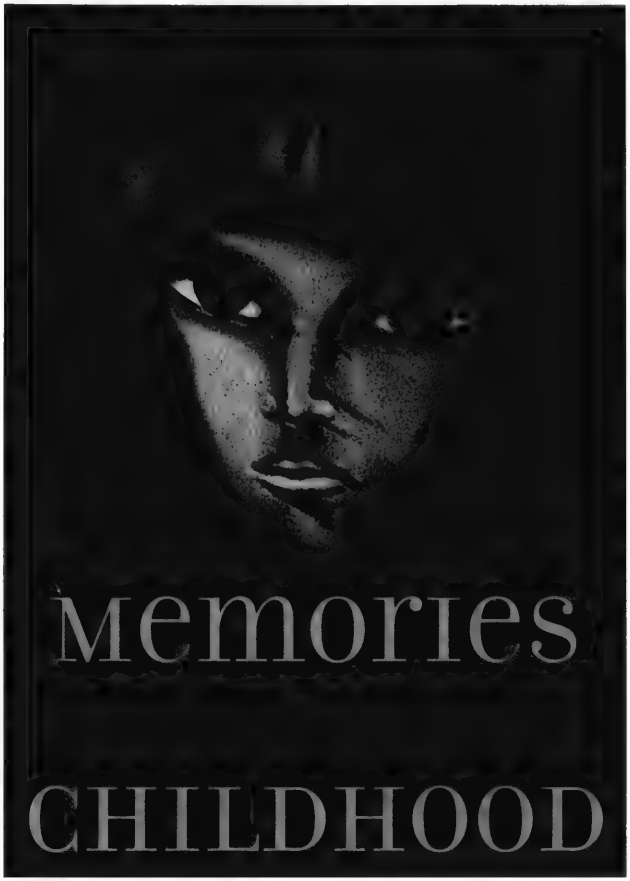

BY MICHAEL JACKSON

When I look back on my childhood, it is not an idyllic landscape of memories. My relationship with my father was strained, and my childhood was an emotionally difficult time for me. I began performing when I was five years old, and my father – a tough man – pushed my brothers and me hard, from the earliest age, to be the best performers we could be.

Although we all worked hard to perform, he never really complimented me. If I did a great show, he would tell me it was a good show. And if I did an OK show, he didn't say anything at all. He seemed intent, above all else, on making us a commercial success. And at that he was more than adept. My father was a managerial genius, and my brothers and I owe our professional success, in no small measure, to the forceful way he pushed us. He trained me as a showman, and under his guidance I couldn't miss a step.

Those of you who are familiar with the Jackson Five know that since I began performing at that tender age I haven't stopped dancing or singing. But while performing and making music undoubtedly remain among my greatest joys, when I was young I wanted more than anything else to be a typical little boy. I wanted to build tree houses, have water balloon fights and play hide-n-seek with my friends. But fate had it otherwise, and all I could do was envy the laughter and playtime that seemed to be going on all around me.

There was no respite from my professional life. But on Sundays I would go "Pioneering", the term used for the missionary work that Jehovah's Witnesses do. It was then that I was able to see the magic of other people's childhood.

Since I was already a celebrity, I had to don a disguise of fat suit, wig, beard and glasses, and we would spend the day in the suburbs of Southern California, going door-to-door or making the rounds of shopping malls, distributing our *Watchtower* magazine. I loved to set foot in all those regular suburban houses and catch sight of the shag rugs and La-Z-Boy armchairs, kids playing Monopoly and grandmas babysitting and all those wonderful, ordinary and starry scenes of everyday life. Many, I know, would argue that these things are no big deal. But to me they were mesmerizing – because they symbolized, to me, a home life that I seemed to be missing.

My father was not openly affectionate with us, but he would show his love in different ways. I remember once when I was about four years old, we were at a little carnival and he picked me up and put me on a pony. It was a tiny gesture, probably something he forgot five minutes later. But because of that one moment, I have this special place in my heart for him. Because that's how kids are, the little things mean so much to them and for me, that one moment meant everything. It was a gesture that showed his caring, and his love. I only experienced it that one time, but it made me feel really good, about him and the world.

And I have other memories too, of other gestures, however imperfect, that showed his love for us. When I was a kid, I had a real sweet tooth – we all did. I loved eating glazed doughnuts, and my father knew that. So every few weeks I would come downstairs in the morning and there on the kitchen counter was a bag of glazed doughnuts – no note, no explanation, just the doughnuts. It was like a fairy godmother had visited our kitchen. It was like Santa Claus. Sometimes, I would think about staying up late so I could see him leave them there, but as with Santa Claus, I didn't want to ruin the magic, for fear that he would never do it again.

I think now that my father had to leave the doughnuts secretly at night so that no one would catch him with his guard down. He was scared of human emotion, he didn't understand it, or know how to deal with it. But, he did know doughnuts.

And when I allow the floodgates to open up, there are other memories that come rushing back, memories of other tiny gestures, however imperfect, that showed that he did what he could.

With hindsight and maturity, I have come to see that even my father's harshness was a kind of love. An imperfect love, sure, but love nonetheless. He pushed me because he loved me. He pushed me because he wanted me to have more than he EVER had, and he wanted my life to be better than his EVER was.

It has taken me a long time to realize this, but now I feel the resentments of my childhood are finally being put to rest. My bitterness has been replaced by blessing, and in place of my anger, I have found absolution. And with this knowledge, that my father loved his children, I have found peace.

Michael Jackson has been performing since the age of 5 and, in his record-breaking career, has been the recipient of nearly every award offered by the music and video industries. The Millennium edition of The Guinness Book of World Records *rated him as the the pop star who supports the most charities. Michael's next album is due out later this year.*

The Fifth Commandment, "Honor your father and mother," is so famous that people rarely stop to consider two odd things about it. First is its presence in the Torah's earliest legal code. New religions usually are interested in alienating children from parents, not in strengthening their relationship.

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Since parents usually try to influence children to conduct their lives with value systems similar to their own, new religious groups, in order to succeed, usually feel that they must wean children away from their parents. Contemporary cults, for example, often attempt to drive a wedge between parents and children. That is why the Torah's mandating the obligation to honor one's parents in its first legal document seems counterintuitive. At a lecture, a listener once challenged my thinking: "Isn't it true," he said, "that God's first commandment to Abraham was to leave his father's home?" I responded,

"It is true. Only he was 75 already; he was entitled." (See Genesis 12:3)

Why then did Judaism, unlike most new religions, insist on the enduring importance of the parent/child relationship? While new religions fear that loyalty to parents will lead to alienation from the religious group, the Hebrew Bible felt that common decency and gratitude obligated a child to remain close to his parents.

Yet despite Jewish law's insistence on honoring one's parents, it insists with equal vehemence that a child should not compromise control of his conscience to his parents. A Talmudic passage rules that, if a father instructs a child to give him a lost object the child has found instead of returning it to its owner, the child should refuse. Since the Bible legislates that lost items must be returned to their owners, a parent does not have the right to insist that the child violate God's law, one which the parent also is obligated to observe. Yet even when refusing the parent's command, Jewish law instructs the child not to break off contact with the parent, and to act respectfully toward him or her. In short, treat your parents with respect even when they are doing something not good; just don't become not good yourself.

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The second surprising feature of the Fifth Commandment is its insistence that we owe our parents honor, while saying nothing about loving them. It is not as if the Torah is reluctant to command love: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18); "And you shall love the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 6:5); "You shall love the stranger [i.e., the non-Jew who lives among you]" (Leviticus 19:34). Why then are we not commanded to love our parents?

One possibility is that parents are included in the command to "Love your neighbor as yourself"; since they too are your "neighbors", you are commanded to love them. But I think the real reason is that the Torah realized that it is harder to command love in a relationship as intimate as that between children and parents; either the love is present or it isn't. In addition, many children, much as they might love their parents most of the time, go through periods of estrangement from them. Thus, what the Torah is offering us is a guideline for behavior even during those periods when we might not be feeling loving toward our parents. Even at those times when we feel our parents have not been fair to us, or even when we have seen them do something we regard as wrong, we are still obligated to honor them. (However, in instances of parents who have physically or sexually abused their children, I believe that children do not owe the parents respect, or anything else for that matter.) This obligation is important to emphasize, since I know of children who, during moments of anger, say awful things to their parents, such as "I wish I had decent parents, not parents like you," or "I hate you." What makes such statements or disrespectful behavior so awful? In addition to being cruel, these are acts of gross ingratitude.

I have a friend who grew up harboring deep resentment toward his parents. He often lamented, "They never really cared about me. They had little time for me, they didn't take my ideas seriously, and they were always getting angry at me."

But one day, his attitude started to soften. It all happened when he became a parent, and found himself getting up at 3 a.m. to bring a bottle to his crying daughter. "I realized then that my parents probably devoted far more hours to me than I had ever previously thought. The fact that I survived to my teenage years with all my fingers and toes intact means that they were watching me far more than I realized. And how could I not be profoundly grateful for that?"

So I would suggest that with all the complex emotions you might feel toward your parents (without such feelings, psychologists would probably lose half their patients), remember to honor them. Three important ways to do so: express gratitude, devote time to them (for example, through regular, frequent phone calls) and when you genuinely feel it, express the love you are feeling. Plenty of adult children don't do this; they make their parents aware of all that the parents did that they regard as wrong, while rarely, if ever, mentioning all that the parents did that was right.

Lewis Grizzard, in *My Daddy Was a Pistol, and I'm a Son of a Gun*, recalls going through his father's few possessions at the hospital where he had died. In his father's coat, Grizzard found a letter that his father evidently had been carrying around for a long time: "It was a letter from me. I had written it six months before. It was short, maybe a page, typewritten. Down at the end, I had given him some grief about straightening out his life. I told him I would have to think twice about inviting him to my house again if he didn't promise he wouldn't show up drinking. I'd just signed my name. I didn't say 'love' or anything. I had just signed my bloody name like I was a real hardass. I still wonder why he carried such a letter around with him for so long. Maybe he kept it as a reminder to do better. I don't know. Maybe he kept it to remind himself his only son was turning on him. Whatever, I never forgave myself for that letter. I can't get it out of my head that he died not knowing how much I loved him."

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The Place

by David Sacks

Anyone who's lost a parent, or any loved one, goes through the inevitable process of wondering whether they've been abandoned by G-d.

Part of an answer comes in the words of consolation we say to someone in mourning. "May G-d console you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem."

Interestingly, the Hebrew word used for G-d here, *HaMakom*, literally means "The Place." May "The Place" reach out to console us. There are many different names for God in Jewish prayer and Torah, each of them opening our eyes to a different aspect of His light and reality. But the name *HaMakom*, "The Place"– or perhaps better, "The Omnipresent One" – is rarely used. Why this special name at this most sensitive time?

Before we can answer, let's look at another expression of the concept of place in Jewish mourning. Ordinarily, we're supposed to have a set place where we pray, either in our home or in shul – our *makom kavuah*. According to Jewish law, during the 12 months of mourning a person must move this place about eight feet from the usual place of prayer. The simple explanation is that in our lives we've experienced a sense of dislocation and this is reflected in our choice of a place of prayer. Maybe it reflects dislocation in our relationship with G-d, as well.

But there's an interesting twist in this *halacha*, which is that on Shabbos, we return to our regular place. This has to do with the special blessing of the day. The Ishbitzer Rebbe asks what the difference is between *simcha* (joy) and *oneg* (bliss). "*Simcha*," he says, "is when G-d gives you something you didn't have before, but *oneg* is when G-d shows you what you've had all along." Shabbos is a time of *oneg*, when G-d lifts us out of the work-a-day week and gives us a heavenly perspective. On Shabbos we can experience oneness between the physical and the material, and the seamless flow that connects them. Thus un-dislocated, we can return to our usual seat in the synagogue.

Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav ties together these various strands with regard to the parting of the soul. Says Rebbe Nachman: "Most people think that when someone dies, he goes from one room to another. But I say when someone dies, he goes from one side of the room to the other side of the same room."

In other words, people may think of this world and the next as two discrete entities, two worlds that are next to each other but otherwise have nothing in common. But the reality is that the universe is one room, not two. And that same Divine energy that enlivens the upper spheres exists below here, albeit in a different external form. Imagine a never-ending road. This is life. At a certain point, we may shed our bodies, but the journey along that same road continues; in fact, we don't even miss a step.

Thus, as much as we think that there's a separation between our departed parent and us, or (worse) between G-d and us, it's really not the case. So G-d consoles us by saying, "I am the Place, so wherever you go and whatever you feel, I am with you." The mourner sees this continuum most clearly on Shabbos, but it is always there.

I once heard Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach comfort someone who had lost her mother. "Now you're closer to your mother than ever," he said. "Because it used to be when you wanted to be with her, you'd have to call her, or she'd call you. But now, the truth is that wherever you go, she's right there with you." And how close is that? According to our Sages, "closer than two hairs on a person's head." This world and the next are completely intertwined.

In those same words of consolation, the word used for "you" – "May God console you among the other mourners of Zion..."– is *etchem* the plural form. Why? According to the Baal Shem Tov, it's because the departed soul needs to be comforted along with the mourner. But the departed are with G-d in the Garden of Eden! Why do they need comforting? Because they're sad that we're sad. Unbelievable.

Thus the Omnipresent One is with each of us in every realm, and we are all a hair's breadth from one another, across time and in every place. The more we understand this, the more we'll be comforted with all the mourners, living and dead.

And now we see how G-d consoles us with the name *HaMakom*. Contained in that name is the realization that wherever we go, and whatever we're experiencing, He is with us. And this is the ultimate comfort for all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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In the mystical tradition of Isaac Luria, the great Tsfat Kabbalist, the erotic, the holy and the elder are of the same essential quality. Of course, erotic in this context refers not to the sexual but to the state of being of which sexuality is only one manifestation. This state is referred to in Hebrew as the state of *Zohar,* or in English as the state of Eros.

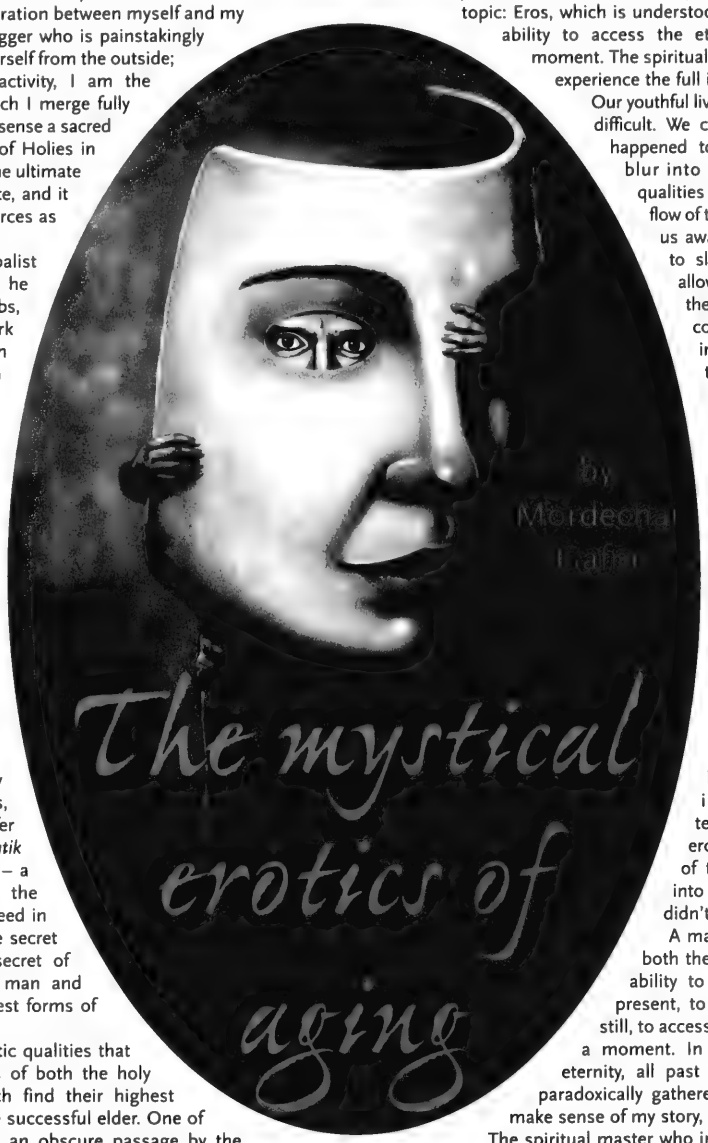
To be erotically engaged is to be holy on the inside. On the inside means that there is no separation between myself and my action. I am no longer a jogger who is painstakingly running, watching him or herself from the outside; I have merged with my activity, I am the running. Any activity in which I merge fully with the experience is in this sense a sacred and "erotic" act. The Holy of Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem is the ultimate religious symbol of this state, and it is referred to in mystical sources as "the inside of the inside."

In this context, the Kabbalist Nachmanides solves what he calls the mystery of the cherubs, who stood above the Ark in the Holy of Holies in Jerusalem. Entwined in intimate embrace, they were a surprising image to find at the fulcrum of the sacred. But by being there, Nachmanides explains, they taught us that redeemed sensuality models the holy. The goal of holiness is to expand the realm of erotic engagement from the sexual to all facets of life, whether exercise, prayer, professional involvement or conversation.

According to that same Kabbalistic tradition, the ultimate role models for this holy Eros are not baby cherubs or youthful adults, but the elderly. Mystics refer to the Holy of Holies as *atik yomin,* the ancient of days – a mystical appellation for the archetype of the elder. Indeed in mystical understanding, the secret of the cherubs and the secret of aging are one. The aged man and woman personify the deepest forms of redeemed Eros.

There are 10 distinct erotic qualities that are primary characteristics of both the holy and the sexual, and which find their highest expression in the life of the successful elder. One of these is best explained in an obscure passage by the Chasidic master Mordechai Lainer, the Rebbe of Ishbitz.

Rabbi Lainer offers a unique interpretation of the Talmud's assertion that Jacob never died. In his view, it means that Jacob never experienced the horror of death, for the pain of death stems from the sharp transition it marks from fleeting temporality to the infinity of eternity. Jacob never underwent this painful transition, for he was already able to taste eternity in his old age. Successful old age, implies Lainer, is the time when we are able to experience the eternity that resides in a moment.



At this point Lainer asks a seemingly unrelated question. Why does the very next passage in the Talmud – after the claim that Jacob never died – discuss Rahav, the famous harlot from the time of Joshua? The passage states that anyone who knew (carnally) Rahav, even if it was many years past, would have an involuntary emission at the mere conjuring of her name.

His implicit answer: because both passages are about the same topic: Eros, which is understood by the text to mean the ability to access the eternity that resides in a moment. The spiritual work of life is to be able to experience the full infinity of every moment.

Our youthful lives make this extraordinarily difficult. We can barely remember what happened to us yesterday; moments blur into each other, their unique qualities obfuscated by the torrential flow of time that threatens to sweep us away. But old age is intended to slow the flow of time and allow us to go back and collect the moments of our past, to connect the dots of our lives in order to form a picture that we can understand.

Before reaching our later years, however, there is one experience that models for us while we are young the spiritual living that is our goal: sexuality. This is virtually the only arena in which, for all of us, time stands still. Eternity is present in the fleeting moment.

Moreover, the moment does not get lost. If someone knew Rahav once, he can recover the eternity and glory of that moment even many years later. The Talmudic text, illuminated by Lainer, teaches that in old age, the erotic shatters the boundaries of the sexual and spills over into every facet of being. Jacob didn't even have to "die."

A major characteristic, then, of both the erotic and the holy is the ability to be fully available to the present, to experience time standing still, to access the eternity that resides in a moment. In that moment of present eternity, all past and future moments are paradoxically gathered as well. I can begin to make sense of my story, the sacred text of my days.

The spiritual master who invites us to the experience of eternity is none other than the *atik yomin*, the ancient of days, the elder – who according to mystical tradition is the symbol of the Holy of Holies, seat of sacred Eros, where the two cherubs lock in intimate embrace.

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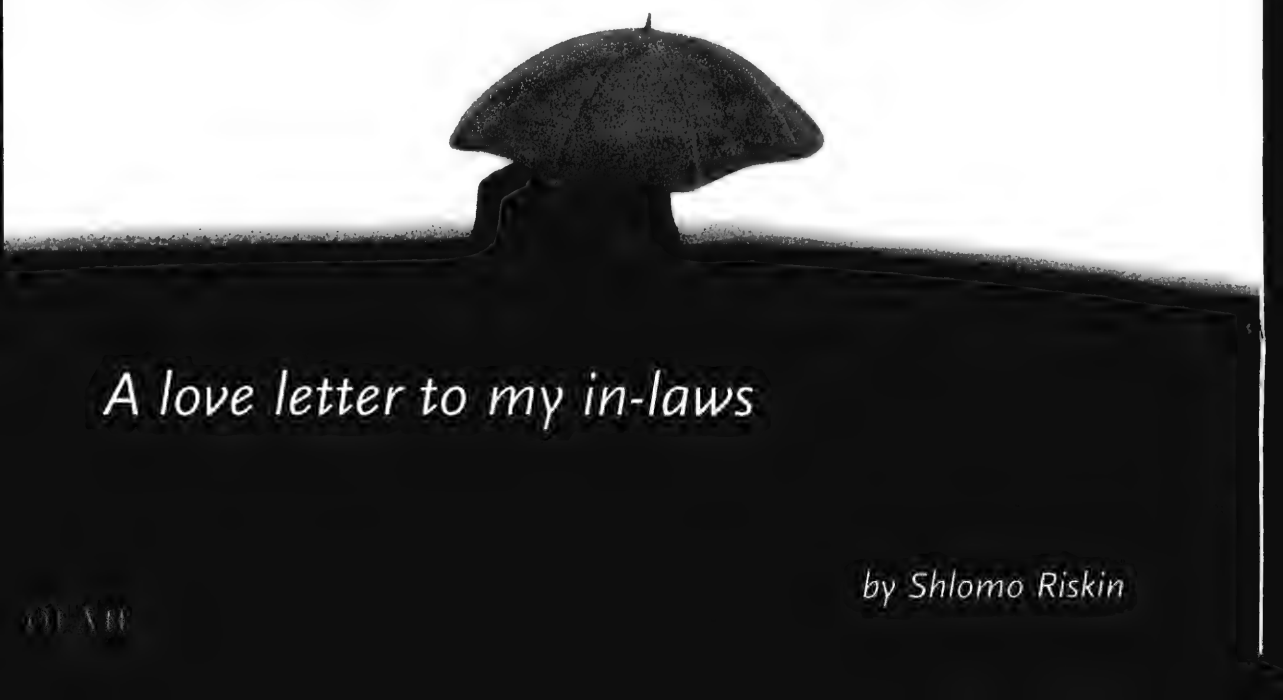

A love letter to my in-laws

by Shlomo Riskin

This past August, my wife and I (mostly my wife) successfully transported my 91-year-old father-in-law and 81-year-old mother-in-law from Palm Beach and Central Park South to an extension of our home in Efrat, Israel. Four weeks later, the El Aksa intifada broke out – and Efrat, which borders on Gilo on one side and on Bethlehem on the other, was near the eye of the storm. On the Friday evening before Yom Kippur, with some 20 people gathered around the Sabbath dinner table, we heard the unmistakable sound of gunshots. I whispered to my wife, "I know your parents are very tuned in, but I hope no one will say anything and perhaps they'll think it's firecrackers."

As if on cue, my mother-in-law stood up and looked at me accusingly, but with an unmistakable twinkle in her eye (my mother-in-law has more than a few thespian genes). "Is this your idea of the ultimate mother-in-law joke, bringing us here at the outbreak of war?" Then she turned to the dinner guests: "But no matter what happens, this is where we want to be – with our children, grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren." She pointed to my wife and me. "They rescued us from America. This is our home, this is where we want to be. And this is where we should be."

And so my in-laws have continued to fearlessly go about their business; my father-in-law, having mastered the internet since his *aliyah*, searching and saving for me (his internet-ignorant son-in-law) and for his coterie of e-mail correspondents all of the important pro-Israel articles and editorials worldwide, and my mother-in-law joining my wife in various charitable endeavors, as well as extended family shopping, engineering and first-aid.

Our family beginnings, however, could hardly have presaged their enjoying such productive golden years in the "settlement" city of Efrat. Neither my father-in-law nor my mother-in-law grew up in a religiously observant or even Zionist family; indeed, my mother-in-law is a fifth-generation American originally from Davenport, Iowa, in whose family circulated a "rumor" that a great-grandmother had fasted on Yom Kippur.

My wife, their only child, was sent to the prestigious and pluralistic United Nations International School in New York. After a school-sponsored European summer trip that included Germany, she asked to spend the following summer in Israel. My mother-in-law then entered a synagogue for the first time in her life, the Jewish Center of Forest Hills, to inquire of the Executive Director about tours to Israel for teenagers. "Is your daughter observant?" she was asked. My mother-in-law interpreted "observant" to mean insightful, perspicacious. "My daughter is very observant!" she replied, and Vicky was sent on an Orthodox tour to Israel run by Yeshiva University and led by Victor and Hanya Geller.

And so, my wife became observant. The winter following the tour she spent every Sabbath with the Gellers, and the following summer she returned to Israel and attended one of my lectures, and we fell in love. My soon-to-be in-laws must have been fairly devastated. Although they were outwardly supportive of our relationship – graciousness had been built into each of their personalities at birth – their daughter was only 16 (though already at Barnard), and the profession of the Orthodox rabbinate in the early '60s could hardly support their daughter in the style they would have wanted for her. Moreover, we were about to cast in the eternal stone of a wedding ring a bizarre and outmoded lifestyle that they had hoped would be but a passing phase in the life of their beautiful, brilliant and capable daughter.

They did suggest that we see a psychiatrist, and we agreed to do so. They also insisted that we wait to get married until Vicky turned 18, and that she finish Barnard – which she did, wheeling our first-born daughter Batya to her graduation. But except for these three modest requests, they whole-heartedly, uncriticizingly and lovingly supported and strengthened every stage of our familial and professional development, even including our *aliyah* to Israel. And all of this despite the tremendous differences in our religious lifestyles and backgrounds.

Today in Efrat my in-laws can definitely be said to be living the lives of observant Jewish Zionists. From that perspective, we, our children and our grandchildren have helped influence and raise them. But they have raised us as well, and taught us far more. They have taught us to respect and learn from those who are different from us, even if they are our children. They have taught us to be open and supportive of our children, even if we disagree with their existential and practical choices. And they have taught us that special people have the capacity to continue to learn and grow and change even beyond the age of 80 and 90 – and, please God, may they continue to do so in good health even beyond the age of 100.

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I'm a relic of a world that doesn't exist – my parents fled their ghettos in Eastern Europe before the First World War and came by steerage to Chicago and a new life. Isidore and Dorothy Hersh often spoke Yiddish at home to each other, especially when there was something the children were not to hear, and my Dad, who owned a small dry cleaning store, was a faithful reader of the daily *Forward*.

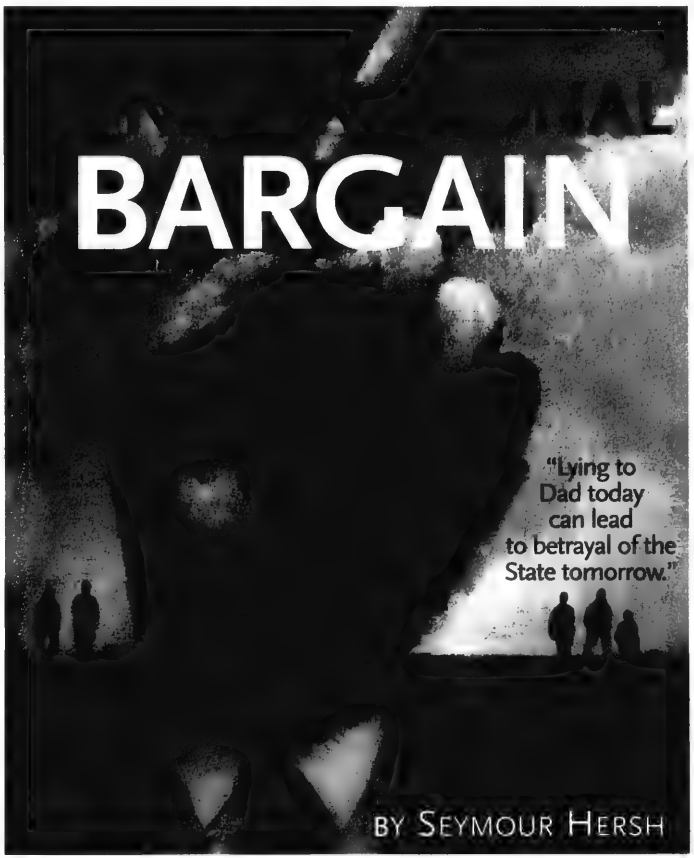
I grew up with the notion of presidential good – the belief that the men running our nation were honorable and trustworthy. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a god, and Harry Truman became one. The authority of the president and my father were co-mingled in my mind. I still remember, with reddening shame, the white lie I told my father as a teenager about a small dent I'd put in his car. I was caught, of course, and lied as long as I could. It was more than just being caught – there was a sense that I'd failed a crucial test of citizenship, or manhood. Lying to Dad today can lead to betrayal of the State tomorrow.

I went to the local public school – where else? – and, after graduating from public high school, moved on without a second thought to the equivalent of a public junior college in Chicago. It was free. A professor there saw something in me and persuaded me that I had to transfer to the University of Chicago. My father had passed away by then, but somehow my mother managed to scrape together the $130 per quarter tuition. I helped pay my way by working 30 hours a week. I graduated in 1958 with a degree in history, and flung myself into the world.

I had no contacts, no rich uncles, no well-placed cousins, no money, and no immediate prospects. I vividly remember my first job as a college graduate – as a clerk in a liquor store. In 1969, after a fitful few years as a police reporter, wire service reporter and freelance Washington journalist, I wrote a series of articles about an atrocity in South Vietnam and, with a colleague, distributed them willy-nilly to newspapers. I was celebrated for my articles and won most of the major journalism prizes that year – for writing a story that flew in the face of President Richard Nixon's policy. Only in America. A nondescript child of immigrants, 11 nondescript years after getting out of college, earns fame, fortune and glory by sticking two fingers in the eye of an American president. What a bargain.

The deal has soured.

The children, and parents, of today have a different view of their leaders, and they're not wrong. Presidents don't tell the truth, and their national security advisors can no longer distinguish their propaganda from their reality. Everyone spins everyone else.



Our leaders have no moral force at all – in fact, they far too often have been a force for immorality or realpolitik. Might makes right. We bomb others because we have the bombs and they don't. Today's much heralded military doctrine – Overwhelming Force – is just another way of saying that we only fight when we cannot possibly be defeated.

There is a terrible irony in this, and a terrible loss. We, as parents and as children, still understand – as my father did – that our personal and family life must revolve around integrity and trust. We don't lie to our children and they are expected to tell us the truth – when it matters. Life would be insufferable, we also know, without total trust in our partners.

So here's the deal. We have these men – these presidents and national security advisers, these Nixons and Kissingers and Clintons – who have the right to take our children and train them in the art of killing, and being killed, in the name of America and we don't hold them to the same standards we insist upon in our family life. We don't insist that they stop the lies and propaganda. We accept without complaint the fact that our leaders tell lies and put political and personal needs before those of the citizenry. It's a necessary cost of the commonweal, we say. We shrug our shoulders or make feeble jokes about a president who fabricates an enemy attack, as in the Gulf of Tonkin, or undermines the sanctity of the electoral process, as in Watergate, or wags his finger in our face as he misrepresents his abusive relationship with an intern.

Daniel Ellsberg, the onetime Marine who turned against the Vietnam War and made public the Pentagon Papers in 1971, once told me what I took to be a seminal story about the new American values. He was working in the Johnson Administration for John McNaughton, a senior Pentagon official who played a key role on Vietnam issues. Ellsberg told his boss about a lunch he'd had with a State Department official who praised McNaughton for being open and straightforward. "I want you to know I defended your honor," Ellsberg recalled telling McNaughton. "I told him you were the most devious man I knew. He laughed and said, 'Thank you.'"

It's time to change our national bargain.

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TRAVELING

LIGHT

I had left the house angry. The only problem with leaving a place in such a manner is that it oftentimes leaves one unprepared for what lies ahead. What lay ahead was a cross-country bus ride without so much as a magazine to keep my attention from wandering back to the same unpleasant thought: I had left the house angry.

So there I was, aloft on my diesel fuel-soaked magic carpet, sitting as far away from the bathroom as I could, alone for the first time in as long as I could remember, with only my own mind for company. It was going to be a long trip.

Hour one, stared out the window. Hour two, stared at my reflection staring out the window. Hour three, checked out the guy across from me and tried to figure out what his deal was. He had to be at least 65. Unshaven. Probably unshowered, too. Could be a deranged psycho killer. But I wouldn't judge a book by my paranoia. Maybe he was his generation's Howard Hughes. Hour four, I became so bored I attempted to find out.

"Going all the way to Vegas?" I asked, trying to sound like I had made the trip many times before.

"No. Wichita." His voice was as gruff as his beard.

"People really live there?"

"Yeah. Die there, too."

A conversation stopper if there ever was one. Remainder of hours four, five and six, stared out the window.

Hour nine, I found myself so bored I ventured out again.

"Business in Wichita?"

"Visiting my father."

"That sounds nice."

"It isn't."

Alrighty, then. I turned back to my reflection and spent hours 10 through 24 praying we'd get to Wichita as soon as humanly possible.

It was he who broke the silence next, after we had picked up our vending machine breakfasts somewhere outside of Shawnee.

"Why Las Vegas?" he asked through a mouthful of peanut butter and cheese crackers.

"Gonna be a blackjack dealer."

"Are you old enough?"

"How old do you have to be?"

"21."

"Really?"

"Pretty positive." Thus began a conversation that carried us all the way to the Wichita bus terminal. Suddenly I found myself walking alongside my new acquaintance. I didn't see the harm; after all I had two hours to kill until I could resume manifesting my destiny, which would now be comprised of something other than dealing blackjack.

"Sure your dad won't mind me tagging along?"

"Yes."

We walked silently past sun-beaten storefronts, grateful for the fresh air and lack of engine noise. After a while, we reached a pair of imposing iron gates. I looked inside and saw we had come to a cemetery.

"Oh. I'm sorry," I said.

"Don't be." He smiled at me and for the first time I noticed that his eyes were blue like mine. Inside, he led me to a marble bench in the shade of a sprawling oak. He sat as motionless as the tree until I began to wonder if I was going to miss my bus. Finally he spoke.

"Do you remember the barber shop we passed, Nate's on 3rd?"

I confessed I didn't.

"That's the spot where my father and I last spoke 30 years ago. I had a major crush on this girl, and I needed my father's car to take her out that night. For some reason he said no, and we got into a shouting match. I took off and hitchhiked my way to the Coast. When I called two weeks later my mother gave me the news."

He looked around him at the neatly manicured rows of grass and the black marble markers shining in the sun.

"So I make the trip here every month to say what I never got a chance to say while he was here."

I couldn't believe it. "You come here every month?"

"I do. I keep hoping I'll get proof – a sign of forgiveness. Sometimes I get a fleeting glimpse that he's here, you know, or a sense that he's listening. But it's never enough to convince me. It's never enough."

I sat with him for a while, watching the oak's green leaves that were now dancing in the breeze. Then I pulled myself to my feet, shook his hand and said goodbye.

"Every month," I said aloud as I walked back up the gravel road. I couldn't imagine making that lousy trip from Jersey more than once in a lifetime. And he was making that haul 12 times a year.

I got back to the station in time to see the black-throated beast roll off west without me. I found a pay phone and dropped my lunch money in the slot. My mom wasn't home, but I talked to the answering machine. I told it that I was on my way home.

I didn't put the apology on the machine. I wanted to use the ride home to perfect what I was going to say when she opened the front door. At the next stop I changed my mind and called collect. The sweetest sound I ever heard was my mother's voice accepting the call.

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We didn't invent the wheel

BY MICHAEL MEDVED

In an unforgettable put-down of self-righteous ebullience, turn-of-the-century Congressional leader Thomas Bracket Reed told Theodore Roosevelt: "If there is one achievement more than any other for which I admire you, Mr. President, it is for your original discovery of the Ten Commandments."

In today's Jewish world, many newly minted religious enthusiasts claim credit for original discovery not only of the Ten Commandments, but of the entire Torah. In the process, they may violate the Fifth of the Big Ten – by failing to honor their own parents.

This point came home to me some years ago when I shared a Shabbat meal with an impassioned and impressive young man who described his tortuous journey from hippie to chassid. The only missing ingredient in this narrative was any mention of his Jewish background as a child. When I asked about his parents and their religious orientation, he declared that they were "good people, but they kept nothing... we lived like goyim." Only after persistent questioning did the full picture emerge – that his parents had been active members of a Conservative synagogue who, despite their lack of traditional observance, forced their son to attend Hebrew school and gave him a Bar Mitzvah. Without the benefit of that long-ago upbringing, would this spiritual seeker have proven as open as he did to the Jewish message he embraced as an adult?

It is wonderful and, indeed, miraculous, that so many Jews today take their religious heritage more seriously than did their parents or grandparents. Whether strictly Orthodox *baalei t'shuva* (returnees) or New Age advocates of "Jewish renewal," hundreds of thousands of Gen-X'ers and Baby Boomers fearlessly explore their own paths to spiritual fulfillment. In so doing, however, they should acknowledge their debt to parents who made such discoveries possible. The fact that the older generation may have been less observant or intense shouldn't provide license to denigrate its Jewish commitment altogether. This same generation held seders, dressed the kids up on Purim, founded and supported Hebrew schools, old age homes, cemeteries and – not insignificantly – built synagogues and federations that [illegible] Jewish identity while their searching offspring found their own winding way toward greater commitment.

We should avoid the temptation to enhance our own righteousness by under-estimating the place from which we started. In an odd sense, too many of us have turned the old idea of *yichus* – family pride – on its head: rather than building ourselves up by bragging about the piety of our parents, we build ourselves up by bragging about their ignorance and assimilation.

Wouldn't it be more constructive, and more consistent with the commandment to honor our parents, if we searched for those aspects of our upbringing where they may have planted – albeit inadvertently – the seeds for future religious growth?

Former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander tells the story of his mother's angry reaction to a news account that referred to his having grown up "in poverty." "How dare they say that!" she angrily told her son. "You always had enough to eat, and clean clothes, and even piano lessons!" Similarly, it's inappropriate to try to embellish your own spiritual achievements by exaggerating the religious poverty of your parents' household. So what if they didn't keep kosher, or observe the Sabbath, or study sacred texts? In an era of assimilation, merely maintaining pride in Jewish identity must count as a notable distinction. And even in homes with little or no Judaic substance, it should be possible to recall general lessons and values that shaped an individual for eventual growth and affirmation.

The Torah specifically associates the obligation of respecting parents with durability and survival: "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days will be lengthened upon the land that The Lord, your God, gives you" (Exodus 20, 12). The reward of lengthened days may not involve increased life expectancy for a specific person, but it certainly applies to national continuity. According to the Meshech Chochmah, a revered sage of the 19th Century, the importance of honoring parents stems from the need to forge an unbroken chain connecting each of us through the generations directly to Sinai. In other words, the entire tradition depends upon it.

Whatever failings, foibles or infidelities we discern in the prior generation's pattern of observance, our parents still stand a crucial, even mystical step closer to revelation and to the Creator. Those who claim ultimate authorship of their own excellence deny basic principles of Torah teaching. Oscar Wilde felt appropriately suspicious of those prideful souls who endlessly emphasized their own grubby origins. "He is a self-made man," he quipped, "and he worships his Creator."

We have been called to worship a more worthy Creator, and to honor continuity above originality.

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CONFESSIONS OF A FORMER PARENT BASHER

by Neal Karlen

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My maniacally scribbling pen dropped to the floor in the middle of an upper-case letter and I watched it fall as though I'd been stricken by a sudden neurological disorder. My Chassidic rabbi, seeing that I was no longer taking notes as if I'd just stumbled upon the biggest scoop since Woodward met Bernstein, looked up to see why I'd stopped writing.

"Go on, I'm taping," I said, nodding toward the recorder at my feet. "Now I can just listen." And the rabbi resumed translating for my benefit from the *Shulchan Aruch*, the definitive compilation by Joseph Caro (1488-1575) that codifies everything anybody would ever want to know about Judaism and the Torah but didn't know where to find. Today I'd asked this Lubavitcher scholar about what the Fifth Commandment meant – the one about honoring one's parents.

In a world of spiritual shysters and consciousness-raising swamis, the esteemed Lubavitcher rebbe is the real deal, a wise teacher and a humble role model as well. I'd found my rabbi while hunting, like a grave-digger with amnesia, for where I had long ago buried the names, habits, beliefs and tools for study that had once been a part of my day-to-day life.

I'd been raised with those rituals, and had fled from them the first second I was legally able to move out of the house, eventually making my way to New York and my first writing job as a crime reporter. There, on the crime beat in New York, mobsters shrieking obscenities at me on courthouse steps hadn't made me drop my pen. Wailing widows, their husbands' murders gone unavenged via judicial technicality, couldn't make me drop my pen. Today, however, I was paralyzed, hearing Rabbi Caro's explication of the dozens of ways one must honor one's parents.

Perhaps Commandment Five had always weighed heavily on me because I knew it was one of the Big Ten I could actually do something about, and also the one I was most likely to violate. Not having the disposition for murder, for example, or the presence of mind to perjure myself, I was reasonably sure that I wouldn't commit homicide or bear false witness.

But how does somebody begin observing the commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother" after spending his entire adult life not simply ignoring his parents and their dictates, but actively mocking them? I mocked them by the way I lived, and I also made fun of my upbringing in front of my would-be fancy New York friends.

"My parents? For the first five years of my life I thought my name was shut up."

"My parents?" When I was born, the doctor said 'What a treasure!' and my folks said, 'Yeah, let's bury it.'"

"You know when my parents believe life is viable? When the fetus graduates from medical school."

"When I told my parents I was marrying a non-Jew, they both took an overdose of mah-jongg tiles."

With this monologue having run on continuous loop through my mind for years, how would I even begin performing *t'shuvah*, the turning that points us back toward God's forgiveness? And even if I did, how could I convince my septuagenerian parents, both vital human beings, that I not only loved them, but rather honored their very existence – and because they gave me life, not just material for limp one-liners?

The Lubavitcher rabbi went on, detailing the simpler ways of honoring one's parents, from performing menial tasks for them to not correcting them in public to not sitting in your father's chair. He also tackled the hardball questions, like what to do when a parent has gone insane. In my egotism I heard little of it. I stared at the pen on the floor, and still couldn't find the gumption to pick it up.

For the last several years of my 20s, in the last several years of Manhattan's 1980s, I spent $250 a week I couldn't afford telling a thoughtful young Yale-trained psychiatrist how much I hated my parents. Or maybe I said I hated my parents, but loved them. Or maybe I said I loved my parents, but didn't like them. I can't remember. Like getting cable, seeing a shrink was the fashionable thing to do. After each session, I would imagine being surrounded by thousands of ambitious 20-somethings, stacked by floors like drones in an ant farm, all telling their thoughtful Yalie psychiatrists how much they hated their fathers and their mothers.

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Luckily, I was able to cut to the chase. I didn't project my neuroses onto my psychiatrist; instead, I made him an actual example of the impossible solution. Pointing to his M.D. degree on the wall, I explained that if only I had acquired one of those, as he and my father had, things would have been okay. A law, dental, or MBA degree would also have done the trick.

"And then if I'd done *that*," I said, indicating my shrink's wedding band and the picture on his desk of a Semitic-looking wife and two children, "it would have been like bringing home the Nobel Prize."

"I'm sorry, we're out of time," the psychiatrist said.

And so was I.

In 1989, I moved home to Minnesota. "But not to my parents' home," I always added when explaining the switch, "to my air home. To my land home. To my water home."

And then my parents' home came to *me*. A couple of years ago I almost died in a roller-blading accident, ending up instead with five broken bones in my left leg and a six-month stay flat on my back.

Gradually I descended into what F. Scott Fitzgerald called that "real dark night of the soul [where] it is always three o'clock in the morning, day after day." A spiritual void took root in my heart, bigger and more dangerous than a mid-life crisis, and smaller and sharper than a stiletto. Eventually it led me to the door of my Lubavitcher rabbi, who I hoped might help lead me to the door to myself. In return, if he's willing, perhaps I can help him make and hype tapes about the *Shulchan Aruch*.

For starters, I'll go to the synagogue with both of my parents on the anniversaries of their parents' deaths to say the mourner's prayer. I'll try not to tell the folks they're wrong in public, and I'll try to remember all the other things the rabbi taught me from that ancient text, too.

Realizing that Commandment Five says nothing about parents honoring their children, I will also reserve them the right to drive me crazy.

"Dad, can you think of any particular times when I've ever honored or dishonored you?" I asked my father one day while I was contemplating this article. We were seated in front of the television watching one of the last football games of the season.

My father considered my question. "No, I can't particularly think of any times you've dishonored me," he said.

"But honored you?" I asked, thinking of my apartment with its Phi Beta Kappa key from an Ivy League school, the heavy plaques and awards I'd won for books and articles, and the tapes of speeches and sound bytes given to everyone from the local Hadassah to the NBC Nightly News. Despite my refusal to go to medical school and my inability to find a Jewish wife, hadn't those achievements allowed him a little *kvelling*, the joy one's parents are supposed to feel when a child has brought them honor?

By the time I had finished silently, narcissistically going through this pointless resume, my father was back to the football game.

"Aaargh!" I said like the cartoon-strip Charlie Brown, lying on his back for the millionth time after Lucy had snatched the ball away just as he was about to kick it.

And then I remembered.

Then I remembered who's supposed to honor whom. And I knew I'd be back visiting the home I grew up in and – as Rabbi Caro said a full 400 years before Archie Bunker – staying out of the old man's chair. I knew that, like Charlie Brown lining up the ball for the million-and-first time, no matter what my parents said or how they grumbled over me, I'd keep on trying.

Today, I even picked up my pen.

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a drug called hope

Dennis Brown is a Chassidic rabbi, a father, a husband and a son. But he is also a parent, in the most profound way, to hundreds of souls who have left the ranks of productive life and slid like a skidding log into a life of drug abuse, violence, homelessness and despair.

In 1996 he founded the Ness Center, a tiny mental health clinic in West Los Angeles where more than 300 people a week receive treatment for drug addiction, domestic violence and a host of society's most intractable ills.

There's Robert, for example, who had been a successful businessman but found himself at the age of 48 penniless, homeless, and addicted to alchohol and cocaine. He had heard about Dennis through a telethon and called him on the phone.

"I told him I felt panicky, that I couldn't bathe or eat and I was frightened to death," Robert recalls. "I begged him to let me into the program. He said, "No", but told me to call again the next day. This went on for 20 days, until he found out that I was sober and said I could join."

"Throughout that time, every day I had hope because I could call him back. Everyone else I called had hung up on me, including my parents. Dennis was like the parent I had wished for – someone who would care and love me without conditions, simply because I was alive."

In the world that most of us inhabit most of the time, this basic parental love is taken for granted, but getting it to people like Robert can take, well – a miracle. *Ness,* of course, means "miracle" in Hebrew.

When I came upon the Ness Center last year, I wondered: who better personifies the word *Chassid* – one who is pious, or devoted to the work of God – than those who apply the very best of themselves day in and day out to the service of the poor, the grieving and the addicted, turning ghosts into people again and bringing back hope where it seems lost forever?

Dennis nurtures them by sharing his own experience and philosophy of life. "It's hard to pinpoint the stressors that lead men to lose their ability to function," he says, but he answers them all with the concept of *Chassidut*, with its unconditional positive regard.

"As soon as it is injected into their bloodstream, it draws back the juvenile colors to their cheeks," Dennis says. "That's why I call this drug 'hope.'"

Dennis sows hope in weekly groups for wife batterers, sex offenders and victims of domestic violence, in addition to an anger management group, a parenting group and drug rehabilitation. He also runs the Center, and sees five or six people for individual therapy each day – plus phone calls. He's never taken a vacation.

"It's always easy to find the negative," he explains. "The court orders, the lists of bad behaviors on their records – these are part of who they are. But I find they're just good people. Sometimes they don't have the skills to do better or to overcome very difficult challenges. But they're people, and I tell them they can recover, they can stop doing what they think they can never stop."

About the size of two storefronts, the Ness Center is housed in an inconspicuous brick building just off the busy thoroughfare of La Cienega Boulevard, a stone's throw away from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Its clients range from rich to poor, from the invisible to well-known performers. One of these days Dennis wants to have more space, because he has not been able to keep up with demand – even with a staff of five other therapists.

And Dennis has more miracles to make – along with, it turns out, a debt to repay. As a child he suffered from severe asthma, and spent a lot of time in hospital beds surrounded by oxygen tents. By the time he reached high school, he wasn't used to being with kids his own age and was quite withdrawn, until a pair of teachers drew him out.

"There were one or two people who stood still long enough to reach out a hand to me when I was in need," he explains. "I don't want to think about what my life would have been like without them. I knew I had to do that for somebody else."

Spend a day at the Ness Center and you'll see that he has.

"I learned with Dennis that I was a decent person, worth saving," says Robert, who now sits on the Center's board of directors. "He gave me life to explore in spite of my addictions and my substance abuse. He makes people believe that they are loveable and worth saving. Tell him I love him, and send him on vacation!"

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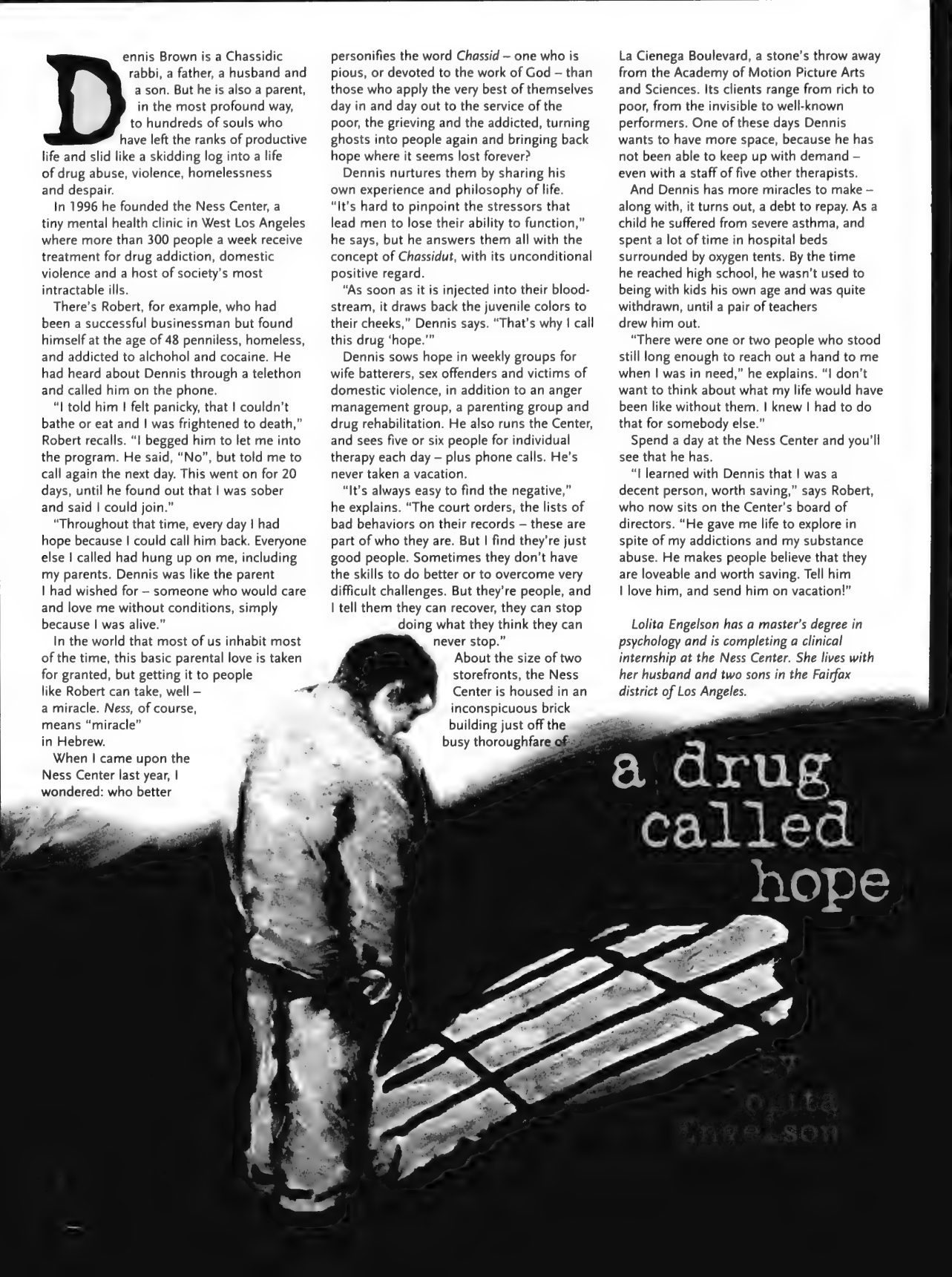

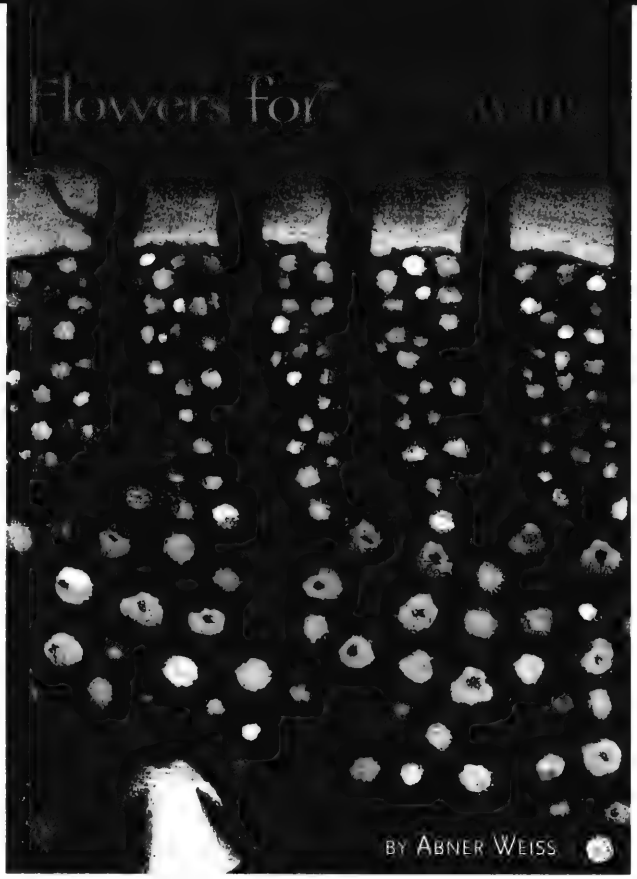

A father and mother once came upon their young daughter who was patiently and lovingly carving a wooden bowl and spoon.

"Is this a school project?" they asked.

"No," she replied. "It is a personal project. I am preparing these things for you."

"For us?" the parents asked incredulously. "We don't need a wooden bowl and spoon."

"Ah, but you will in a few years' time, when you are as old as *Bubby* and *Zeide*."

"What do you mean?" they asked.

"Well," said the little girl, "I heard you yelling at Bubby yesterday when she dropped her bowl of soup because her hands were trembling so much. You shouted at her for being so clumsy and said she had ruined your beautiful dinner service. You yelled that you would get her a wooden bowl and spoon so that she would do no more damage. So, as I was wondering what gift to get for you, you had let me know what you will be needing pretty soon."

The message is clear: Our children will one day treat us exactly as they have seen us treat our parents. The ways of relating to the older generation are caught, not taught. Our gestures, tone of voice and actions show our children what our real attitudes are. Our homes are informal laboratories for intergenerational commitments. Consciously or unconsciously, we are role models of filial piety. We can choose to become either the future beneficiaries of what we model when we are old and vulnerable ourselves or the future victims of our insensitivities.

Flowers provide a demonstration of this concept. The non-Jewish norm is to send flowers to funerals. This is not the normative Jewish response to loss. When they are dead, the beloved departed can no longer enjoy the beauty of the colors and the fragrance of our floral tributes. Therefore, our practice is to delight the living with our gifts. So let us remember our parents with flowers on every possible occasion. Let us send flowers to the living.

To be sure, flowers are not only physical objects but metaphors of caring. They reflect our thoughtfulness and our desire to please those we love while they still have the capacity of enjoyment. I have always marvelled that people who are too busy with their over-programmed lives to spend regular quality time with their parents somehow find the time to say Kaddish for them daily for 11 months. I am glad they do so, but I would be far happier if they had shown reverence for their parents when the old folks were waiting in vain for regular visits. Those visits would have been real flowers for the living.

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We Jews have a wonderful custom of dedicating buildings, institutions, hospital rooms, prayerbooks and other things we value to the memory of our parents. Why do we choose to wait until they are gone to show them honor? Imagine the *nachas* they would have if they were present at the dedication of a building or an educational program in their name. That would be a meaningful metaphorical gift of flowers to the living.

The commonplace cultural perception of parenthood makes this difficult. Parent-bashing has become the main instrument of contemporary psychotherapy. Our therapists assure us that our parents are responsible for all our dysfunctional behaviors and relationships. They have either smothered us with love, or wickedly withheld their love from us. They were either overly critical of our behavior, or they failed to correct defects when our personalities were still being formed.

Parent-bashing is neither good psychology nor sound social policy. It is certainly bad religion. It shifts responsibilty for who we are from ourselves to others. It weakens the fabric of the family. Above all, it disregards the genuine and sustained love and sacrifices of the overwhelming majority of parents. The Torah imperatives to honor and revere parents are based upon reciprocal goodness. We are commanded to recognize the kindness of our parents and to reciprocate it when the tables are turned and they need us.

Of course there are no perfect parents. Indeed, nobody is perfect. The greatest shortage in the world is of perfect people. I have yet to meet one. We all make mistakes. When they are parents, our children will make their own mistakes. We can best prepare them for their role as parents by not only modeling respect and reverence, but also by resisting the temptation to blame our parents for our own problems.

Finally, I should like to offer a caveat. *Halachah*, the Jewish legal code, requires us to tolerate abusive parents when they have become incapacitated by age and illness. However, respect for parents has its limits. The Torah does not require us to tolerate abuse from parents who are deliberately controlling, manipulative and disrespectful of us. Such disrespect is called *shibbud l'av va'em* – literally, enslavement by our parents. *Shibbud l'av va'em* is immoral and self-defeating, and we should avoid using it with our own children. Indeed, what is needed in all family relationships is consistent caring, respect and regard. These are the truest, and the most enduring, flowers that we can offer the living.

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They taught me what was a big deal,
and what was not.

They loved me when I got "C's".

They taught me to think my thoughts,
and ask my questions.

They were remarkably serious about
always telling the truth.

They listened when I talked
about my first boyfriend.

They insisted on Shabbat dinner,
every Friday night.

They disciplined me,
but never hit me.

They gave me the strength to raise
my own children.

They came as refugees
from the Holocaust.

They are my parents.

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I wasn't taught to respect my elders

by Karen C. Springer

Conventions of society and notions of proper etiquette have long since held a certain standard of expectations for what children should be taught and how they must act. To deny children these valuable lessons can leave a parent with the stigma of irresponsibility. So it is no surprise that to this day, many not only adhere to these "fundamental" values but actively strive to teach them to their own children. Values such as respecting your elders and authority, following rules and not disobeying them are but two of these highly revered standards of conduct. However, teaching children the opposite (which many might consider sacrilegious) can be positively liberating to these "irresponsible" parents and their "wayward" children. So, to my parents' credit, there are many such "values" that I was not taught as a child.

I was not taught to respect my elders. Instead, I was taught that, young or old, some people deserved respect and some people did not.

I was not taught to accept what I was told by people in positions of authority. Instead, I was taught to question authority if I felt it necessary.

I was not taught to do as I was told. Instead, I was taught to question EVERYTHING and make decisions for myself.

I was not taught to accept the status quo. Instead, I was taught that often the status quo was outdated or illogical and it was my responsibility to try to change it or, at the very least, work around it.

I was not taught that conventions of society needed to shape the stages of my life. Instead, I was taught to shape my life according to my own conventions.

I was not taught to conform. Instead, I was taught to stand by my convictions, even in the face of intimidation.

I was not forced or pressured to do any particular thing. Instead, I was encouraged to pursue anything I expressed interest in.

I was not raised with any expectations. Instead, I was raised as an individual who could do whatever I chose, whatever would make ME happy.

I was not raised with restrictions. Instead, I was raised to appreciate the freedom I was given.

And, I was never treated as a child. Instead, I was treated as a person who, even at a very young age, was consulted on any family decisions that would affect me.

My parents taught me to be defiant in the most positive sense of the word. To think for myself, be independent and never fear expressing myself. They gave me self-respect and courage. And, most important, they taught me to understand myself, as well as the crucial importance of understanding them.

As I look back upon my childhood, I do not recall my parents ever needing to discipline me. They laid the foundation for me to make decisions for myself. They gave me the confidence to do whatever I want, but to do so responsibly. I am what I am because of my parents, not in spite of them, nor as a result of trying to please them. Most of all, my parents gave me love, support, and the freedom to be my own unique individual.

So, with tears in my eyes, I say, "Mom and Dad, I applaud you for your courage in being 'irresponsible' and for your faith in me as a person. I thank you for everything you didn't teach me and everything you did. I cherish the lessons you taught me and those you allowed me to learn for myself. The tests that life has given you and the strength, goodwill, and perseverance with which you've tackled them is a lesson immeasurable to me. You are my best friends, my idols, and the two people I love and respect most in the world."

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HONORING

Some four million Americans are now afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, and as life expectancy increases this number will continue to grow. More and more of us are being faced with a legal, moral and emotional dilemma: can we institutionalize a parent who suffers from this illness? Like many contemporary moral issues, this one is addressed in all its complexities within Jewish law.

On the one hand, the Torah – the root source of all of our law – clearly commands us to "Honor your father and your mother" (Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16) and again: "You shall each revere his mother and his father" (Leviticus 19:3). These seem to be absolute requirements regardless of the parents' behavior. On the other hand, what exactly is "honor"? If the parent has deteriorated to such an extent that he or she requires being drugged or having a diaper changed, is it "honor" and "reverence" for a child to do this? Or is it greater honor for an outsider to do it? What about emotional strains on the child? How much must he or she bear?

The problem of parents who have mentally deteriorated is mentioned in Jewish sources as early as the second century BCE, and the question of who should deliver care to them has been hotly debated by religious authorities for more than 800 years. The main focus of the debate has been a Talmudic passage that became the basis for most subsequent legal discussion: "Rav Assi [who lived in Babylon] had an aged mother. She said to him: 'I want jewelry!' He made some for her. 'I want a husband!' He replied: 'I'll look for one for you.' 'I want a husband as handsome as you!' He left her and went to Israel. When he heard that she was coming after him, he asked Rabbi Yohanan: 'Is it permissible to leave Israel for *hutz la'aretz* [the Diaspora]?' He replied: 'It is forbidden.' [He asked:] 'Towards his mother – what is the law?' He replied: 'I don't know.'.... In the meantime, Rav Assi heard that her coffin was coming. He said: 'Had I known, I would not have left Babylon!' [Or: 'Had I known, I would not have asked permission to leave Israel!'] (Kiddushin 31b)."

This story is very problematic. Was Rav Assi's mother mentally disturbed (she seems to be interested in marrying her own son) or merely crotchety? Can a child run away when he can no longer tolerate a parent's erratic behavior? And what does the final ambiguous sentence mean? Did Rav Assi regret abandoning his mother, or is he saying that not only did he act properly by leaving her, he was not even required to meet her coffin?

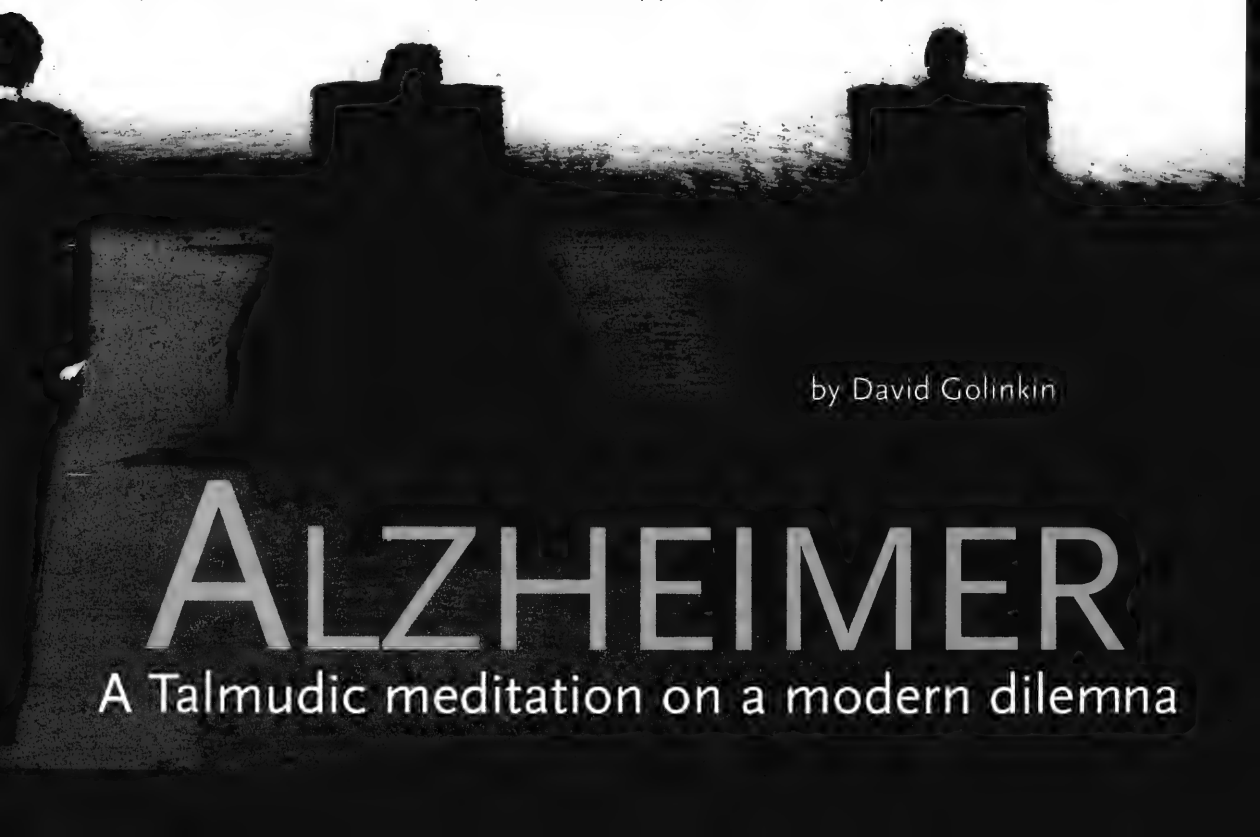
Halachic authorities have interpreted this story in two conflicting directions. Maimonides (1135-1204) and his followers used it to legitimize custodial care, while Ra'avad of Posquieres (1120-1198) and his followers came to the opposite conclusion.

Maimonides codified the story as follows: "If one's father or mother should become mentally disordered, he should try to treat them as their mental state demands, until God has pity on them. But if he finds he cannot endure the situation because of their extreme madness, let him leave them and go away, commanding others to care for them as befits them." (Mamrim 6:10)

According to the last sentence, it is perfectly legitimate to institutionalize a parent with Alzheimer's disease, even though this is not explicitly stated in the story about Rav Assi.

Ra'avad of Posquieres, Maimonides' classic critic, disagrees (Hassagot, ad loc.): "This is not a correct ruling! If he goes and leaves him, who shall he command to watch him?!" Apparently, in Ra'avad's time and place there was no option of custodial care. Indeed, the first Jewish old age home seems to have been founded in Amsterdam in 1749.

All subsequent authorities in *halacha*, or Jewish law, have aligned themselves with either Maimonides or Ra'avad. The Maimonidean camp replied that since Rav Assi's mother was brought to Israel in a coffin, he must have ordered others to take care of his mother. Regarding the practical issue raised by Ra'avad – "who shall he command..." – they replied that the child can hire someone to take care of the parent. They further stated that in the case of a parent who has deteriorated mentally, an outsider can do a better job than a child for



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ALZHEIMER

A Talmudic meditation on a modern dilemna

two reasons. First of all, the parent will be embarrassed to misbehave in front of an outsider. Second, an outsider can raise his voice or physically restrain the parent if necessary, while a child would never be able to do such things nor be allowed under Jewish law to do so.

Ra'avad's followers replied that it is clear from the end of the story (see the first translation above) that Rav Assi regretted having left his mother and therefore the story proves that custodial care is prohibited. Furthermore, if, as Maimonides claims, "others" can take care of the parent, then why can't the child do so himself, since he has a better understanding of his parent's desires and idiosyncrasies? In addition, this camp found support from Rabbi Jacob Ben Asher (1270-1343) who, in his code (Tur, Yoreh Deah 240), quotes Ra'avad after Maimonides, which seems to indicate his agreement with the former. Last, the Ra'avad camp asserted that Rav Assi's mother was not mentally disturbed but rather old and crotchety. Rav Assi left her because he knew he could not honor her requests properly. But a parent suffering from Alzheimer's needs extra physical care from the child, while his demented requests can be ignored because he no longer has all of his faculties.

What then are the halachic options open to a child faced with the dilemma of caring for a senile parent? It appears from the above analysis that there are three:

1) A child with stamina and emotional fortitude can follow the line of thought advocated by Ra'avad and his camp. They view "Honor thy father and thy mother" as an absolute value that cannot be absolved by the erratic behavior of the parent. Regardless of how a son or daughter feels, he or she must personally take care of their parents as commanded by the Torah.

> "If the parent has deteriorated to such an extent that he or she requires being drugged or having a diaper changed, is it "honor" and "reverence" for a child to do this?

2) Others may place their parent in a nursing home, following the example of Rav Assi as interpreted by Maimonides and his followers. According to this view, a child is not personally obligated to care for the parent, if he must sacrifice his own emotional health in the process. They further state that in cases of mental deterioration, the honor of the parent can be better served by an outsider who can do things the child cannot do and that the parent would not want him to do.

3) I believe the preferred halachic solution is one implied by a number of the rabbis in the Maimonidean camp: namely, to keep the parent at home, but pay an outsider to attend to the functions that are painful or inappropriate for the child to perform.

This third solution incorporates the concerns of both Ra'avad and Maimonides. On the one hand, the parent feels wanted and loved by the child, a feeling frequently lacking in an institutional setting. The parent also can function better at home than in a new and strange environment. By keeping the parent at home, the child fulfills the commandment to "honor your father and your mother" in a direct and personal fashion as demanded by Ra'avad. On the other hand, following Maimonides, the child protects the parent's honor and the child's own emotional health by ensuring that a professional is on hand who can perform functions not in keeping with the honor owed a parent by a child.

A parent suffering from severe and progressive dementia is still worthy of honor and reverence, and we can safely provide both within a framework articulated by our tradition.

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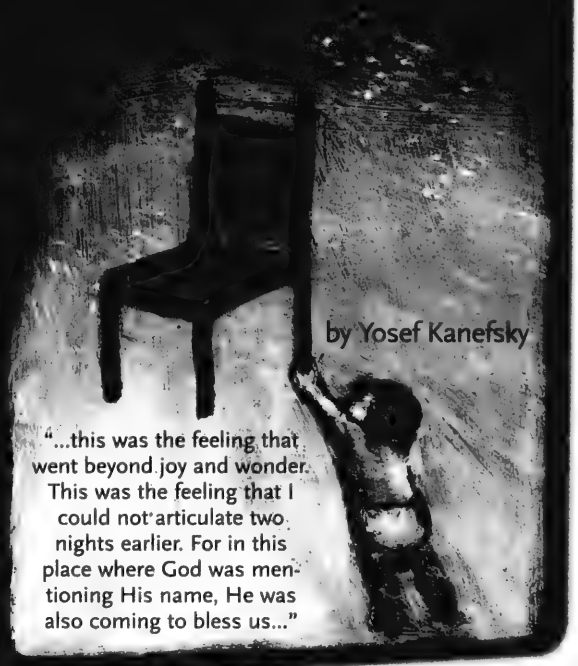
where God speaks his Name

by Yosef Kanefsky



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It had been eight years since the last time I had held a newborn in my arms. As I gently touched his tiny fingers and cradled his head in my palm, I felt so many different things. After eight years, we were parents again. I felt intense joy, and a sense of wonder. But I was aware that I was feeling something else too – something that I wasn't able to articulate, but that was unmistakably present in the room.

Two nights later, on Friday night, the community gathered in our home to celebrate the new arrival. As I strained my sleep-deprived mind to produce a fitting Torah thought for the occasion, the biblical verse that kept presenting itself over and over was one from the end of the previous week's reading. It seemed to have no relevance to the birth of a child at all, but I couldn't get it out of my mind.

The verse reads, "In every place that I mention My name, there I will come and bless you."

The context in which this verse appears is God's command to the Israelites that they build simple earthen altars for their sacrificial offerings. He seems to be reassuring them that despite the simplicity of the altars, they will suffer no lack of God's blessing. But the wording is curious. Where precisely are the places in which God mentions His name? How would we know how to identify them? And what exactly does the verse mean when it refers to God "mentioning His name"? I couldn't remember the answers to any of these questions. Yet I could not wriggle free that night from this verse's repeated calls.

Before the celebration on Friday, I found a moment to glance at the classical rabbinic interpretations. Each of them effectively reads the word "I" not as "I", but as "you" – that is, "In all the places that you will cause My name to be mentioned, there I will come and bless you. These places range from the Temple in Jerusalem to any room in which we study Torah. In all of these beautiful interpretations, it is we who do the mentioning of God's name. But on this night, my heart insisted that there was a more literal reading, too.

I began to think about the various occasions in the Torah when God mentions His own name. The very first proved to be all that I needed: "And God created the human being in His image, in the image of God He created him." God mentioned His own name at the moment when He first declared, "Human being! You shall be created in the image of God." Accordingly, He mentions His name each and every time a child emerges from its mother's womb, pointing to the newborn and saying, "You too are created in the image of God."

This, then, is the "every place" to which the verse refers – "every place" a child is born.

And this was the feeling that went beyond joy and wonder. This was the feeling that I could not articulate two nights earlier. For in this place where God was mentioning His name, He was also coming to bless us – to bless us with life, and with opportunity and with love. There are more than six billion people on this earth, and God knows and bestows blessings upon each one of them. But this particular moment, in a hospital room at 3:30 in the morning, was our special moment for receiving God's blessing. At that moment, it was just us and God. There is no experience more humbling than this. And there is no experience more exhilarating. And there is no feeling that defies verbal articulation in quite the same way.

I've reflected upon this in the weeks since and have come to believe that there is only one thing that God asks in return for this blessing of childbirth. God just asks that we never forget what the moment felt like, so that as the years go by, every time we gently touch our children's fingers, or lay our hands upon their heads, we feel God's presence and God's blessing all over again.

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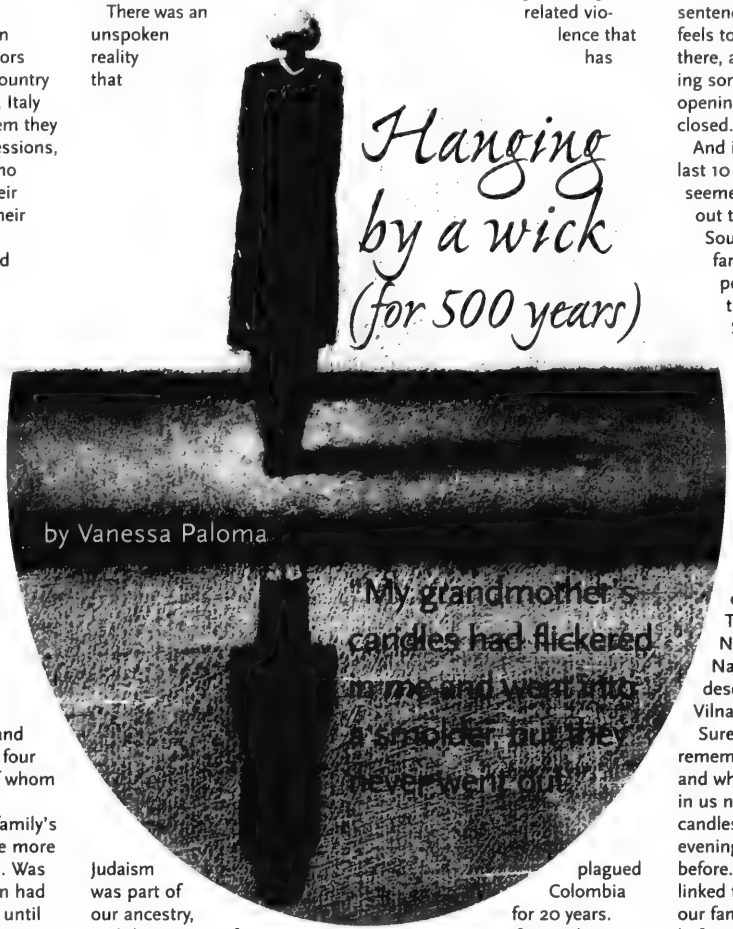
Hanging by a wick (for 500 years)

by Vanessa Paloma



My foremothers Ana, Rebeca and Ita never knew what effect the light of their candles would have on their descendants. They sailed the ocean from the land of spices and olive oil to the new world of promises, the new world where they hoped they would not be ridden anymore by fear. The candles came with them, and eventually – after generations – their light lit an entirely new flame.

After the expulsion from Spain in 1492, my ancestors moved from country to country through the Netherlands, Italy and Morocco. Behind them they left almost all their possessions, and friends and family who were still partly hiding their souls and their love for their dear tradition. But in the new and mysterious world across the great sea, in the green and daunting jungles of el Nuevo Mundo, Ana, Rebeca and Ita would be free – or would they?

Ana Machado was the first to arrive, traveling as a child with her parents to Panama. From Panama they gradually made their way to the Andes of Colombia and finally, in the 1930s, to Colombia's capital, Bogotá. Ana's daughter Rebeca had three children, Inés, José and Joaquín. At 16, Inés, known as Ita, married a world-traveled engineer and devout atheist. They had four children, the youngest of whom is my mother.

During this time, the family's Jewish traditions became more and more whittled down. Was it because the Inquisition had been active in Colombia until only few years before they arrived? Or was it the well-known lure of freedom that drew this artistically inclined family to cultural and intellectual pursuits rather than religious ones? Either way, by the time I was born my family was one in which religion played no part.

I attended Catholic school, and I was instructed by my parents not to believe anything they taught me but to follow along. To say the least, I was a spiritually confused child. I prayed at nights to a God who was not invited into the life of our home. I knew I did not agree with the teachings I received at school, so I read some books on Jewish mysticism. For some reason, these were the books that jumped out at me at the International Book Fair in Bogotá when I was 15.

There was an unspoken reality that Judaism was part of our ancestry, and there were a few mementos that evoked Judaism in my grandmother Ita's apartment. Under her 1940s radio was a shofar, and in her garden was a healthy rue plant. The smells of buñuelos rolled around during Januká, and her cakes recalled the North African cooking our family had picked up along the way.

And there were candles. Sometimes on Friday nights, my grandmother would light two candles and say a blessing in Spanish. She and I were close, and I treasure my memories of staying over at her house. On the table in her kitchen, the candles were lit – not discussed in any way, but lit – and they burned throughout the evening until the wax was all consumed.

Eventually, my parents and I moved to the United States, fleeing the drug-related violence that has plagued Colombia for 20 years.

Soon afterwards, Ita died. Our Judaism was again submerged as we adapted to life in another new land.

My grandmother's candles had flickered in me and went into a smolder, but they never went out. Then four years ago I moved to Los Angeles, and the shimmering embers slowly began to grow into a raging flame. I started by lighting candles of my own – Chanukah candles – and the fire burned more and more until the next Passover, when I found a synagogue that moved me, and I began to grow into Shabbat. I've learned Hebrew and have been to Israel three times, most recently with my mother who now has joined this journey with me. I've studied with many wonderful teachers, and sometimes I have the strange experience of feeling I can finish their sentences for them. My Judaism feels to me like it was always there, as though I'm not learning something new as much as opening a door that had been closed. Or perhaps just left ajar.

And it isn't only me. Over the last 10 years – coincidentally, it seemed – dispersed throughout the United States and South America, my whole family has begun to incorporate Jewish practice into their lives. On the last Sukkoth before she died, my aunt Nina built her first *sukkah* on the family farm outside Bogotá. My cousin Greta in Minneapolis now celebrates every Shabbat with her two boys, and my mother in Oklahoma teaches art in a synagogue school. My aunt in Washington, D.C., has changed her name from Teresa to Tirzah. And in New York, my cousin Nancy has just married a descendant of the revered Vilna Gaon.

Surely those small wicks I remember from my childhood, and which have rekindled Torah in us now, are connected to the candles burned on Friday evenings for three generations before. And they in turn are linked to candles that burned in our family for many centuries before that.

I salute the strength and persistence that Ana, Rebeca and Ita found in the face of a growing disconnection to Judaism. It took their connection to maintain the flame alive. They held on to the candles, and those candles held on to us.

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Graves under my Chuppah

It's an old custom for orphans to visit the graves of their dead parents and invite them to the wedding, but Hadassah and I did not know the location of our dear ones' graves. To travel to Auschwitz was out of the question, so we settled for a "Prayer for the Dead" under the *chuppah*. As the rabbi slowly read the *ketubah*, I had time to invite our families in my mind.

I could feel their presence. Father smiled, looking just the way I'd seen him in a dream when I was in Kazakhstan. Mother was so peaceful, her lovely face glowing with love and goodness. Her strawberry-blonde hair had turned silvery-white, and I could see tears rolling down her face.

My little brothers – oh, how I would have loved to embrace them! They were all happy, wishing me "Mazel tov." And then there was Hadassah's family, whom I had never met. In my mind I introduced the two sides.

I addressed my father: "Look at her. She is a pure Jewish soul. All of you are resting in the highest and holiest place, sheltered beneath the wings of the Creator. I wasn't worthy of being with you. You sent me away. Now you've come to my wedding, to wish me and her 'Mazel tov!'"

Cries of "Mazel tov!" rang in the air, and I came back to reality. If I'd told anyone who had joined us at the ceremony, they would surely have thought me crazy. But I've repeated the same invitation at the wedding of each of my children. The feeling of my family's presence is always the same, and the conversation is the same. They come, indeed, to bless us with "Mazel tov!"

My beautiful bride wiped the tears from my face. Little did she know that I had just met her family and mine. She presumed that they were tears of happiness – and she was right.

The Missing Chicken

Once, when the Karelitz family sat down to the table to eat, Rebbitzen Karelitz noticed that 7-year-old Avraham Yeshaya was not eating.

"Why aren't you eating?" she asked him. The youngster replied, "I don't have a fork!"

The mother looked back and forth from the child to his plate, from the plate to the child. She suddenly realized that she had also forgotten to give him chicken.

Avraham Yeshaya shamefacedly looked at his mother, but didn't say a word. His mother realized that her Avraham Yeshaya (later to become the *Chazon Ish*) didn't want to hurt her feelings. Rather than mention the missing chicken, he merely mentioned the fork and let his mother realize what else she had forgotten.

Giving by Taking

R' Menachem Mendel of Vizhnitz, famed author of *Tiemach Tzaddik*, was accustomed to have his mother safeguard his money. Although in her later years he was her sole source of support, he continued to have her watch his money. Whenever he needed to buy some snuff tobacco, he would come to her home and ask her for some money. "Mother, dear, could you please give me some money to buy *tabak*?" he would ask her. The great feeling he gave his mother that she still was needed was his way of honoring her.

Saying Goodbye

A Jerusalemite woman took upon herself the task of caring for her ill and elderly father. The father saw the strain this placed on her and begged her to return home. "If you truly have my honor in mind, I beg you to go," he said. Reluctantly, she did.

Very shortly afterwards, the father passed away. The daughter was inconsolable, blaming herself for having abandoned him and feeling she had caused his death.

R' Aryeh Levine of Jerusalem sought to calm her fears. "Even if you had remained at his bedside, he would have passed away," he told the woman. "A person's years are granted from Heaven. No one lives a moment beyond his time. Had you remained with him in spite of his insistence, you would have felt doubly terrible – first, that you did not fulfill the *mitzvah* of *kibbud av*, and secondly, that his anguish over your refusal might have hastened his death. This way at least you know that you listened to his last wish!"

Stories from the Fifth Commandment

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"Understand with Wisdom.
Be wise with Understanding."
–Sefer Yetzirah, *The Book of Formation* 1:4

To Moshe and Naomi Sasson, my beautiful parents.

the Father of Wisdom

the Mother of Understanding

by Gahl Sasson

Many of us, especially at our age, misunderstand time and try to defy it. I happen to be living in the City of Angels, which is ironically the center of time-defiance in the world. Here people desperately try to erase their wrinkles, lie about their age as if it were their income tax, dye their hair, and come up with extremely creative gimmicks to create the illusion of youth.

Why? Who is responsible for the bad PR of time and age? Let's look at the correlation between how we perceive time and how we treat our elders and our parents. In more nature-oriented traditions, among them some of the tribes of central and southern Africa, individuals who manage to survive to reach an older age are considered to be blessed and fortunate.

They become the Elders, the wise ones, to whom everyone else can turn for counsel. The passage of time in one's life is regarded in a positive way and celebrated with special festivities; wrinkles are a privilege, silver hair a blessing! The Elders in these cultures become storytellers, and the story they tell is of their own life.

In our Western culture, we value what is fresh and new, which encourages vigor, creativity and technological advancement. But the consequence is a certain disposability in our culture, and a celebration of youth that forces youngsters into success before they know how to handle it. We actually deprive them of youth, in a way. Later we wonder why so many of our youngsters dive into drugs or suffer fatigue syndromes.

So what is the value of time, why is age so important?

Let's take a look at the kabbalistic Tree of Life, with its 10 spheres or *sefirot*. This Tree is a magnificent symbol of the blueprint of creation. Each sphere represents a bank of symbols and controls a certain archetypal energy. It is said that God created the cosmos using this Tree, so let us find where God concealed time on it and try to understand His intentions.

On the Tree of Life, time and age are associated with the sphere of *binah*, or understanding. *Binah* is located at the top of what is called the restrictive, or structural, side of the Tree, suggesting that time is connected to restrictions, discipline, persistence and patience. We already know that time is a difficult energy to handle. Interestingly enough, this sphere is also called *Ima* – Mother. It is time that allows us to see how much we have developed and grown. Because of time we can reflect upon our lives and say: "I have improved so much in the past three years." Through pressure over time, the coal becomes a diamond. Time helps us heal; there is no greater healing force in nature. Time and age also soften us; they make us wiser.

Time allows us to reflect back and understand what we have done and integrate the knowledge into our lives. Time is a dance between the soul and the body, a dance that has a rhythm (the days, seasons, year) and a melody (our memories).

Right opposite the sphere of *binah* is the sphere *chochmah*, or wisdom. This sphere is also called *Abba* – Father. (The word "abbot" in Latin and English comes form this Hebrew word.) Wisdom is located at the top of the "expansion" side of the Tree. Wisdom expands us, but it is useless without the discipline of understanding. So the organization of the Tree is telling us we all need a Father (wisdom) and a Mother (understanding) to be complete. We must allow time to change our body, mind and spirit in order to be wise and complete. Thus the evidence of time on our bodies is actually a sign of wisdom.

The Tree also associates each sphere with an organ of the body, allowing us to fathom a connection between body and spirit. Understanding and *binah* occupy the left hemisphere of our brain, while the right hemisphere is connected to wisdom, *chochmah*. Recent scientific studies have shown that the right hemisphere controls our sense of self and identity. This has been common knowledge in Kabbalah for millennia. Our identity is provided by our Father (Wisdom); biologically our gender is determined by our father, and also we assume our father's last name, and that last name gives us our identity. Father is the code name of wisdom, and wisdom is represented in the sphere of the right hemisphere, the sphere of identity. (It is always beautiful to see how science and mysticism walk hand in hand)

The Crown of the Tree of Life, its topmost sphere and associated with the will of God, is located just between and above wisdom and understanding, connecting the two. In our brain, the Crown is called the *corpus callosum*, and it is the structure that makes a path between the right and left sides of the brain. People who balance their right hemisphere (spiritual, imaginative and spatial information) and left hemisphere (words, language) in their daily lives have a better chance of understanding and being wise about the will of God. These individuals do not have to work so hard to attain their goals; they simply follow God's will and make it their own.

But any of us can put wisdom and understanding together. We need only work on the relationship between our "father" (wisdom) and our "mother" (understanding). That is why the *Sefer Yetzirah* tells us to be wise with understanding and to understand wisdom. Of course, this takes... time!

An example of how this works is in the experience of abused children. As children, they are terrified by their abuser's power and their own dependency. But in time, the abuser grows old and weak, while the frightened victim grows into a powerful adult. Now healing is possible. Age and time strip the abuser of his powers and give them to the victim. With time, love and mercy can transform anger into forgiveness, hate into understanding, pain into wisdom.

So next time you detect another wrinkle or notice another silver hair, look at it as a sign that you are getting one step closer to attaining Wisdom and Understanding. And whatever your age is, know this: There is always someone older than you are out there, more wrinkled than you will ever be, and that is God.

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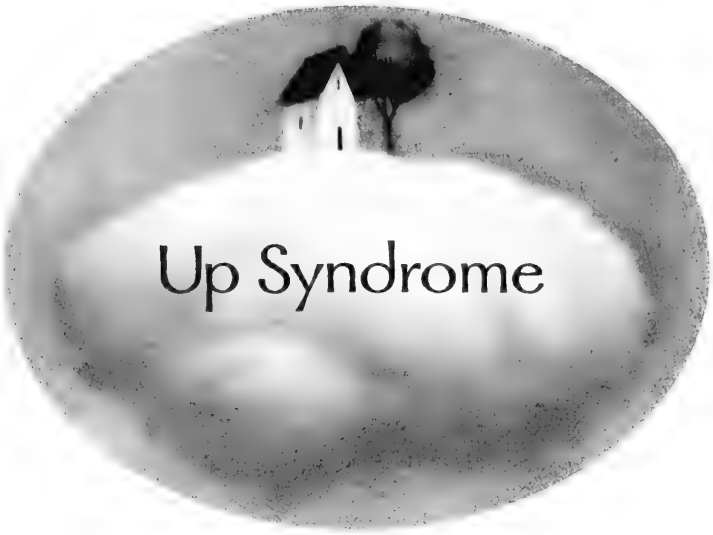

Up Syndrome

by Danielle Magady

I am Danielle. I am ten years old. I go to Yeshiva Ohr Eliyahu and I am in fourth grade. I have Down Syndrome. I have tons of friends. I like to play ball, go on the rings and play foursquare.

At my school we learn about history and we learn about mitzvot. One of the mitzvot I learned was we should honor our parents.

That means we should take good care of them. We should help them - like putting away the toys and setting the table. I am good at stirring the matzoh ball mix.

You should love your mom and dad even when you get angry. I cuddle with them and give them hugs. You could make presents for them.

When I get up really early on Shabbos morning, I read books on the couch with my pillow and blanket so that my parents can sleep.

There are lots of things that I appreciate about my parents. I thank my dad for helping me with my spelling and for taking me on special dates. I thank my mom for helping me with my Hebrew tests and my book reports and baking Chanukah cookies with me.

You can honor your parents if you listen to them. You should not argue with them. Obey them even when they tell you to stop playing games. And you should not get too upset in arguments.

I take care of my mommy and daddy and they take care of me.

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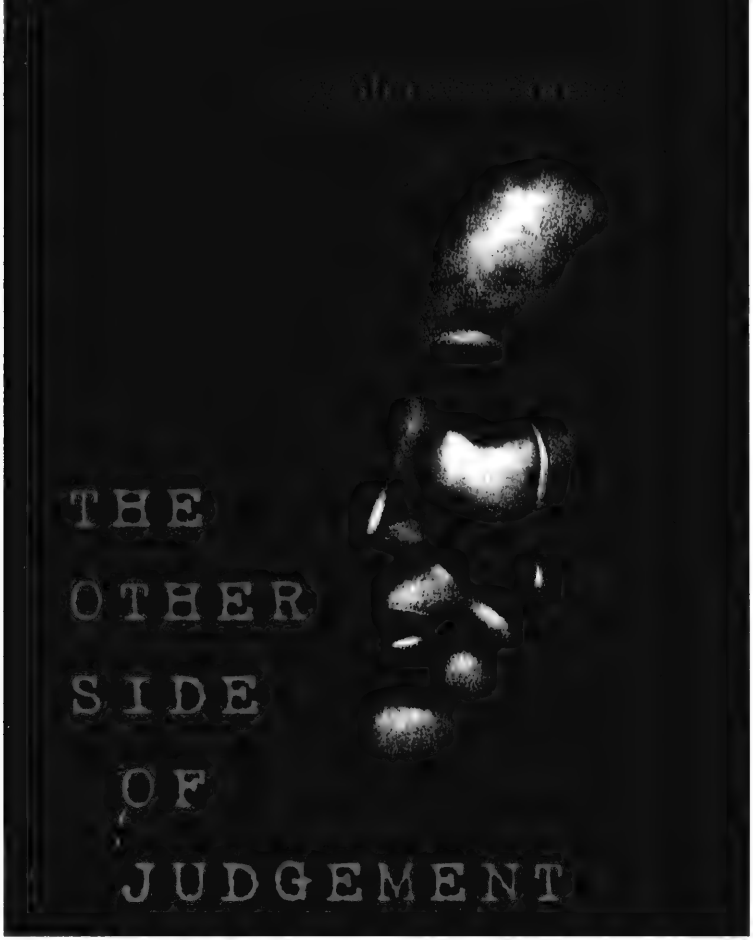

My parents divorced when I was 8 years old. At the time, we were living in Los Angeles, which is where my father stayed while my mother, my three siblings and I all moved to Miami. The transition was hard. The six of us lived in a one-bedroom apartment, and my mother worked long hours to support us. My father and I were separated by 3500 miles and much emotional baggage. I missed him terribly and blamed my parents in general, but my father in particular, for visiting this unnecessary pain on me in those tender years. I had a hard time adjusting to school in a new city and felt stigmatized by the divorce. The pain of it stayed with me long into my adult years and it became a defining event of my life.

But in the end, I became close with my father once again. Several factors contributed to this closeness, but none was as important as this simple fact: I refused to judge him. One of the most beautiful rabbinical teachings proclaims, "Never judge a man until you are in his place." Or as Atticus Finch put it in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, "You can't really understand a person until you walk around a bit in his shoes."

When I grew up, I tried to walk around in my father's shoes. Sometimes I would recall my uncles' memories of him. They remember a 10-year-old boy who left the house in Iran at dawn, staggering under the weight of 100 pounds of carpets that he carried on his back to market so he could help support his many younger siblings. He would return late at night, so hungry that he would eat soup right out of the pot. They remember a boy who, when the family moved to Israel, would again work from the crack of dawn to late at night, selling goods to help the family. To fend off the exhaustion, he would take the scissors he used to cut fabric and poke his legs, sometimes even allowing blood to flow, just to stay awake so he could keep on working. When I asked him about this story my father would not go into details. But he lifted his eyes and said, "The important thing is that I never missed that market. Never."

And there were the stories of people who knew my father after we moved away. For years, they say, he walked around emotionally distraught at being so far from his children. In my youthful ignorance, I had thought he did not miss us as much as we missed him.

It has become normal today for children to judge their parents and to hold them accountable for all the love or attention that they did not receive. So few ever make the effort to walk in their shoes. But after a while, as caught up as I was in what I perceived to be my own suffering, I began to understand that I could never fully appreciate my father's suffering. When I did, it was the first step toward my really becoming a son. The second step was when I started to recognize aspects of my father in myself.

Last year I was away from home on business longer than I had ever been before. When I was into my third week on the road, I called my wife Debbie and asked her to put the kids on the phone. All my girls came running. "How are you Tatti? Are you having a good time?" Then I asked for my 6-year-old son. He wouldn't come. He was playing on his computer.

When my wife finally pried him away from the monitor and persuaded him to talk to his father, the talk was perfunctory and empty. It struck me that my son was learning how to occupy himself in light of a father who constantly traveled. He was learning to live without me. His computer was supplanting my affections as his principal companion. I honestly felt a pain that I have rarely experienced. Nothing, absolutely nothing, had hurt so much.

I called back. Again my wife forced him to the phone. "Tatti, I'll speak to you when you get back – that is, if you ever get back," my son said.

I could barely think. Of course, I would have to change. But even more strongly, I was wanting my son to understand – to know that even if I was absolutely wrong for neglecting him, at least in my mind I was doing it all for him and his sisters; I was trying to earn money so that I could provide for them in a respectable manner.

But I knew that he couldn't understand, not yet. And I knew his indifference towards me was the same indifference that I had sometimes shown my own father who was far away. And suddenly, I knew how much suffering I had caused that special man.

John Patton said that at the core of forgiveness is the discovery that the injured person can commit the same wrong as the perpetrator. It has been easy for me to forgive my father now. One day when my own son looks back on his childhood, I hope he will do so the same. I hope he will understand that his very imperfect father loved him and tried, in spite of his own flaws, to be a good parent, but that his father's only act of perfection was having him as a son.

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When I was 12 we moved from Williamsburg, Brooklyn, to a suburb out on Long Island. The next morning I got up really early and went looking for the center in the neighborhood, maybe a candy store like Shapiro's back at home. Shapiro's was information central. Every one was welcome – my grandparents' generation, my parents' generation, my generation. We all lived in the neighborhood and we all belonged in the candy store.

I never found it. There was no place like it there. I wandered around looking – I even found a candy store, but it was an ambient place where nobody stopped long enough to get to know anybody. I adjusted to my new town, but part of me was lost because the community had no center.

Maybe that's why I understood the depth of my grandmother's exile from her own life when I saw her in a nursing home in the late '60s. Until then, she had been the matriarch of a large and bustling family. In Williamsburg she was the anchor of the first floor of an old brownstone with all of us aunts, uncles and cousins living up above – the whole neighborhood was set up that way, in multigenerational houses. I spent countless hours sitting in the rocker in Grandma's room as she translated stories from the Yiddish-language Daily *Forvarts* and gave over her commentary. Each night all her children and grandchildren gathered to watch the new TV we had chipped in to buy and put in Grandma's apartment, and my mother would bring down the halvah and Aunt Tessie would bring down the fruit. And then for the holidays everyone went downstairs and it all revolved around Grandma and Grandpa, and then after Grandpa died, just Grandma and the rest of us together.

I learned later that Grandma wasn't always the easiest person, but that didn't matter because her role transcended the difficulty; there was an overlooking of it, we didn't dwell on it. Because Grandma was on the first floor, the whole organizational structure of the household depended on it. Shapiro's was the center of the neighborhood, and Grandma's was the center of the family. On the sidewalks outside, one generation grew up into the next, and brides you'd known as babies soon came out to push the carriages you'd seen them ride in. It was a fabric that provided an intergenerational framework for everybody's role, and everybody's worth.

When urban renewal scattered the family, Grandma was the big loser. Without a home of her own, she ultimately wandered from adult child to adult child until she ended up in the nursing home where she was the center of nothing. No one knew her. No one sought to be connected to her. She lay in her bed, one meaningless day yielding to the next. With no future to look forward to, she dwelled with bitterness and longing on the past, which brought her to a dire isolation that no one deserves.

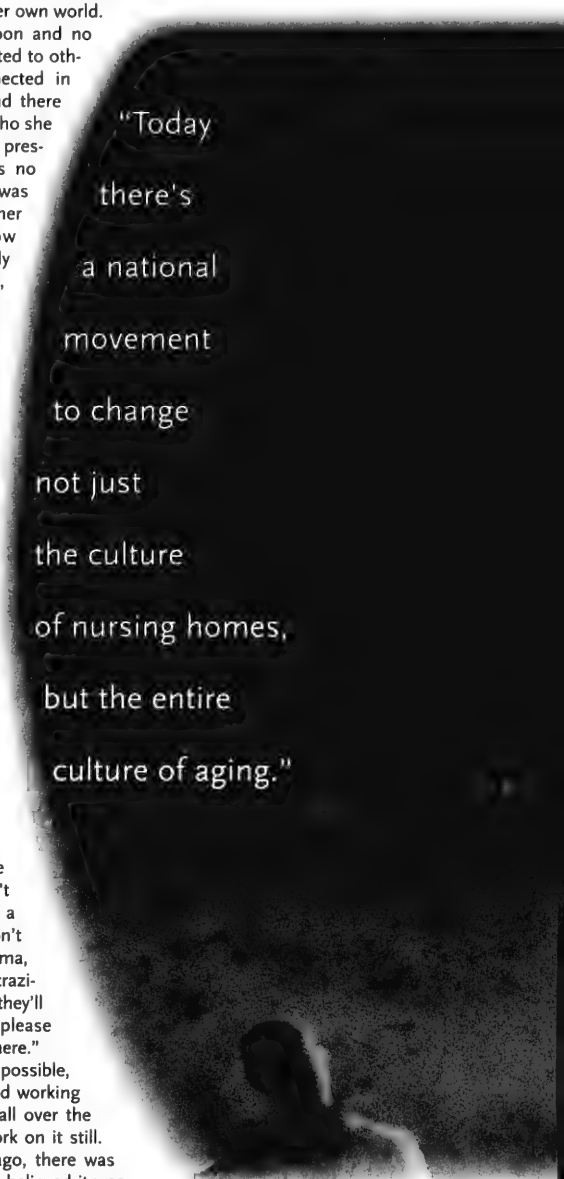
The nursing home stank of disinfectant and the whole place felt lifeless. Jails I had visited were far more alive. The lady in the next bed had her wrists tied; her eyes were glazed over. Each elder was in her own bed, three or four to a room, in her own world. Three o'clock in the afternoon and no one was up, out and connected to others. Grandma was disconnected in time from who she was, and there was no sense of a future of who she would be, and therefore the present was tenuous; there was no real present tense. There was nothing in her life that gave her any meaning. This is now referred to as "institutionally driven disease" – thinking, when you're institutionalized, only of your illness and everything that's wrong.

For the people who worked in the home, Grandma existed in terms of task and function: feeding her, changing her, making her bed, answering her call light – and for the most part they didn't want to be too bothered with that either. Grandma had become a thing in storage, which hopefully wouldn't need too much attention until it's time to be shipped out. There was no presiding kitchen, no street crowded with young mothers you'd watched grow up, no five-and-dime and no candy store where she could be with friends and find herself.

The last time I saw her, she said, "Barry, you just don't know how bad it is." I was a '60s activist and I said, "Don't worry about a thing, Grandma, I'll go fix it." I really had this craziness – I'll go tell them and they'll change. She said, "Barry, please don't, you don't have to live here."

But change was possible, is possible, and a few years later I started working on it, and now many of us all over the United States are hard at work on it still. When we started 25 years ago, there was just a handful of people who believed it was possible. Today there's a national movement to change not just the culture of nursing homes but the entire culture of aging.

We started in 1977 with the Live Oak Institute, a kind of think-and-do tank that launched a pilot program in one nursing home. Then in 1986 my wife Debby and I, with backing from 21 people who believed in our mission, acquired what we named the Live Oak Living Center, a small, plain, elder care facility in El Sobrante, California, outside Oakland. That was the beginning of our biggest experiment, and we are still hard at work on it today.



The very first thing we did is probably still the most important: we drew an "X" in time and space, and said that at the same time every day and in the same place we're going to get together and weave a community. It's called the community meeting, and it's kind

LOOKING FOR THE CANDY STORE

by Barry Barkan

of like Shapiro's candy store.

It lasts for one hour every day. We introduce new people, tell jokes, exercise, talk about how everyone is, talk about the home and talk about the news. Everything that's going on in the world is a topic of discussion. New staff members come and introduce themselves, and it's an instant orientation for them that there's something different happening here from the last place where they worked. During the presidential scandal we talked about it every day, so much so that when President Clinton admitted that he had lied, some of the women cried, because they had so thoroughly believed his story. They are connected to life.

The elders also tell us what kind of things they want to have happen in their care. Each day they're recognized, in sponstaneous and different ways. And when someone dies, they're remembered – this gives meaning to their lives, because the traditional way of dealing with death at a nursing home is not to talk about it. This is inconceivable to us but it is normal practice in many other places.

The idea is to so thoroughly infuse the nursing home environment with normal life that the transition between the home and the outside world is seamless. Our staff members are encouraged to bring their kids to work, and there is a pretty constant presence of children of various ages, and reflecting the diversity of the staff. There are more during vacations, but even during the school year we have three or four kids most days, coming in and doing their school work, playing with one another and interacting with the residents. One 17-year-old girl who's been coming for more than 10 years grew up here. There was one old woman who was terribly unhappy and the girl befriended her and brought her out of her shell. Then one day, the woman made a racial comment, and the girl said, "Do you know you're talking about me?" And the woman said, "Gee, I never thought about that."

We also do old-fashioned consciousness-raising. We challenge the stereotypes of old age, and of life in a nursing home, and we bring to bear our own definition of an elder: "a person who is still growing, still learning, still with potential and whose life continues to have within it promise for and connection to the future. An Elder is still in pursuit of happiness, joy and pleasure and her or his birthright to these remains intact. An Elder is a person who deserves respect and honor and whose work it is to synthesize wisdom from lifelong experience and formulate this into a legacy for future generations."

And we don't separate people according to illness and infirmity. This sometimes makes our marketing difficult because people who are well don't think they want to be with people who are sick. But we believe strongly that we're all one community and everyone is together.

One of these days I'd like to have a radio station, to keep the elders vital and to broadcast, literally, the life knowledge they have that the rest of us so badly need, whether we choose to listen or not! I want to add a kitchen and a woodshop. And I'd like to have animals here. The health effect of pets has been well documented – it's all part of making the world of the elder a real world, a place where a real person can live and grow.

We have our dreams, and we've also had our dreams come true. In 1987 there was a major change in federal law that forced nursing homes to switch from a model of measuring physical health alone to regarding the resident as a whole person. Now there is a Residents Bill of Rights, which includes the right to privacy and the right to refuse medication – in other words, to be like anyone else in America. We are weighed down with paperwork, the everyday heroes who do the hands-on work are still paid a poverty-level wage, and inadequate funding threatens our immediate existence as well as the whole long-term care infrastructure and the old age of our parents and us all. Still, nursing homes are better today than they ever were.

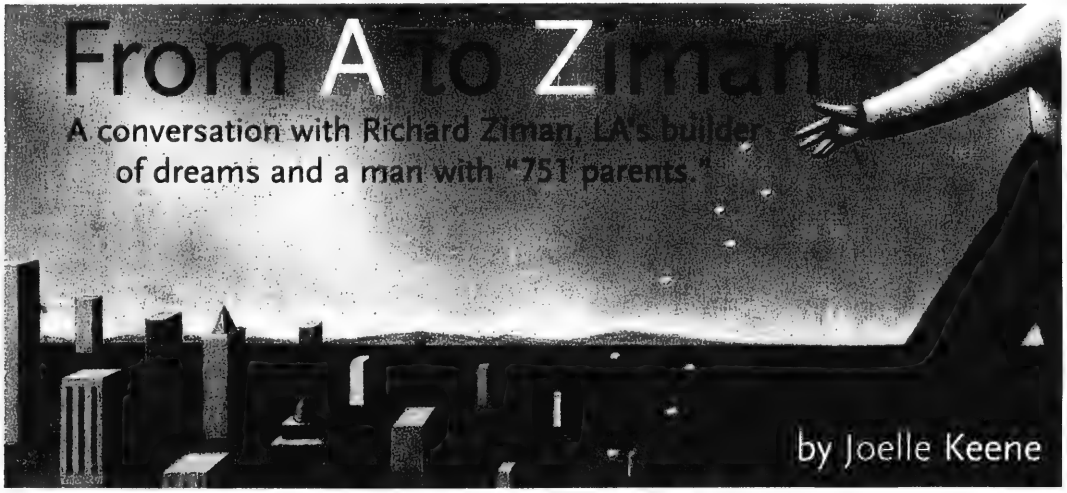
I thought that I'd be through with nursing homes in three years, that fixing them would be so easy and so obvious that I'd move on to the next thing that would help bring back the world of my grandmother. That would be to develop an elders' guild. There needs to be a way for this generation of us who are going to be elders soon to consciously prepare for it, to attain through rituals and rites of passage a clearly defined role that can pass on a legacy that heals the generations. The Elders Guild would create a community without walls – workshops, seminars, handbooks and a repository of the wisdom and consciousness of the elders. It would guide and support a new reality of aging for generations to come.

I haven't been able to make that happen yet, but already we have succeeded in providing thousands of elders with a life that my grandmother had no hope of obtaining in her final months. The legacy of the candy store and the community that was centered in it may yet provide us all with an old age in which every one knows our name, and life's meaning comes from a continuing enhancement of our connections to one another.

With his wife, Debby, Barry Barkan co-directs the Live Oak Living Center, *an elder care community in El Sobrante, California. He is a founder of the Pioneer Network, which is working to change nursing home culture in America.*

From A to Ziman

A conversation with Richard Ziman, LA's builder of dreams and a man with "751 parents."



by Joelle Keene

Richard Ziman sits behind his desk sipping a Perrier, but the casual picture is misleading. From his glass-lined office overlooking Brentwood, Santa Monica and the Pacific Ocean beyond, Ziman oversees an empire of Southern California real estate – and an equally impressive resume of philanthropy.

"I remember going with my father when I was 7 or 8 years old – he would go to these guys and ask them for money," recalls the chairman of the board and CEO of Arden Realty, Inc., which owns and operates more than 140 office properties containing about 20 million rentable square feet.

When the synagogue in their town of Williamsport, Pa., needed a new home, Ziman's father donated all of the lumber, and some of the money as well. For his son, it was the beginning of an education in the importance of giving back.

"He would use his own example for giving," Ziman explains. "He said, 'If you don't set the example yourself, how can you ever ask anybody else?'"

Ziman himself has done the same thing, using his prominence to advance a wide range of causes. He and his wife, Daphna Edwards, have endowed the Ziman Family Outpatient Oncology Center at City of Hope National Medical Center; the Ziman Family Synagogue and the Senior Acute Care Center, both at the Jewish Home for the Aging; and the Ziman Family Wing at the International School of Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

On a personal level, Ziman has served as Chairman of the Board of City of Hope National Medical Center and its Beckman Research Institute for six years, and held leadership posts with the Council of Entrepreneurs of UCLA's business school, the Los Angeles region of State of Israel Bonds, and Gov. Gray Davis's Commission for the 21st Century, among others.

His current passion, growing out of his presidency of L.A.'s Guardians Jewish Home for the Aging, is co-chairing a $72 million "Keeping the Promise" capital campaign to secure the future of two senior citizen facilities in Reseda, in the heart of L.A.'s San Fernando Valley. They've been battered by time – Ziman calls the homes "aging desperados" – and also earthquakes, the expense of new fire and seismic requirements and general financial stress. He is determined to raise enough money for them to have state-of-the-art new buildings with enough left over to fund an endowment. They've found about a third of it so far.

"Unfortunately, most people think the elderly are the responsibility of the government, as opposed to the responsibility of the children and the community," Ziman says. "They are our responsibility.

"If you think about it, an older person is even harder to care for than a newborn. As you get older it becomes more difficult to eat, to sleep, to wake up, to walk – everything is harder. You keep adding doctors. You never take away any."

He considers the Guardians residents his "751 parents". But he's still close with his mother, too, including her in family trips. His father died in 1994.

"My father grew up not really knowing his own father," Ziman says. "My grandfather died when my father was only 6. My father used to say to me, 'I never learned to be a good father or a bad father, because I never had a father to learn from. So I'm trying my best.' And he did. He coached my basketball team, even though he was clueless about the game, because we desperately needed a coach."

Like father, like son – Richard Ziman coached little league, soccer and T-ball when his older children were growing up. His wife is a producer, director and writer who is founding Chairwoman of Children's Uniting Nations, an international children's rights organization.

"There are a lot of people around who can do the cultural stuff," says the lawyer-turned-CEO whose company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. "Who's gonna do the Jewish Home for the Aging?"

Back in his office overlooking the hillsides, on a prominent window ledge is a large photo of a man who seems to be Ziman's father. He's not, but Ziman explains... the man is Arthur Gilbert, the world-renowned art collector, and Ziman speaks of him with a warmth befitting a son. Over a period of years, the two men have become close.

"After my father passed away, Arthur told me, 'You better take good care of me. I'm the last father you'll ever have.'"

But Richard Ziman takes good care of all his "fathers". Maybe that's why he's had so many.

Joelle Keene, a former newspaper reporter and music critic, is assistant editor at OLAM Magazine. She's currently writing a book on character development for teenage girls. Her last article in OLAM *was* "My Beloved Mechitzah."

OLAM goes on a "Tour for Joy"

On March 8, OLAM teamed up with the **Chai Center** and the **Happy Minyan** and drew over 1,000 revelers to its Purim Bash at the Writers Guild in L.A. In that same Purim spirit, Tova and Shanni Chaya Suissa led a group of 45 kids to Tova's birthday Mitzvah Party at the Westwood Horizons retirement home, where they handed out mishloach manot and brought joy and beautiful songs to a very grateful audience.

A week later, OLAM entertained 1,500 Golden Agers on its one-week **"Tour for Joy"** of the East Coast. The Tour featured the rising star of Jewish music, the **Neshama Carlebach Band** (pictured above), led by the soulful music of Neshama Carlebach and featuring gifted band members Jake Jacobs (also the producer), David Morgan, Brian Glassman, Matt Gurman and Greg Wall.

The band, whose new album "I Am Yours" comes out in June, performed in 14 homes for the elderly over a one-week period. "I doubt I've ever witnessed such a lively and responsive audience as we had that day," said Sharon Wolfe, director of JASA West Side Senior Center in New York.

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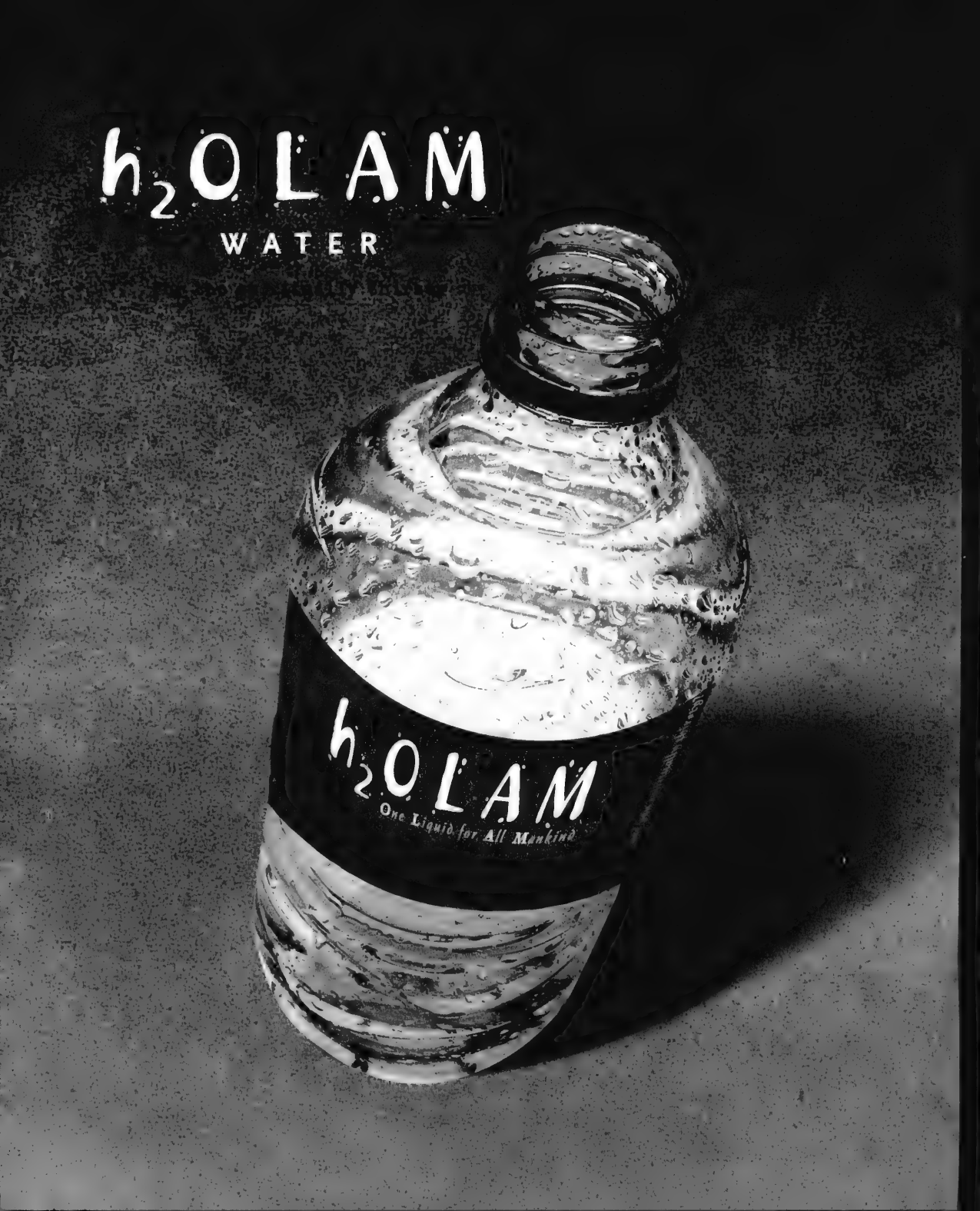
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They remember fallen friends

Students of the Shevah-Mofet high school in Tel Aviv mourn their friends who were killed last Friday night. Five students from the school were among the dead. *[Israel Sun photo]*

Palestinians skeptical of ceasefire

By DANNY RUBINSTEIN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Comment

The Palestinian public is not taking Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Yasser Arafat's call for a ceasefire very seriously.

Despite his declaration that he was prepared for an "unconditional" immediate ceasefire, Arafat lost no time in adding various conditions, especially the resumption of negotiations and the implementation of the Mitchell Report's recommendations – in other words, a total freeze on all construction work in the settlements.

According to various members of the Palestinian leadership, Arafat is incapable right now of issuing any ceasefire order because, in theory at least, the agencies of the PA that he heads are not involved in the shootings or the violence directed against Israelis.

The Palestinians are arguing that the attacks on Israel fall into two separate categories. On the one hand, there is the fire directed at Israel Defence Force troops and at settlers on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, primarily by Tanzim activists in the Fatah movement. On the other hand, there are the terrorist attacks carried out within the State of Israel by extremists belonging to either Hamas or the Islamic Jihad.

With regard to the first category, Arafat still exerts influence because he is the head of Fatah; however, he has great trouble wielding that influence because – in the eyes of many Palestinians, many residents of the Arab states and even many countries around the world – the attacks on the IDF and the settlers in the territories are perceived as a legitimate struggle against an occupying power.

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Funds for Homeless

TORONTO — Thornhill Liberal MP Elinor Caplan, on behalf of Claudette Bradshaw, the federal government's point person on homelessness, has announced a grant of over $90,000 to the Out of Cold program run by several local houses of worship, including Temple Har Zion. The grant was part of over $300,000 in funding to 12 organizations in York Region that work to alleviate homelessness.

Taliban Edict

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada has called for the recent edict by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers forcing non-Muslims to wear yellow badges to be placed on the agenda at this summer's United Nations World Conference Against Racism.

Youth Fellow

DUNDAS, Ont. — Steven Buchalter, a Grade 10 student at Highland Secondary School and member of Temple Anshe Shalom in Hamilton, has been accepted into the Meitav Youth Fellowship for Jewish Leadership program. Buchalter will join 23 other North American Reform teens for a three-year program of Jewish learning and leadership training, including a semester of studying in Israel.

Bloom Inducted

TORONTO — David Bloom, outgoing chair and CEO of Shoppers Drug Mart Inc. will become the first inductee into the new Canadian Retail Hall of Fame at a lunch in his honour June 19.

Wins Appeal

SAINT JOHN — The New Brunswick Court of Appeal has overturned a lower court's finding of libel in a case involving a cartoon that depicted former teacher Malcolm Ross as a Nazi. The Appeal Court threw out a lower court decision that awarded $7,500 to Ross, and it ordered Ross to pay cartoonist Josh Beutel $5,000 in court costs. In 1998, Justice Paul Creaghan of the New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench ruled that while Ross may be a racist, there was no evidence he was a Nazi or that his views derived from Nazism. The Court of Appeal ruled that Beutel's cartoon was fair comment and should not be taken literally.

Anti-Semitism Condemned

MOSCOW — The Moscow Helsinki Group, the oldest human rights organization in Russia, has adopted a resolution condemning anti-Semitism and other forms of xenophobia at its 25th anniversary meeting last week here.

The Resolution to Fight Xenophobia read:

"The participants of the international conference dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the Moscow Helsinki Group recognize the growth of anti-Semitic tendencies in Russian society in the past two to three years.

"Numerous incidents of the propaganda of inter-ethnic and religious intolerance and enmity by a number of deputies in both houses of the Russian parliament, governors, other officials, and in the press, and the use of xenophobia and anti-Semitism as a tactic in election campaigns are not being met with the needed resistance by federal structures and law enforcement agencies.

"We call on the President of the Russian Federation to uphold the ethnic and religious dignity of all citizens.

"We ask Russia's human rights organizations to increase the monitoring of all forms of xenophobia and anti-Semitism, and to widely publish this information both inside and outside the country and strive for the effective defense of victims of xenophobia and other types of ethnic or religious discrimination."

ISRAEL

Housing to Go On

JERUSALEM — Israel's housing minister says plans for new housing units in West Bank settlements are going ahead, despite international pressure for a construction freeze and hints that the government might compromise on the divisive issue. Natan Sharansky told Israel Radio last week he had approved construction bids for 496 new units in Ma'aleh Adumim and 217 units in Alfei Menashe.

WORLD

Monument Inscription

WARSAW — The inscription for a new monument to Jews massacred in the Polish town of Jedwabne in 1941 will stop short of saying that Poles, not Nazi troops, did the killing. The inscription, released last week, alludes to the horrors of neighbours killing neighbours and warns that hatred should never again "set the residents of this land against each other." A Polish official acknowledged the text is a compromise that won't satisfy everyone, especially some Jewish groups. But he said he believes it "reflects current knowledge and emotions surrounding the issue."

Award to Canadian

NEW YORK — Noted Canadian cancer researcher and immunologist Dr. Chaim Roifman has been awarded the Israel Cancer Fund's prestigious Elliott Osserman Award for Distinguished Service in Support of Cancer Research. Roifman is a senior scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children, as well as professor of pediatrics and immunology at the University of Toronto.

Ecstasy Bust

PRAGUE — An Israeli man was among eight arrested in the Czech Republic for conspiring to smuggle 100,000 pills of the Ecstasy drug. The pills, with a street value of $2.5 million, were found last week at Prague airport in two suitcases destined for Canada.

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CJC challenges McGuinty on school funding

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress has issued a spirited challenge to Dalton McGuinty, calling on the Ontario Liberal leader to clarify his stand on funding independent schools.

CJC threw down the gauntlet on the same day as large newspaper ads appeared featuring McGuinty and urging a stop to Bill 45, the government's controversial tax credit for parents of children in private and faith-based schools.

"Public money is meant for public education!" the Liberal party's ad proclaimed. "The government's plan to use your tax dollars to pay for private schools will harm our public education system.

"It's time to make them stop. It's time to make them face up to the damage that private school tax credits do… we can stop Bill 45 tax credits for private schools."

The ad carried a cut-out petition, to be mailed to the Ontario Liberal Party.

McGuinty fiercely opposes the measure. Some Liberal MPPs, including Monte Kwinter and Michael Bryant, both of whom represent heavily Jewish ridings, favour the credit.

Congress responded to the ad with two old quotes attributed to McGuinty. The first, made by the Liberal leader before the executive of CJC's Ontario region on Dec. 3, 1998, was: "I have no ideological opposition to ensuring public funds support Jewish day schools."

The second was printed in the May 16, 2001 edition of the *Toronto Star*: "I have said, in the past, that there is a fairness issue here [regarding the funding of independent schools] and that is something that we recognize."

With those quotes in mind, CJC Ontario region chair Ed Morgan said in a statement issued by CJC, "While it is clear that Mr. McGuinty does not favour tax credits as a means to fund independent schools, we challenge him today to be honest with the Ontario public.

"Mr. McGuinty: If you are not philosophically opposed to the funding of independent schools, if you believe that there is a fairness issue here, then tell the Ontario public your plan for solving this longstanding inequity.

"We challenge the Liberal Party of Ontario to put on the record their plans and their ideas for the funding of independent schools in the province of Ontario."

Congress adds that in its 1998 meeting with McGuinty, while the Liberal leader stressed his first priority is public education, it was the first time any provincial party leader had made a statement in support of funding independent schools.

Meantime, Jewish groups are looking forward to public hearings into Bill 45.

Queen's Park appeared to bow to public pressure last week by agreeing to hold limited hearings on the tax credit.

The government, however, made it clear it intends to pass Bill 45, likely before the summer recess begins at the end of this month, and said it's highly doubtful any hearings will be held outside Toronto.

Opposition leaders, including McGuinty, fumed that public input will be squelched.

He described the plan for hearings as "a sham." New Democrat House leader Peter Kormos denounced them "so brief as to be meaningless."

CJC has asked to appear before the hearings, to take place for about two weeks before a standing committee of the finance ministry. Congress will also represent the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools.

Also scheduled to appear is Jewish Parents for Equality in Education Funding (JPEEF).

"We're looking forward to it in order to clarify a lot of misrepresentations," said JPEEF president Robert Samery. "It will be an opportunity to tell our side of the story."

Congress, meantime, is continuing its meetings with officials of Ontario's finance ministry to work out the mechanical details of the tax credit.

Still unclear, said CJC's Simon Rosenblum, is how it will interact with existing charitable deductions, and how it will be applied to parents who do not pay full fees at Jewish day schools.

Also last week, the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools announced it would mount a $500,000 ad campaign in favour of the measure.

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The Sound of Music

From the editor's desk

During their study of the secrets of the heart, our ancient sages taught their pupils, "There are places that open only to music."

For some of us, they are places of memory, or of spirit, or of pleasure. For most of us, they are likely a combination of many different places. For all of us, however, music, in some form or other, is a communication of the soul.

Very early in the production of *The Sound of Music*, now on stage at the Stratford Festival of Canada, one is reminded of this.

The Sound of Music is about the nature of the connection between music and the soul. Of course the play does not, indeed cannot, explore this relationship to any real depth. Nor does it try to. It does, however, lay bare, in the unfolding drama of the story and in the occasionally inspiring and infectious sing-a-long of the melodies, the notion that in our music are implications and even possibilities far more significant than merely entertainment.

The opening, underlying proposition of the play is that "the hills are alive with the sound of music."

Like all worthwhile poetry, however, "hills" and "music" are of course meant to be understood both literally and metaphorically. The play's storyline, told primarily through song and only secondarily through dialogue, is the vehicle that helps bring us to that understanding.

It is a story that most of us know.

First put to music on Broadway more than 40 years ago, in 1959, it is based upon the true tale of the Trapp Family Singers, who fled from Nazi-occupied Austria before the start of World War II.

Maria Rainer, a postulant at Nonnberg Abbey, is sent to be the governess for the seven children of the widower, Captain Georg von Trapp. She loves the children; they love her. She falls in love with the captain; he falls in love with her.

As the captain tells Maria during that undeniably and inescapably transformative fraction of a moment when he realizes his love for her, she has "brought music back into [my] home." They marry.

The Nazis take over Austria. In their brutish, ugly way, they also aim to take over the captain's life. They conscript him and recommission him to command a ship in the German navy.

"You will take your orders from us," the Nazi thug bellows at the captain. And then, in the "language" of the play's underlying proposition, the Nazi observes revealingly, "We missed hearing you sing."

Of course, the point is that the Nazis do not allow others who wish not to be like they are, to "sing," nor would they understand the sound of the music, even they did.

In the very last scene of the play, the von Trapp family escapes from Austria and from the Nazis. Helping them is the Mother Abbess, whose last words to the family as it flees into the danger-laden night are a paraphrase of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah: "The mountains and the hills shall [once again] break forth in singing."

Those words, a promise to all mankind, neatly tie the play together in a ribbon of thematic unity: It is the deeply-held belief of decent human beings, indeed the deeply-felt need, that the "hills [must always be] alive with the sound of music."

The music in the play of course, reflects the post-war, early 50's optimism of the West. To some people today, the tunes and the lyrics sound "cheesy," which they criticize as being naively out of date.

Such criticism, however, is beside the point. The music's optimism is part of the playwrights' credo in the essential goodness and redeemability of mankind. And that is a belief that warrants emphasis. Moreover, most of the music is fun.

This is the first ever production of *The Sound of Music* at the Stratford Festival and the company is to be commended. I urge people to see it.

Cynthia Dale carries the show. She is an energetic, plucky, determined Maria, a commanding presence whenever on stage. Her timing, range of expressions and nuance of emotions are superb. But the joyful centerpiece of her performance is her singing: strong, assertive and confident. She meshes well with the children, whose harmony and musical abilities are also of a very high calibre.

Other key performances are delivered by Jeanne Lehman as the Mother Abbess. Her rendition of *Climb Every Mountain* is stirring.

Cory O'Brien as Rolf the delivery boy and aspiring Nazi shows a strong voice and deft dancing ability.

Raymond O'Neill as Max Detweiler, the captain's friend and Austrian government functionary, provides the perfect measure of Uriah Heep-like unctuousness and Sidney Carton-like courage to the role.

And, despite the limited scope of her role, Lally Cadeau, as Frau Schmidt, the housekeeper, brings out the maximum of its warmth and strength.

The play is essentially two mini-plays in one: music dominates the first part prior to the interlude; drama dominates the shorter second part, after the interlude. The transition between the pageantry of the wedding near the beginning of the second part, to the predicament of the Nazi takeover, is compellingly effective. Two long blood-red banners of the swastika, hanging from ceiling to floor, replace Austria's official colours after the wedding. The atmosphere is ominous and foreboding, a place of terrible memory.

Ironically, but significantly, that is another reason to see the play.

—MBD

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PROTESTING POLICY OF RESTRAINT:

Some Israelis took to the streets in front of the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem to protest his policy of restraint. This demonstration took place before the bombing in Tel Aviv last Friday night.

[Isranet photo]

Larry's 'the King' at Israel Bonds 50th gala

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Even over the phone, you can practically see the trademark suspenders and hunched shoulders.

And unlike so many other interviewers today, Larry King sounds like he actually enjoys *being* interviewed. Talking seems as natural for him as breathing.

Talk he has since 1960. With over 40,000 interviews under his belt, the *eminence grise* of the talk-TV format has probed presidents, prime ministers, artists, and actors, scientists and singers, earning the monicker of "the Muhammad Ali of the broadcast interview."

No matter who's on his nightly CNN show *Larry King Live* – the first worldwide phone-in TV talk show (and CNN's highest-rated program, with 230 million viewers in 212 countries) – King applies four criteria for a successful interview.

"It doesn't matter if it's a ballet dancer or a singer or a politician," King says. "First, there's got to be passion. The person has to be passionate about what they do. Second, they have to be able to explain what they do. Third, there's got to be a sense of humour, a self-deprecating joke or two, and fourth, it's good if they have a little attitude, a chip on their shoulder."

King was the featured speaker at last Sunday's gala dinner marking the 50th anniversary of State of Israel Bonds in Canada. The master interviewer was slated to show his stuff in a live chat with sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer. Proceeds from the event will benefit the United Way and Jewish Family & Child Service (coverage will appear in next week's *CJN*).

Born Lawrence Harvey Ziegler 68 years ago in Brooklyn to Russian-Jewish immigrant parents, King was raised in a Yiddish environment before heading off to Miami, where, barely out of high school, he landed a storybook job: janitor at an AM radio station.

He eventually landed his own morning talk show in Miami, at the same time as doing TV commentary for Miami Dolphins football games. In 1978, he hit the network with Mutual Radio, with a show heard on 28 affiliates

Larry King Live debuted in 1985 on CNN, with its mix of celebrity interviews, political debates and topical chit-chat. In 1994, Mutual Radio began simulcasting the show.

Through the years, King has interviewed every U.S. president and first lady since Richard Nixon. Last year, his show tallied 37 consecutive days of coverage of the presidential election. Other highlights of 2000 were interviews with the Dalai Lama, Bill Gates and Nelson Mandela.

Can King pull one interview out of the hat as his most memorable? That's a tough one, as he uncharacteristically pauses.

"I guess it would have to be Frank Sinatra," he says after considering a few others, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. "Sinatra was just the perfect guest. He was charming. He was passionate. He could put *you* on the stage."

How about an especially difficult interview? The late actor Robert Mitchum springs to King's mind.

"He was unresponsive… just one-word answers to everything. He drove me nuts. But as an actor, I think he was putting me on. I liked him. I mean, here was someone who wouldn't a return a call from the *New York Times*. That's pretty cool."

Larry King

How about someone King would love to have on, but hasn't been able to?

"The Pope, for sure. Forget your religious feelings. He grew up mostly in a Jewish community. He lived under Hitler and Stalin. He's very conservative religiously, but socially liberal. He was shot, and went and kissed the guy who shot him! We almost got him once, but now, he's very frail."

King has interviewed just about every major Jewish celebrity in the United States, as well as every Israeli leader since Golda Meir (except for Ehud Barak). Yasser Arafat has been on as well. Asked why the former U.S. vice-presidential candidate seemed to take his defeat so well, King replied, "Joe Lieberman's a special guy. He never appeared hurt or down. I'm gonna ask him why."

His favourite guests are comedians, particularly the old borscht belt mainstays, such as Don Rickles and Mel Brooks. "I love to laugh," he says.

He could do without some of the more tabloid-styled shows, such as having psychics on the air. "It's not my cup of tea, but I understand the need for it. I'm an entertainer. I understand that. I actually like the diversity, of having the president on one night, and a screen star the next. It's part of the weird life I lead."

King, who has suffered a number of life-threatening heart attacks, chairs the Larry King Cardiac Foundation, which gives out grants to help pay costs for individuals suffering from heart disease. He's also found time to author 11 books.

It's simple curiosity that drives him. "The one thing I've never lost is my curiosity. I'm still curious about everything. I'm curious about you. I'm curious about *The Canadian Jewish News*. Is it published in Yiddish or Hebrew?"

Would he do it all over again? Surprisingly, no.

"I'd much rather play second base for the New York Mets, and hit .280 lifetime. I'd take that over this career. But I never dreamed I would have this career."

King dismisses criticism of his style as too soft. "I didn't go on the air to promote fist-fights," he says. "That's not my style. I ask questions. I ask good questions."

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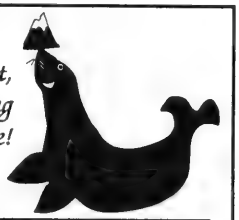

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Former Torontonian heads new media watchdog

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A relative newcomer among media watch organizations focusing on coverage of Israel and the Middle East, Media Watch International (MWI) is headed in New York by Toronto-born Sharon Tzur, who served as a Herut-Likud shlichah here in the mid-1990s.

At the time, she was studying public policy at York University while working to revitalize Herut-Likud's youth wing (Betar) and organize a Toronto chapter of Tagar, a branch for university students.

Tzur, now 28, eventually continued her studies at New York University, but still hasn't completed them. She's been too busy working – a year in Israel as a fundraiser for Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo, then a stint with the fledgling American Friends of Likud (part of the reason she left Israel – a combination of love and a good opportunity, she said), and most recently as national director of project development for the Jewish National Fund.

Sharon Tzur

Her position as director of MWI and its New York office gives Tzur the opportunity to "do everyday what I love doing," she said during a recent visit to Toronto.

"Our purpose is to ensure accurate and impartial reporting on the situation in the Middle East, and in particular Israel," she said. Although Tzur doesn't believe the media in general are anti-Israel or anti-Semitic, she thinks Israel's "not getting a fair deal."

Part of the reason, she believes, is that reporters may not have time to check facts. "I also think that the Palestinian Authority is very, very good at PR," she said.

"A lot of the photographers who work for the foreign press in Israel are Arab. I don't want to say they're biased...but in Israel everything is open, and in the Palestinian Authority, there's very much a lid on what's released to the media."

According to MWI's Jerusalem-run Web site (www.HonestReporting.com), which was set up in October, the non-profit organization, with offices in England and Israel as well as New York, has 12,000 subscribers. The number is actually closer to 15,000, said Tzur. In the past two months, about 300 to 400 new subscribers a week have signed on, with one member lost for every six new ones added.

MWI, which began with seed money from the Jerusalem Fund of Aish HaTorah, is now privately funded. The Web site, in a more modest form, was the brainchild of two Jewish university students in England, who are still involved with MWI.

With 12 employees worldwide, staffers monitor newswire output, as well as about two dozen publications online. Members also send material from their local media – 20 to 50 items a day. In fact, with her parents and brother still living in Toronto, Tzur – whose late grandfather, Zionist Revisionist Zvi Rosenblatt, was acquitted of the 1933 murder of Zionist labor movement leader Chaim Arlosoroff – jokes about having her own crew right here.

She prides herself on MWI's rapid response to problematic material. "Within hours, maximum half a day, our members have an e-mail." A typical e-mail explains why an article is biased and includes a sample protest letter, although members are urged to write their own polite, respectful response, Tzur said.

One item, according to Tzur, generated 3,000 e-mailed protests over a weekend, prompting the recipient to call her and ask her to "call off [her] troops," she said.

Canadian papers monitored include the *Globe and Mail* and *Toronto Star*, neither of which is as bad as their American counterparts, according to Tzur.

Of all the media, CNN is the worst, she said. She noted, however, that when MWI goes after them, "in many cases they do correct their errors."

In a 30-day analysis of CNN, which has not yet been released, MWI "found in every area the result is what you would call biased," said Tzur. As examples, she mentioned 92 Palestinian spokespeople to 61 Israelis, and more than twice as many photos of Arabs as victims, compared to Israelis, over the same time period

Although most of MWI's work is focused on bias in the media, a panel consisting of lay and staff members also takes note of accurate and balanced reporting, highlighting winners in the awards section of its Web site.

As well, MWI has arranged press conferences and puts out position papers on issues such as Israel's abducted soldiers and the "use and abuse of Palestinian children by Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority.

"Our job is to educate the media," said Tzur, who praised other media watch organizations like CAMERA (The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America), and noted that MWI co-operates "with all of them.

Upcoming plans include the opening of a Spanish-language bureau in Buenos Aires in co-operation with the local Israeli embassy.

"I wish that Diaspora Jews would be more involved," said Tzur. "But we are lucky that those who are committed and involved are so dedicated."

WALK FOR ISRAEL: The students and families of Leo Baeck Day School added their support to the Israel Fun Walk of UJA FEDERATION. Students carried the school banner for the entire 7 km, and at one of the checkpoints, posed in front of the banner made by grade 3 and 6 students. The banner was titled, Israel Blooms Peace. Seen (from left) are Courtney Gelbart, Ryan Kroll, Adrian Simon, Eden Gelgoot, Caitlin Kroll and Erin Gelgoot.

Toronto rabbi convicted in tax evasion scheme

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Toronto rabbi has been sentenced to a year of house arrest and must a pay of fine of $32,229, in a tax evasion scheme that issued false receipts in the names of three registered charities.

As well, Rabbi Leon Edery, 65, must perform 240 hours of community service, and is prohibited from taking part in any charity for a year.

Rabbi Edery had been charged with 48 violations of the Income Tax Act, but convicted on one that encompassed all the major accusations.

Court heard that under the scheme, which ran from 1992 to 1997, donors to three charities, two of which are synagogues, were issued tax receipts by Rabbi Edery. However, the receipts were for much higher amounts than the actual donations.

In 1995 alone, for example, the value of receipts issued was almost $1 million, while actual donations totalled $312,000.

Some receipts were also backdated so they could be submitted for the previous tax year.

The donations were paid to the Abarbanel Sephardic Learning Centre, Mincha Gedola Synagogue and Or Hamaarav Sephardic Congregation. Rabbi Edery controlled all three, which were registered charities, from his North York home.

In 1986, however, Or Hamaarav Congregation, in the Bathurst-Wilson area, was seized by its mortgage holder, Regional Trust Co. The congregation, which housed a synagogue and kosher day-care centre, was about $450,000 in debt and several months behind in mortgage payments.

Rabbi Edery and his late brother, Rabbi Abraham Edery, were signatories to the mortgage. The centre was eventually sold in a power of sale, with proceeds going to creditors. However, the head of the day care centre was never paid the $3,000 she was owed.

In the tax evasion scheme, the Crown had sought a six- to 12-month jail term. Only Rabbi Edery's age and poor health saved him from prison. "I think the community is better served by you being in it, rather than in jail," said Madam Justice Rebecca Shamai in passing sentence last week.

The rabbi will be allowed to leave his home only for religious functions, medical reasons and to perform his community service.

Evidence at his trial last month in the Superior Court of Justice showed Rabbi Edery attempted to evade paying some $64,000 in personal income taxes.

Rabbi Edery, who is not a member of either the Orthodox Vaad Harabanim or the Toronto Board of Rabbis, faces other tax evasion charges, and is scheduled to be back in court later this month.

Jacob Abecassis, 33, a tax preparer involved in the scheme, pleaded guilty to tax evasion last fall. He was fined $128,000 and sentenced to six months of house arrest.

Clinics planned for slave labour compensation

TORONTO — Demand by Holocaust survivors or their heirs for help in filling out slave labour compensation forms is so high that the community is holding more clinics.

Jewish Information Service (JIS) says an additional set of clinics is slated to be held every Tuesday and Wednesday from June 5 to Aug. 1. The clinics are by appointment only.

UJA FEDERATION has helped 3,000 Holocaust survivors in the Greater Toronto Area apply for slave labour compensation from the German government, the organization announced last week.

Between March and May of this year, 18 volunteers trained by JIS helped nearly 600 survivors complete their applications in person. In addition, JIS logged close to 2,500 phone calls from survivors or their families who were filling out their forms at home.

According to JIS senior co-ordinator Barbara Barak, an estimated 7,000 to 8,000 Holocaust survivors live in Toronto, and many who qualify for slave labour compensation have yet to come forward.

In addition to the slave labour forms, which must be submitted by Aug. 11, several thousand survivors or their heirs are also eligible to apply for funds from dormant Swiss bank accounts. Applications for these are due by Aug. 3.

At a recent luncheon, volunteers described the emotional strains of having relived horrific Nazi-era experiences with the elderly survivors.

"The stories these people came in with were just incredible," recalled volunteer Mona Brown. "You wanted to cry, but you couldn't because these people had already been through so much. So I went home to cry."

"We were so blessed to work with these wonderful, dedicated, caring individuals. It was our volunteers who made these clinics such a tremendous success," said Barak.

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An especially evil, vile form of hatred

It is an especially evil, vile form of hatred that targets youngsters for slaughter. And yet, the slaughter of youngsters, it is now plain to see, has become the tactic of choice in the war against Israel by the inhumane, ruthless, fanatic haters of Israelis and Jews.

The latest such slaughter, at the hands of an Islamic Jihad suicide bomber last Friday night, cruelly ended the lives of 20 mostly teenage Israelis on the beach strip of Tel Aviv. It followed by some days upon suicide bombings, attempted suicide bombings and other attempted and "successful" methods of murder aimed at Israeli schoolchildren.

In response, Israel reacted forcefully but not militarily. It rightly placed the ultimate blame for the attack on the Palestinian Authority of Yasser Arafat, ended its unilateral ceasefire while reserving for itself the right to strike at the perpetrators of the murders, demanded that Arafat take immediate measures to end the Palestinian-initiated violence and also put into place the most severe economic and administrative strictures yet on the PA.

Some Western countries also reacted forcefully. Apparently surprised and even taken aback by the insistence and sharpness of tone of certain European expressions of outrage, Arafat issued a statement Saturday in both English and Arabic condemning the murders. It was Arafat's "bad luck" that the German foreign minister, Joschka Fischer, happened to be visiting the PA chairman on the day of the Tel Aviv murders. Reports circulated that Fischer threatened to withdraw German funding support to the PA, that he actually wrote the statement the unhappy chairman was forced to read.

But as with all of Arafat's past condemnatory statements or expressions of regret, there has always been a wide chasm between what he has said and what he has intended, between what he has told Western media and what he has actually done "in the field." As of this writing, the government of Israel is waiting to see what Arafat will actually do to bring an end to the violence.

Is it too naive to hope that the Western governments that denounced last Friday's atrocity are also waiting to see what practical steps Arafat will actually take to bring an end to the violence? Is it too naive to hope that perhaps this more vigorous reaction of the West may portend a change in approach to the present conflict?

Does the West finally understand the true nature and the full dimension of the fanatic hatred aimed at Israel? As history has countless times proven, the evil now directed at the Jewish state will soon come calling at Western states. Indeed, those evil forces have already attempted their first deadly forays against Western targets. In a real sense, therefore, Israel's battle against the fanatic foe it faces is also as an advance proxy on behalf of the West and Western values. History has also countless times proven there can be no compromise with this especially evil, vile form of hatred that targets youngsters for slaughter.

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Private schools have saved taxes

Nowhere in any article I have read (including in *The CJN*, May 24) has there been any mention of the tax savings that users of the Jewish day school system have made possible for users of the general education system.

At present, 11,300 students are enrolled in Jewish schools at no cost to the Ontario taxpayer. If those who complain about the danger of offering a tax credit were to face the reality of having these children suddenly and en masse enrolled in the public system, they would be shocked. An extra $90.4 million dollars per year would be needed to fund these spots ($8,000 times 11,300 children).

The public school system, which gets the portion of municipal taxes that I pay every year whether or not my child is actually in the public system would now have to find extra money and build for the extra spaces in already overcrowded classrooms.

We urge all parents who have a child in a day- school system, be it Jewish, Muslim or Hindu, to approach their local board this summer and inform them of an intention to enrol. Faced with this massive shortfall, the Ministry of Education, and the politicians who stand behind it, elected or not, will be made aware of the value to the system of those families whose children are not in the public schools.

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There go the parents' savings!

The recent statements of various Jewish organizations in Ontario in favour of Ontario's proposed tax credits for private schools, and their threats to actively oppose parties that do not support the move, will lead significant numbers of donors to Jewish causes to direct their funds elsewhere. My donations will go elsewhere if the agencies involved carry out their proposed electoral interference.

At a time when there will not be enough places in Ontario universities for high school graduates when the double cohort hits, because the government has not put the money up to hire much-needed faculty, what good will the private school credits do?

The money could have been directed toward hiring staff needed to teach the students whose parents will receive tax credits only to have to pay extra to send their children to universities out of the province or country. There go their savings!

Jack Miller
St. Catharines, Ont.

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Taliban follow tradition

World leaders and commentators have expressed disgust and condemnation at the Afghanistan Taliban's odious decree requiring Hindus to wear distinctive yellow badges to separate them from the Muslim majority.

Most have compared this travesty to the period of the Holocaust when the Nazis required Jews to wear a yellow star. It has been overlooked, however, that both the Nazis and the Taliban merely resurrected a centuries-past Muslim tradition.

The famous historian and biographer of Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Martin Gilbert, as well as other historians, have documented Muslim laws throughout the Middle East as far back as the ninth century, which required their Jewish citizens to wear such things as yellow patches, distinctive coloured turbans, ropes instead of belts, or odd coloured shoes to identify them as non-Muslims, *dhimmis*, against whom restriction and persecution were rife.

Donald Carr
Toronto

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CJC plenary comments welcome

Bryan Borzykowski offered some important insights from a student's perspective on the recent Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) plenary (*CJN*, May 24).

Borzykowski expresses a valid concern when he points out that there were no panellists from Western Canada in the session called Issues Facing Jewish Students on Campus. Several other students from the west present at the session raised the same point to me personally. While there were panellists from Montreal and Halifax, it certainly would have been beneficial to have a western voice. Proportional geographic representation, however, is always a challenge in our vast country and is not always perfectly achieved.

Ron Singer
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The Pope's silence

Pope John Paul's recent visit to Syria was supposed to be a solemn affair in line with his present attempt to reach out to the world's major religions.

Fifty thousand people, not only from Syria, but also from the neighbouring countries – Iraq, Jordan and Libya – gathered to participate in the mass the Pope conducted. The Pope's prayers, and message, in which he preached peace and unity, saying that religious differences should not serve as justification for violence, were transmitted on television. Who could object to these simple words uttered by a man, who has devoted his whole life to God's service? But here was Syria, the most brutal, oppressive and tyrannical regime in the region. The Syrian, European-educated president, Hafez Assad, unleashed his malicious, hateful rhetoric against Israel and all Jews of the past and the present. Where and when else would Assad gain the attention of the whole world?

The Pope's silence was deafening. Where was the outspoken critic of dictatorship and oppression, the guardian of world morality? It is easier to talk of peace and justice and apologize for the past, than to react to vicious outbreaks that villify a whole people, exposed throughout its existence to an unrestrained campaign of hatred and scapegoating.

Lily Kutner
Toronto

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Perspectives

The Canadian Jewish Historical Society and Saul Hayes' legacy

By ABRAHAM J. ARNOLD

The name of Saul Hayes received more attention at last week's (May 24-25) conference of the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (ACJS) in Quebec City than it did at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly in Toronto (May 6-7), of which Hayes was the long time executive vice-president.

At the Plenary Assembly, Hayes' name came up briefly as Edgar Bronfman received the Saul Hayes Human Rights Medal. At the Laval University conference, his name featured prominently in the keynote address marking the 25th anniversary of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society (CJHS), as the ACJS was originally known.

The address disclosed that Hayes, before he died suddenly in January 1980, wrote what is described as his "last legacy to the Jewish community," namely, a "draft resolution on archives." The resolution had called upon Congress to "seriously consider a national campaign for funds specifically set up for the perpetuation of Jewish archives and history… to be sought by an appeal to individual and corporate donors."

In his resolution, Hayes spelled out in detail how the CJC should enhance Jewish archival endeavours. The national executive committee was to be "charged with implementing this resolution to the fullest extent" and CJC officers were called upon to make "quarterly progress reports" in the three years following the 1980 plenary session. The next plenary, in 1983, was to "review the progress made and determine whether additional programming of a similar nature [should] be undertaken."

Hayes envisioned "a foundation that would consider the desirability of, not only preserving Jewish history, but presenting Jewish history in the same way that it is presented in Beth Hatefutsoth, the Jewish Museum of the Diaspora" in Tel Aviv.

"Much of the work of Congress, though vital, is of a transitory nature, while its activities in the field of archives are of a lasting nature," Hayes wrote. "We would be unfair to future generations if we allow the archives program to be relegated to a lesser role."

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The CJHS was inaugurated in 1976 at a conference at Laval University in Quebec City as part of the annual gathering of the "learned societies" of Canada. The society was established on the basis of a resolution adopted at the 1974 CJC Plenary Assembly in Montreal. The National Archives Committee (NAC), then chaired by Victor Sefton of Toronto, was mandated to implement this resolution and Sefton undertook the assignment with great vigour.

The NAC met in Montreal on Feb. 2, 1975 with representatives from Halifax, Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. At the meeting, Hayes stated that the new society's purpose was "to stimulate, promote and organize research into the study of the history of the Jewish community; to collect, prepare and publish materials; to hold symposia on Jewish life and to erect exhibits."

He called for "a realistic budget" to be presented by Congress to the National Budgeting Conference (NBC), one, he said, which would contain "our financial tools for a national historical society and our national and regional archives committees.

"The intent is to increase the effectiveness of the provincial organizations through the central body."

At a later meeting in Toronto, called at Hayes' suggestion, Sefton expressed the hope for a national Jewish historical society "of at least the calibre of the American Jewish Historical Society."

Regrettably, the CJHS/ACJS, to date, has offered little aid to the "provincial organizations," nor has it achieved the status of the American society. This is due firstly, to very low funding, and secondly, to the fact that the AJHS maintains its own archives, which the CJHS cannot.

Sefton also proposed that the society should include "professional historians and gifted amateurs" but there was no question as to who came first – the amateurs!

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Much of the impetus for a national JHS came from Winnipeg, where the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada (JHSWC) was founded in 1968, after an archives collection was started a year earlier. Programs on western Canadian Jewish history, publications and a museum exhibit soon followed.

Harry Gutkin, the leading force behind the successful first effort at mounting a major Jewish museum exhibit (at the Manitoba Museum) – called Journey Into Our Heritage – wrote to Congress appealing for more support, not only for the western effort, but for the establishment of a national society.

A Jewish historical society, Gutkin urged, "can no longer be placed on a lower level than say, Jewish education, because a Jewish historical society has a vital role to play in adult education as well as education for the young." He called for "giving the Jewish historical society a proper place in the list of community priorities, nationally as well as locally."

When the first CJHS conference took place in 1976, active Jewish historical societies were already in place in Ottawa and Vancouver, as well as in Winnipeg, and other efforts were being started in Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax and elsewhere.

The first conference included an evening program at the synagogue followed by a day of sessions at the university, held jointly with the Canadian Historical Association (CHA); professional historians as well as amateurs participated.

An interim committee consisting of the chair of each existing Jewish history society was formed "to give form and substance to the present nebulous character of the society," as Hayes wrote to Sefton. While Sefton had been unable to attend the conference, there is no doubt that without his efforts, it would not have taken place.

The committee met in Winnipeg in October 1976 and among other things, approved a constitution, elected the first officers, made program plans for the 1977 CJC Plenary Assembly, discussed publications and fundraising, discussed relations with the Public Archives of Canada, as well as a joint meeting with the AJHS.

A file photo of Saul Hayes, left, and Victor Sefton.

Officers elected were: Sefton, president; Hayes, honorary president; I. Wolch, vice-president, western region; Myer Freedman, vice-president, Pacific region; Evelyn Miller, vice-president, eastern region; Rabbi Jonathan Plaut, vice-president central region; Sid Green, treasurer; A. J. Arnold, secretary.

In 1975, Sefton had asked Congress for a $27,000 budget which was not approved; instead, he was granted certain small sums for meetings on an ad hoc basis.

Armed with the Winnipeg decisions, Sefton made a stronger presentation to the next meeting of the Congress national executive. The Jewish historical society is, he said, "an instrument of our survival which we must use to teach ourselves, our gentile neighbours, and above all our children and their children, who we are, what we are and why we are.

"Across this country, there has been Jewish settlement and input into almost every area and village, however remote."

As an example, Sefton cited his own work as an engineer "in new construction in Frobisher Bay on Baffin Island… [and] in the creation of the settlement of Sept-Îsles in Quebec."

Sefton also told Congress, "We plan to operate in as many directions as possible" including meeting annually with the learned societies, selecting "first class papers for presentation to this highly intellectual forum," publishing transactions and a newsletter, and encouraging publication of "first class histories of Jewish life in Canada" with assistance to authors.

Again he asked for $28,000, and again it was not granted, but he was "encouraged" to arrange for part-time help. For the 15 years Sefton served as president, he had to keep the society going on a bare-bones basis and it was only possible to move in one more of the "many directions" he had suggested, namely the establishment of the *Canadian Jewish Historical Society Journal*. (The journal was edited by Rabbi Jonathan Plaut until 1984, and then by Stephen Speisman until its last issue in the fall of 1988.)

At an NAC meeting in Toronto in March 1980, Rabbi Jonathan Plaut, who had also succeeded Sefton as national archives chair, reported that he had asked Congress for funds for archives cataloguing in all regions and for other needs based on information he had gathered from replies to a questionnaire sent to regional representatives. When Congress officers pleaded lack of funds, he asked for the opportunity to go across the country to attempt to raise funds himself.

Rabbi Jonathan Plaut also disclosed that at a Congress officers meeting in December 1979, Hayes had made an impassioned plea for archives and one unnamed officer had offered $10,000. Congress officers supported the cause, but with the caveat that if they were ordered to cut their budget, the archives budget would also be cut. This led Hayes to prepare his draft archives resolution soon before he died.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, then president of CJC, also attended the March 1980 NAC meeting. He said that he had hoped some money would be raised for archives in memory of Hayes but "it did not now seem possible." He reluctantly concluded that unless funds could be raised from outside sources, it would be difficult to strengthen the archival program. He conceded that on the basis of funds available, "We cannot pretend that we are doing a good job. We are not. We are part of this country, and what we can do in co-operation with other institutions should be undertaken."

In the early '90s, when the CJHS started its own membership base, it changed its name to the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies and, beginning in 1993, acquired funding from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council for the publication of the Canadian Jewish Studies journal.

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Opinions

Visit to Curaçao (Part II)

In the early 17th century, a Dutch fleet, commanded by Johan Van Walbeeck, conquered Curaçao from the Spanish. Samuel Cohen, the first Jew to set foot on Curaçao, served the victorious fleet as an interpreter. A few years later, in 1651, the founders of Curaçao's present-day community arrived there. They numbered only 10 to 12 families, escapees from the oppression of the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal who had found a safe haven in Amsterdam. They were willing to travel to the ends of the world in further search of a new life, free to live and practise their religion in peace. Curaçao gave them this freedom. Today, 350 years later, the Jewish community that they founded continues to be active, comforted and nurtured by the political, social and religious freedom the Dutch have provided.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

My trip was a visit to the past. In our hemisphere, few other countries have occasion to celebrate this kind of historic dimension. I feel fortunate indeed to have made the trip and have shared the memories of the islanders. I wish that other congregations and Jewish communities, wherever they may be, might have something of the devotion and pride that are found in Curaçao, where Jewish loyalty can serve as an inspiration to many of us. These have been warm and lasting remembrances.

It was a privilege to share the community's anniversary. People attended en masse, and visitors came from everywhere to be part of this rare celebration. The community's congregation is affiliated with the Reconstructionist Movement, the liturgy of which has been adapted to its Sephardi tradition. It retains a special type of formality in dress (the chazzan wears a tricornered hat) and the respectful bowing of those given an aliyah.

In the early 17th and 18th centuries, the Curaçao community helped to establish several synagogues in North America, the Caribbean and Latin America. It supported the 13 colonies of the United States in their war against Great Britain and was one of the first countries of the world to recognize the newly declared United States. During World War II, Curaçao supplied the Allied forces with petroleum products refined on the island.

As noted in my previous column, the island's Jews feel right now that emigration threatens this future and they fight this with a strong commitment to their survival. They are indeed a stalwart group of men and women, who have inspired me with their devotion. Should your travel plans allow it, make a visit to Curaçao's Jewish community a priority.

A grim picture in Israel

Grim. That sums up the current security situation in Israel, the mood of the people and the prospects for the near future. I wish I could be a bit more upbeat but there's no sense in pretending. Sure, things could always be worse – and sadly, they probably will be.

Even by Israel's news-intense standards, recent weeks have been especially loaded with heart-wrenching headlines. Just when one felt as if the country had already hit rock bottom, sure enough it would suffer yet another new terrorist bombing, mortar attack or roadside shooting, to say nothing of the worst civil tragedy in Israel's history.

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

How much depressing news can people endure? How much tragedy can one nation face without cracking? In the face of seemingly endless calamity, how can Israelis best deal with a crisis overload?

These questions came up during a recent conversation with friends. My wife and I had several people over for dinner, and in a remarkably short time, the discussion turned to *ha-matzav* (the situation).

Without exception, what each of our guests had to say was thoroughly depressing.

Like the rest of the country, all of us at the table were still reeling from the then latest terrorist outrage of the day before – a suicide bomber had detonated explosives strapped to his body at a crowded shopping centre in Netanya, killing five people and wounding many others.

During the conversation, one of our friends, a highly patriotic woman who was born and grew up in Jerusalem said: "For the first time in my life, I can understand those Israelis who decide to leave the country and live somewhere else because of the tough reality here."

It's a reality that imposes itself. In the two weeks since that dinner, there have been several more terrorist bombings, mortar firings and fatal shootings, in addition to the collapse of the Jerusalem wedding hall that killed 23 people.

Admittedly, crises and tragedy are nothing new for Israelis, whose devotion to their country has been tested like that of few others. But this time, it's different.

Like some untreatable cancer, the hostilities with the Palestinians seem to go from bad to worse. With each new week (day?), the bloodshed escalates further, defying any apparent military or political solution. It's a pure unadulterated mess, and a volatile one at that.

Since moving to Israel in 1990, I have seen the country weather all kinds of adversity. But what's happening today takes the cake for its impact on Israel's psychological condition. The malaise cuts deep and it's not hard to guess why.

First, the cold statistics which only tell part of the story. Since the Palestinian uprising erupted in late September, some 90 Israeli civilians and soldiers have been killed and hundreds wounded. On the Palestinian side, the numbers are far greater. The conflict may not yet be officially called a war but it certainly feels like one, especially with the country under siege, as people are afraid to take a bus or go to a shopping centre.

Compounding the anxiety is the gnawing sense of despair and disillusionment over the so-called peace process. Starting with Yasser Arafat's rejection of former prime minister Ehud Barak's far-reaching concessions last summer at Camp David through the Palestinian campaign of violence and hate-filled incitement against Israel, the past year has shattered any remaining hopes first raised by the Oslo accords in 1993.

Even if the country is not facing an existential threat, the sense of doom and gloom is pervasive. For all its military might and technological prowess, Israel is hurting. In addition to the casualties, the intifadah has skewered the country's economy, scared away tourists and led to sharp criticism of Israel by the international media and foreign governments.

It's a disturbing picture. Most unsettling is the perception that there is no imminent solution to the situation with the Palestinians. Lamentably, the country's leaders are no source of inspiration, reassurance or optimism for the future. Grim, grim, grim.

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CNN's body count

The CNN presenter hurled one deadly challenge after another at Israeli Minister of Public Security Uzi Landau, before launching the most deadly weapon – the body count. While demonstrating an appalling ignorance of Middle East history, she had mastered the numbers. Over 500 Palestinians have died, she reminded Landau, as opposed to "only" a few dozen Israelis. Surely this proved that "excessive Israeli force" was to blame for this terrible human tragedy.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

According to this primitive concept of morality, justice requires an even body count. Therefore, whenever a Palestinian terrorist is killed in an Israeli response to eight months of deadly terror, an Israeli life should be sacrificed. In this warped universe, the murder of five more Israelis in a suicide bombing in Netanya would be seen as "fair."

No deep philosophical exploration is required to understand that the relative number of casualties is entirely unrelated to responsibility for aggression and violence. During World War II, far more German and Japanese civilians were killed in Allied air attacks than were American or British civilians, but only a fool or second-rate propagandist would use this statistic to shift the blame for aggression to the Allies.

The same relationship holds true in the current war between Israel and the Palestinians. Arafat and his cohorts are fully responsible for initiating this carnage, and the high number of Palestinian casualties, as well as the Israeli deaths and injuries from daily terror attacks, are entirely his responsibility.

Though every victim of this war, Israeli as well as Palestinian, is Arafat's responsibility, in the CNN version of morality, there is no difference between aggressor and defender, between attack and response. The only determinant is the number of dead bodies to be counted, filmed and fed to the masses between commercial breaks. If there are more dead Palestinians than dead Israelis, this must mean that Israel is guilty.

When challenged, spokespersons for the purveyors of 30-second morality hide behind the pretension that they are "only the messengers," protecting democratic values by providing unbiased information. However, the media's systematic collusion with the Palestinians is finally being exposed.

In a courageous article for the January edition of Commentary, Fiamma Nirenstein, who writes for the Italian daily, La Stampa, exposed the dirty secrets. Many of the journalists operating in the Palestinian Authority (PA) are sympathetic and more than willing to play according to Arafat's rules. After the lynching of two Israeli soldiers in Ramallah, the PA confiscated the films made by the journalists in the area. No one complained, and no sharp protests were lodged. One Italian crew from Mediaset managed to smuggle a film out of the area, and to avoid punishment for their sins, Ricardo Cristiano, from the state broadcasting service RAI, wrote a grovelling letter of apology to the PA, pledging to respect the "rules."

Hamas, the terror group that proudly took credit for the murder and injury caused by the Netanya suicide bombing, openly credits journalists for assisting the cause. Its Web site includes an account of a gathering that took place on May 6 in Gaza to honour journalists for their rare courage and daring in joining the struggle against the Zionist enemy. Faid Abu Shimalla, from the BBC Arabic Service, pledged to continue working shoulder-to-shoulder with the Palestinian people. Some balance. Some even-handedness.

The myths of Palestinian victimization and Israeli villainization extend to many international "humanitarian" organizations. Groups such as Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International publish unsubstantiated allegations presented by anonymous "witnesses" charging Israeli brutality. These tales are consistent with all the preconceptions, and this is enough to condemn Israel.

Morality is not decided on the basis of popularity, or on CNN's demand for a balanced body count, and this house of cards will eventually topple, and the pendulum will swing the other way. In this time, many people will be killed and injured. But as long as these distortions are repeated by diplomats, journalists and international organizations, the damage to the foundations of democracy and justice around the world will grow.

The Kirshner File

Desalination could solve Israel's water crisis

The news on Israel's water front is bad and getting worse.

The Sea of Galilee, a crucially important fresh water reserve, is at its lowest ebb in recorded history, and will drop even further during the summer.

Sheldon Kirshner in Israel

The coastal and mountain aquifers, another primary source, have reached precariously dangerous levels, compromising water quality.

Israeli farmers and industrialists face water quota cuts of 70 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

Amid reports that Israel is in the midst of a water crisis of unprecedented proportions, Israel's water commissioner has warned of severe shortages. Recently, the Water Commission's hydrology department disclosed that Israel faces a shortfall of 475 million cubic metres of water.

What to do?

On a short-term basis, Israel is trying to cope with a looming catastrophe by cutting back on consumption, by processing brackish water and sewage into potable drinkable water, by building more reservoirs and by importing fresh water from Turkey.

These methods, while sensible and practical at this juncture, may not be sufficient to tide Israel over as its population grows and demand for consumption increases.

The ultimate solution is probably seawater desalination, a fact the Israeli government now belatedly recognizes. Last month, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced that Israel would build major desalination plants in Ashkelon and Ashdod, capable of producing 50 million and 30 million cubic metres of fresh water per annum. They will not be ready for at least two years.

Currently, Israel consumes upwards of 1.8 billion cubic metres every year, using two-thirds for agricultural purposes and allocating the rest to industry and households.

Under its treaty obligations, however, Israel is committed to providing Jordan with 50 million cubic metres per year and the Palestinian Authority with 35 million cubic metres.

The Ashkelon and Ashdod facilities, which will each cost from $130 to $150 million (U.S.), are expected to be the first of a series of new desalination plants to be erected in Israel.

At present, Israel has one modest desalination plant in Eilat serving 20,000 residents. One of the most sophisticated and efficient plants of its kind, it produces 3.5 million cubic metres annually.

Until its construction about four years ago, Eilat converted brackish water into pure water and relied upon a network of local springs.

In addition to the Eilat facility, Israel maintains a plethora of much smaller desalination units for purifying brackish water.

By all accounts, Israel will require as few as 10 desalination plants or as many as 30 to meet its future requirements.

As far as David Waxman is concerned, Israel can only overcome its water crisis by building more desalination plants. "Our natural sources are deteriorating," said Waxman, president of IDE Technologies Ltd., Israel's largest manufacturer of seawater desalination plants. "Drought and increasing demand are simply aggravating the problem."

Waxman, whose Ra'anana-based company built the Eilat plant and has put in a bid to construct the proposed one in Ashkelon, has a strong financial incentive in such plants.

Ulterior motives notwithstanding, Waxman, born and bred in Israel, is firmly convinced that desalination is the key to resolving Israel's water problems, once and for all.

"The Israeli government doesn't have to make huge investments in desalination plants," said Waxman, lingering over a cup of coffee at a cafe in Ramat Aviv, a fashionable Tel Aviv suburb.

Under an approach known as BOOT (build, own, operate, transfer), private companies build and maintain a plant for 10 years, extracting profits from a water fee. At the end of this period, ownership of the plant reverts to the government.

In Waxman's estimation, it would cost Israel about $300 million a year to log on to such a system. "It's a relatively small sum."

Apart from ensuring Israel with a steady supply of water, BOOT would be financially feasible, generate employment, advance the march of technology, and protect the environment.

According to Waxman, Israel would be making a serious mistake buying water from Turkey, a close regional ally. "It's foolish to rely on external sources," he claimed. "And it's expensive."

In his view, the deal, under which Israel would import 50 million cubic metres from Turkey yearly, is based solely on diplomatic considerations.

"It's basically a political decision designed to tighten Israel's budding alliance with Turkey."

Waxman, whose company has installed more than 300 desalination and water treatment plants of various types in nearly 40 countries, said that Israel would be better off relying on desalination.

On April 23, IDE Technologies launched a $45 million state-of-the-art desalination plant in Larnaca, Cyprus. Scheduled to produce 18 million cubic metres, it was inaugurated in the presence of Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

IDE Technologies, founded in 1965 and controlled by the Ofer brothers and Dekel, is presently building desalination plants in Mexico, Spain, Chile, South Africa and the American Virgin Islands.

It builds facilities based on thermal and reverse osmosis technology. Most of its plants are of the thermal variety, but in recent years IDE has turned to reverse osmosis with increasing frequency.

In thermal plants, water is purified through heat, evaporation and condensation. Filtration is the modus operandi at reverse osmosis facilities.

The Cyprus plant is IDE's biggest undertaking to date, but in the future IDE will be able to build plants with a capacity of 50 million cubic metres, Waxman predicted.

The world's largest desalination plants, with an output of 100 million cubic millon metres a year, are in the Arab world, in countries such as Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states.

" For the Arabs, it's a matter of life and death," Waxman noted. They don't have any other water sources."

Although Israel is not in such dire straits, experts have warned that Israel's water crisis, exacerbated by inadequate rainfall last winter, will only get worse. Last month, the Water Management Committee said that Israel's fresh water reserves are insufficient.

The water level in the Sea of Galilee has dropped drastically. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Israel's main underground reservoirs, the coastal and mountain aquifers, have been damaged. Overpumping has already caused uncontrollable penetration of seawater into the aquifers. Shimon Tal, the water commissioner, said last year that, within a generation, the coastal aquifer will no longer be suitable for drinking or irrigation.

The Sea of Galilee is also under duress. The level of the lake is dropping at a rate of one centimetre a day, and is already 10 centimetres below the original red line of 213 metres below sea level. This means that Israel can draw only 87 million cubic metres this year, as opposed to 420 million cubic metres in a normal year.

The solution seems clear: Israel has no alternative but to construct more desalination plants to slake its insatiable craving for water.

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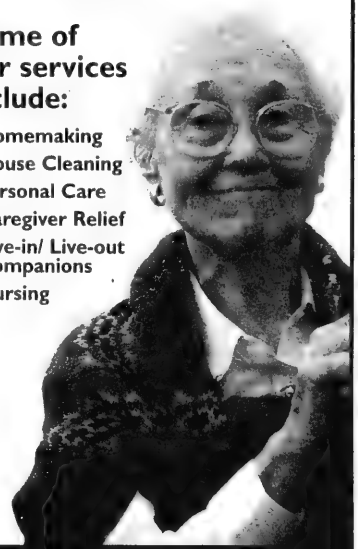

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Jewish Life

Sad, but truthful commentary

Irreconcilable Differences? The Waning of the American Jewish Love Affair With Israel, by Steven T. Rosenthal, Brandeis University Press.

Books
Bernard Baskin

How deeply and strongly are North American Jews connected to Israel? Unfortunately, less and less. A 1998 poll conducted by the *Los Angeles Times* and the Israeli newspaper *Yediot Achronot* found that only 58 percent of American Jews felt close to Israel, a 17 percent decline within a decade, with an even greater fall in support among younger Jews.

The sociologist Steven Cohen found that for every ten-year drop in age, there is a five percent decline in support for Israel. The 1990 Council of Jewish Federation Population Study reveals that 31 percent of American Jews between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four reported no emotional attachment to Israel at all. As one Jewish professional observed, "The annual campaigns are being supported by older Jews for whom Israel holds a special place, but not by the next generation of Jews. For them Israel is not even on the map."

Why our love affair with Israel has gone awry is the concern of this illuminating, but disconcerting, book, by a professor of history at the University of Hartford. It examines the nature and development of American Jewish relations with Israel since Israel's birth in 1948.

The author maintains that the invasion of Lebanon, the Pollard spy case, the Palestinian intifadahs and the "who is a Jew?" controversy have transformed the American Jewish-Israeli relationship.

The generation that experienced the Holocaust and the birth of Israel is dying, Rosenthal states, and emotions, even of unparalleled horror and boundless ecstasy, lose potency over time Other demographic trends – the tremendous increase in intermarriage, the decline in Jewish education and the falling rate of religious observance – have all diminished the importance of Israel to the younger generation.

Rosenthal points out that Sephardi Jews, whose origins and sensibilities are Middle Eastern and who are becoming increasingly empowered in Israeli society, have little in common with the mass of American Jews. As bonds of family and shared cultural experience no longer assert much mutual attraction between Israeli and American Jews, the person-to-person contacts between the Israeli and the American communities appear to be quite tenuous. As a highly placed Jewish professional told Rosenthal, "When I go to Israel, I still have a sense of kinship, but Israelis increasingly seem like citizens of another country and another society. I see them as people that I care about, but that sense of mishpachah is fading, even for Jews like me who know about these things."

The assassination of Yitzhak Rabin was the most spectacular and appalling instance of the intolerance and conflict that affect every level of Israeli society. Despite American Jews' perception of Israel as a miniature version of America, the democratic virtues of tolerance, pluralism and respect for others are in short supply in Israeli political culture.

Rosenthal's presentation is even-handed, lucid and a valuable, if sad, contribution to popular understanding and debate. Somehow, a firm and enduring bridge must be re-established between Israel and North American Jewry for the mutual benefit, security and well being of both.

Friends of Yiddish celebrates group's 17th anniversary

By BEN ROSE
Special to CJN

TORONTO — "We are a voice in Toronto on behalf of Yiddish and we're here to stay," the president of Friends of Yiddish (FOY) said at the group's recent 17th anniversary dinner.

The membership has grown from 100 when Eda Zimler-Schiff first took over as president, to 250.

"We help people to become aware of the revival of Yiddish and give them an opportunity to speak the language," she said. "When there is a need for Yiddish we are ready to help, and we have entered into partnership with many other organizations in the community."

"Yiddish is the language of the people who perished in the Holocaust," said Sol Hermolin, program chair.

The next big FOY event is the Canadian debut of Mikveh, the female klezmer band, at Convocation Hall, Oct. 20. It features lead vocalist Adrienne Cooper of New York, long a favourite of Yiddishists, and violinist Alicia Svigals, Susan Sandler on trumpet, Nicki Parrott on double bass and accordionist Lauren Brody. Tickets are $25, $35 and $75, the last entitling the ticket-buyer to a tax receipt.

Proceeds will go to the Jewish studies program at the University of Toronto, and Zimler-Schiff said they hope to sell at least 1,000 tickets.

In the past FOY has brought the Yiddish Mikado, the Klezmer Conservatory Band and British comedian Bernard Mendelovitch to Toronto.

Zimler-Schiff spoke of the group's partnership with the Bloor Jewish Community Centre in ensuring a Yiddish component in the BJCC's annual Holocaust memorial. She said they help arrange for a Yiddish film to be included in the program of the Toronto Jewish Film Society, and co-sponsor projects at the Workmen's Circle. In addition, FOY members volunteer at Ashkenaz and the Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

"We are looking at a proposal from David Buchbinder to co-sponsor an activity with Askenaz, which has also done a lot to rekindle interest in Yiddish," she said.

Speakers during the dinner included Conversation Club president Bella Sanderson and reports from Study Club chair Evelyn Piltch, vice-president of finance Stan Sanderson, *Dos Bletel* editor Marvin Schiff and program chair Hermolin. Thanks were expressed to Bess Shockett, executive vice-president, and Ana Berman and Min Grossman for hosting FOY clubs.

The program ended with a story reading by Miriam Beckerman and closing remarks from Roz Lofsky, past president.

Other officers introduced were Sandy Bokser, vice-president; Lilian Friendly, treasurer; Saul Berman, recording secretary; and Freda Tobe, corresponding secretary. Other board members introduced were Anna Mae Belmont, Harold Martin, Helen Smolken, Pearl Godfrey and Allen Burke.

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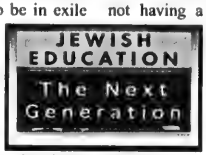
By ELLIOTT MALAMET

An educational challenge

Rebbe Nahman of Bratslav once remarked that there are two types of people who are distant from their Creator: those who experience God as hidden, and those for whom the fact that God is hidden from them is itself hidden. In other words, to be in exile and to not feel it is the real exile.



I was reminded of the enormous "exile" in our midst, and its implications for education, upon reading a powerful essay by Esther Sha'anan in a superb volume entitled *Torah of the Mothers*. In it, Sha'anan, a divorced mother of four, writes of her "invisibility" within the traditional Jewish community and the pain that this caused her for many years.

Children raised in single-parent families have educational challenges all their own. Often, working mothers will be stretched to their physical and emotional limits in trying to combine the Herculean tasks of singlehandedly making a living and providing all of the nurturing and support in the myriad of ways that children need.

The various divisions of labour taken for granted in two-parent homes fall upon a single set of shoulders in the case of single mothers.

But the aloneness engendered by not having a partner with whom to share one's joys and sorrows is needlessly exacerbated by the insular and often provincial attitudes of the social world that surrounds these woman.

Sha'anan writes: "A dear friend, in frustration at the blindness of those around her, swears that if she ever remarries, she will refuse any invitations from people in her community to herself and her new spouse to stop in for Kiddush on a Shabbat morning.

"She even has a response prepared. 'Where were you all those years?' Why, she wants to know, was she invisible to them the countless times she walked out of shul alone, two young children in tow?"

The children of single-parent homes embody the paradoxical state of being, in Sha'anan's words, "at once invisible and hyper-visible." Few wish to see such children walking to shul alone on Friday night, or struggling to buy a lulav. (In a parallel comment in his novel, *Howard's End*, E.M. Forster muses that the "very poor are unthinkable," and of course he's being ironic: it's not that they're unthinkable, it's that we treat them that way.)

And yet, the absence of a second parent often makes these children awkwardly visible at times such as Shabbat or Pesach when the traditional family structure is heavily emphasized.

Schools cannot necessarily bind the wounds that cut through many private lives. But it is incumbent on the teacher to know, in general if not specific terms, that the child in the classroom has been awakened earlier that morning by a beleaguered single mother, who may or may not have had the opportunity to check his homework the night before in addition to taking care of the other children.

Every child deserves the chance to learn, and through learning, the opportunity to heal.

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

War restitution claims – Part 2

Today, I continue my look at the restitution plans available to victims of Nazi persecution and their heirs, and at claims process resources on the Internet.

Although much of the focus has been on restitution from Swiss banks, other countries now have procedures for compensation. Austria's Reconciliation Fund addresses former slave labourers and forced labourers **[www.reconciliationfund.at]**. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Web site has summarized initiatives to trace Holocaust assets from around the world **[www.ushmm.org/assets/frame.htm]**. The site includes references to the situation in many European countries in addition to the situation in Argentina, Australia, Brazil and the United States.

Many other commissions have played key roles in setting up the claims process guidelines. The Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets was chaired by World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman. The commission conducted research into the fate of assets taken from victims of the Holocaust that came into the possession of the U.S. federal government **[www.pcha.gov/]**. The commission's December 2000 findings can be found on its Web site. And the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims was established in co-operation with several European insurance companies, representatives of several Jewish organizations, and the State of Israel. The commission's mandate is to address the issue of unpaid insurance policies issued to victims of the Holocaust **[www.icheic.org/]**.

One issue that is receiving a great deal of publicity is how to deal with art confiscated from Jews during wartime that is now found in galleries around the world. Many of the finest art galleries, including London's National Gallery **[www.nationalgallery.org.uk/collection/rest_list.html]** and the Ottawa National Gallery **[national.gallery.ca/provenance/frame_e.html]**, have created sections of their Web sites devoted to items in their collection with gaps in their provenance (history of ownership.) In most cases, the Web sites illustrate photos of the artwork and tell what they know about them. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has a good summary of international efforts to establish provenance **[www.ushmm.org/assets/ushmm4.htm]** as does New York's Frick Art Reference Library **[www.frick.org/html/provenancelinks.htm]**.

The fight for restitution has been a difficult and sometimes combative one, but I would like to conclude with the stories of some people who felt strongly about justice being done.

In 1977, Christophe Meili was a security guard at the Union Bank of Switzerland when he discovered bank employees shredding what appeared to be important Holocaust-era documents **[www.time.com/time/magazine/1998/dom/980525/file.of_mercy_fameand_ha6.html]**. After he handed those documents over to Jewish leaders, Meili was fired by the bank and received death threats. Meili and his family eventually fled to the United States and in order to offer him refuge, President Bill Clinton signed special legislation granting them permanent residency. **[thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c105:S.768:]**

The family was presented with an $18,000-a-year scholarship at Chapman University in Orange, Calif. The scholarship came from a group of 650 Holocaust survivors **[www.cnn.com/US/9811/20/swiss.guard/]**.

And finally, I came across this lovely story. In 1977, Kaspar Sutter, Massimiliano Desumma and three other high school students at the Gymnasium Newfeld in Berne set out to right a wrong. As they write in their Web site, "It came as a shock to us to realise that some 50 years after the end of World War II, there are still Holocaust survivors who are in need of support and who, so far, have never received any compensation for their sufferings. We feel that one cannot afford to wait any longer and must give these people a sign of solidarity and support" **[www.space.ch/fonds/e/index.html]**. Their efforts spread across the country and the Solidarity Fund for the Victims of the Holocaust was created **[www.english.upenn.edu/~afilreis/Holocaust/swiss-now.html]**. Two years later the five organizers travelled to Israel (at their own expense) and presented 50,000 Swiss francs (over $30,000 US) to Amcha, the Israeli Centre for Holocaust Survivors and the Second Generation **[www.amcha.org/]**.

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Or Haemet celebrates its 25th anniversary

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What began with a handful of children in a basement 25 years ago has evolved into a school specializing in the preservation and promotion of Sephardi heritage.

Maurice Vittori, one of the founders of the school, said that Or Haemet Sephardic School started when Rabbi Eliezer Ben-David, a Sephardi rabbi visiting Toronto from Argentina, recognized the need to bring Sephardi children into their own learning environment.

At that time, Rabbi Ben-David and Rabbi Amram Assayag convinced a number of Ashkenazi philanthropists of the importance of opening a Sephardi school.

"We felt that Sephardi children had difficulties connecting with the schools around them. And even if we got them to go to Ashkenazi schools, the Sephardi heritage would be lost," said Rabbi Assayag, who is now the Judaic studies director of Or Haemet.

"The benefactors' response was incredible," Vittori said. "When the school opened, it was fully funded – even transportation and school supplies."

At first, the school opened in the Petah Tikva, Anshe Castilla synagogue with just a few teachers.

"It was a small classroom atmosphere – almost like having private lessons," Vittori said.

Demand for the school rose very quickly, and Or Haemet outgrew the basement of that synagogue. The school then began a period of wandering.

Seen is Or Haemet Sephardic School's first graduating class, 1985-86. Students, from left, are: Sandy Benquesus, Debbi Benchimol, Smadar Querub, Nadine Oziel and Mimi Cohen.

"In the early 1980s, the management of Or Haemet was handed over to us," Vittori said.

"At the beginning, things were very difficult financially. I had to go to the teachers and tell them we didn't have money to pay their salaries. But no one quit. They just went on teaching. Those teachers were amazing," Vittori said.

"At that time, we knocked on the doors of Canadian Jewish Congress on Brunswick Avenue, and with a grant of $25,000, we persevered," Vittori said.

"When the Ashkenazi philanthropists left, the school had to start charging tuitions. A lot of parents left us," Vittori said. "But many stayed."

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Sephardi school moved to present location in '97

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Many years were spent moving – from Beth Emeth to Temple Sinai to Adath Israel – until the school finally moved into its present location on Bathurst Street in the fall of 1997.

"Today, there are Sephardi children from many different backgrounds," said Messad Boussidan, current president of the school.

The school is now more permanently housed in brand new facilities which include a computer lab, a science lab, a gym and a pool, Boussidan added.

Or Haemet is currently located in the Sephardic Kehila Centre, which was financed mainly through contributions made by philanthropists from the Sephardi community.

Many things have changed over the years. However, Boussidan said, the studious nature of the student body and the commitment of the teachers has remained the same.

I believe this is in large part due to the Sephardi approach to a day in the life of our children, Boussidan said.

"There is a communal feeling which translates into a strong family atmosphere in this school. Everyone recognizes each other – each person walking down the hall is not a stranger. Everyone knows their parents, their grandparents."

Boussidan pointed out that the school's curriculum includes the changes recently implemented in the general studies by the provincial ministry, promotion of Sephardi *masoret* [heritage], and an emphasis on the Hebrew language in the higher grades.

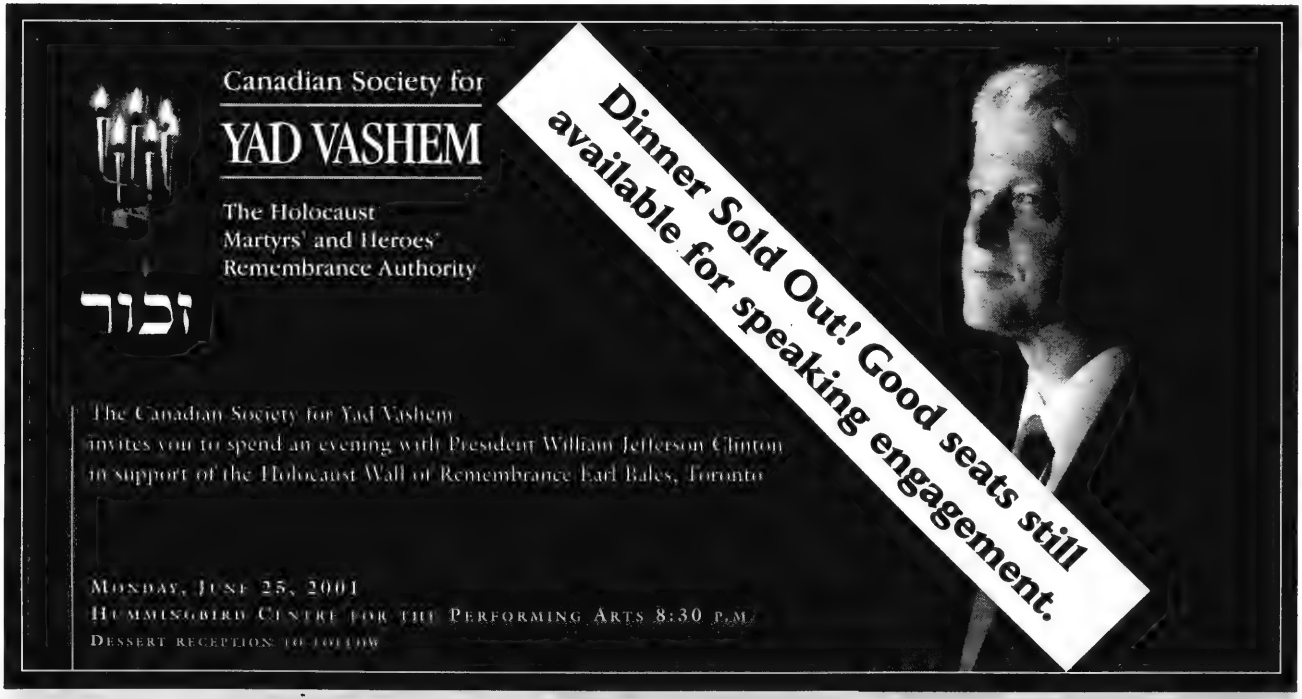
"I consider the school to be the greatest accomplishment of the Sephardi community," Rabbi Assayag said.

Students at Or Haemet Sephardic School today.

"It is especially fulfilling to see parents and teachers here who were themselves students in the school.

"And to see that the Sephardi tradition not only continues, but that our children grow and flourish in it."

Or Haemet Sephardic School will be celebrating its 25th anniversary with a gala concert featuring Emil Zrihan, head soloist of the Israeli Andalusian Orchestra of Ashdod. For tickets to the June 12 concert, 7:30 p.m., Toronto Centre for the Arts, call 905-669-7653.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יד על הלב, יש הרבה תכונות מצויינות בישראלים, כגון התחברות ואמונתיות, חוסר חפיקת, היכולת לחשיבה מקורית ולקראלית, התריצות... אבל החפיפיות נגעה ברובינו במידה זו או אחרת בתהליך ההתפתחות שלנו, ומי שלא מודע לכך עלול ליפול לאותן בורות פעם אחר פעם.

חשבתי לעצמי על הקורבנות של החפיפיות האחרונה בירושלים, אבל גם על אלה שהתחתנו ותגנו שם לילה קודם לכן, ועל אלה שהיו אמורים לתגנ שם בלילה שאחר כך, בלי לדעת שהוצאו משם אדבעה עמודים תומכים. קרוב לוודאי שבפרסומות הדיע בעל האולם בגאות " בואו לתגנ באולמנו המשופץ והמחודר". אבל באמת שיישאר בינינו.

מכתב של אמא

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"הטענה שגם היהודים הורגים ילדים" היא רמייה גדולה. כן, אם הפלשתינים יזרקים אבנים על חיילים ואזרחים ישראלים, חיילנו חייבים להשיב מלחמה כדי לתגן על עצמם ועל ישראלים אחרים. כן, אם הפלשתינאים משחררים בתי ספר מוקדם ושמים את ילדיהם בכוונה בקו האש- ותהיינה שם אבידות. אך ילדים אלה אינם נהרגים בדם קר ובחושב של חיילים ישראלים. הם מוקרבים על ידי הוריהם.

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אבל לא כל העולם מגיב כמו עיתונאים אנטי ישראליים. אחד המקומות הבודדים שבו ווכה ישראל לאהדה בימים קשים אלה היא השוק שמבטא העולם הפאר בעניין שלמות ילדים על ידי אימותיהם הפלשתינאיות למען כשאהידים. קואליציה של רופאי ילדים אמריקאים הודיעה שהעידוד שנותנת הרשות הפלשתינאית לילדים להשתתף באלימות נגד ישראל היא מקרה בוקה של child abuse.

New Israel Fund helps empower Bedouin women

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Amal al Sana-Alhajuj is a household name in the Negev region of Israel.

Al Sana-Alhajuj, 28, a community organizer and activist, co-ordinates Shatil's Bedouin Education Campaign of the Negev, an initiative of the New Israel Fund.

The campaign promotes education among young Bedouin women in the Negev, sponsors high school and university enrichment programs and financial aid, and enlists community support.

As well, she is founder of Shatil's – NIF's training and technical assistance program – Forum for Arab Women's Initiatives in the Negev, and works with young female leaders in Bedouin towns.

She has established professional training courses for Bedouin women and girls, and has overseen projects for An Saan, an organization that works with students on community projects. She also lectures in Israel and abroad about the status of Bedouin women and about Arab rights in the Negev.

She was on a recent NIF-sponsored tour of Toronto, New York, Miami, Washington, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

About 12,000 Bedouins live in the Negev, half of whom reside in seven urban communities established by the state. The rest are in traditional communities not recognized by state authorities.

"In our transition from a nomadic to a modern lifestyle [women in my mother's generation] lost their skills and jobs. When they lived in tents, they had work to do. They brought water from the well, they sewed clothing, they wove rugs, and they worked the land. They had no free time.

"After the Bedouins were moved to permanent communities, women lost this work. They found themselves with no jobs and very low self esteem, and their status in the community was lowered. They had been a full partner in the tent; now they only bore children," said al Sana-Alhajuj, one of 14 children in her family.

With this transition, she said, there was a dramatic increase in the rate of unemployment, a rise in crime and drug abuse, and a high rate of school drop-outs.

Bedouin youth suffer from the lowest academic achievement rate in Israel, she said. Almost 70 percent of Bedouin children who begin first grade do not complete 12th grade, and only 10 percent of Bedouin take and pass the high school matriculation exams required for university admittance.

The government spends half as much on education for Arab children as for Jewish children, she said, and the Negev, where the vast majority of Bedouins live, receives even less.

Shatil offers an empowerment course for Bedouin women to promote leadership and increase educational attainment. The first component in the course focuses on self-esteem, and the second allows participants to select a topic of interest – health, education or citizen's rights – and receive specific training in this area.

When she was five, she said, "I already knew I wasn't like other girls. Instead of sending me to kindergarten my family let me take the sheep out to the fields – a great responsibility, usually just for boys. But my father wanted to build my personality, to show people that girls could [amount to] something too.

"I discovered at an early age that people could not stop me [from achieving something] because I am a girl. If they stopped me, I would challenge them."

By the time she was 14, she was teaching other women to read and write – her mother among them – and eventually she became one of the first two girls in her tribe to attend university, said al Sana-Alhajuj, who now has a bachelor's degree in social work from Ben Gurion University, and a master's degree in social work from McGill University. She is married to a criminal lawyer.

Amal al Sana-Alhajuj

Today, said al Sana-Alhajuj, there are 94 Bedouin women studying at university – 12 are studying for a master's degree – and 320 women are studying at colleges. "Things began to change after we got organized through Shatil."

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YOUTH AGAINST VIOLENCE: Northview Heights Secondary School student Adam Sanders and the international organization SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) recently co-ordinated a gathering to raise awareness of teen violence and promote a violent-free community. The students were to march together to G. Ross Lord Park in memory of Matti Baranovski, who was killed in that park. [Anna Morgan photos]

'Dudu' Fisher in concert for Lubavitch school

TORONTO — Broadway star and singer David "Dudu" Fisher will headline a concert June 7 in aid of Shmuel Zahavy Cheder Chabad at the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

The Evening of Jewish Song and Renaissance will follow a patrons' benefit reception. Later there will be the 13th annual draw to raise money for the school, which provides an education in the values and lifestyle of Chabad Lubavitch.

Fisher, who originally trained as a cantor, has performed with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and at the World Cup Finals, and hosts a television program in Israel. He provided the voice and singing for Moses in Steven Spielberg's *The Prince of Egypt*.

He also appeared as Jean Valjean in the Broadway and Royal Command Performance of *Les Miserables*.

The draw includes a $10,000 fur coat certificate, jewelry, a trip to Israel, leather coats, furniture, luggage and a camera.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be at 6 p.m., the concert at 7, followed by a sweet table, the draw and a silent auction.

The cost of the concert and draw ticket is $250. A limited number of concert only tickets are available at $100 through Ticketmaster.

Organizers hope the event will raise between $250,000 and $300,000.

For more information, call Gary Gladstone at 416-663-1972, ext. 28.

HEEL'N' WHEEL-A-THON : **The York Region chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada is holding its annual Heel'n' Wheel-a-thon on June 10 at Toogood Pond Park, in Unionville. Elliott Gordon, 13, (right) who suffers from Crohn's disease is once again this year's honourary chair for York Region. The event starts at 10 a.m. with breakfast, followed by an aerobic warm-up at 10:45 a.m. and kick-off at 11. Although this disease affects people of all ages and backgrounds, it appears to affect more Jewish people.**

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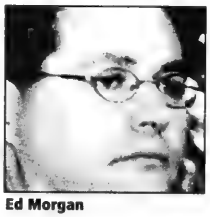
Day Schools & Public Schools It's Not an Either/Or Situation

UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, have prepared this supplement – the 2nd in a series – to keep our community informed about the recent provincial tuition tax credit for independent schools



Ed Morgan

Dr. Seymour Epstein

HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE FOR FAIR FUNDING

The Ontario government's announcement of a tax credit for parents of children in independent schools is a major achievement in the Jewish community's 17-year struggle for fair funding for Jewish day schools in this province. Throughout the years, many individuals have pioneered this struggle. Among them are **Bernie M. Farber, Israel Janowksi, Henry Koschitzky, Keith Landy, Ed Morgan, Brian Morris, Philip Reichmann, Robert Samery, Murray Segal** and **Larry Tannenbaum.** Thanks to their dedication, the financial burden on parents will soon be lighter.

June 12, 1984 – Introduction of Bill 30 providing full funding for Roman Catholic schools. The Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education **(OJAEE)** is established to lobby the government for fair treatment for Jewish schools.

June 1984 – The government appoints a Commission on Private Schools in Ontario to examine the issue of funding for non-Catholic independent schools.

October 1985 – The Commission's report supports funding of independent schools, stating that failure to do so could be seen as discriminatory.

1987 – Supreme Court challenge of Bill 30. OJAEE argues for equal treatment for non-Roman Catholic faith-based schools. The Court finds that Bill 30 does not violate Canada's Constitution.

November 1, 1991 – Five Jewish parents launch legal action against the province, arguing that the failure to fund all religious schools is discriminatory and contravenes the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. OJAEE acts as intervener. The Court finds for the province. The petitioners appeal the decision.

July 1994 – The Ontario Court of Appeal reaffirms the lower court's decision. The case is appealed to the Supreme Court.

CRITICS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S recent announcement of a tax credit for parents who send their children to day schools claim that the public school system is enough and that a Jewish education is unnecessary – that religion should be taught at home or in a supplementary setting.

Some even insist that this move is the beginning of the end for Ontario's public school system. Two men who strongly disagree with this assertion are UJA FEDERATION Board of Jewish Education Executive Director **Dr. Seymour Epstein** and **Ed Morgan**, Chair, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

Both men agree that a strong and healthy public school system is essential to Ontario's educational needs. It's not a case of one or the other. They say the two systems complement each other.

"The struggle for public funding of faith-based schools is not in conflict with public school education. On the contrary, we all want to see the public school system thrive," asserts Epstein.

"It is one of the best ways to teach pluralism and tolerance in a multi-cultural society. The argument is simply that it is not the only way," he continues. "Those cultures which require their own school environment for full development are entitled to use public money to develop complementary systems that enhance the full spectrum of the Ontario rainbow."

"We live in a diverse society where cultural differences are celebrated and the rights of minorities must be protected," says Morgan. "Ontario's educational system is a reflection of the larger society in which we live, and as such, must meet the needs of everyone, including Ontario's faith communities.

"In extending tax credits for independent schools, the government has acknowledged that these schools are an important part of how Ontario's children receive an education and that their parents should not be treated as second-class citizens," concludes Morgan.

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February 1996 – Day school parent **Arieh Waldman** argues at the U.N. Human Rights Committee (UNHRC) that Ontario's school funding policy violates the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

November 21, 1996 – The Supreme Court finds that the government could, but is not legally obliged, to fund independent religious schools.

November 3, 1999 – The UNHRC finds Ontario's funding practice to be discriminatory. The Education Ministry immediately reaffirms the government's commitment to the existing publicly funded education system.

May 2000 – Ontario Parents for Equality in Education Funding **(OPEEF)** and the Jewish Parents for Equality in Education Funding **(JPEEF)** hold a rally at Queen's Park. Over 3,000 attend.

September 2000 – OJAEE and UJA FEDERATION reconstitute to form the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools **(OAJDS).**

May 9, 2001 – In its 2001 budget, the Ontario government introduces a refundable tax credit for parents of children in independent schools.

UPDATE: On May 29, the provincial government announced that the finance committee will hold two weeks of **public hearings** on the tax credit. UJA FEDERATION & Canadian Jewish Congress urge you to contact the following individuals to demonstrate your support for the government's initiative:

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Benjamin Hertz

Bank office helps investors do business

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — From his office on the 22nd floor of a North York business tower, Benjamin Hertz can look out onto a marvelous view facing west.

On a clear day he can see as far as Etobicoke or maybe Mississauga, but his gaze is directed much farther afield, to Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, not to mention his home base of Toronto.

Hertz is chief representative of Bank Leumi Le-Israel, and it's his job to scan the business scene and assist the bank's customers in doing business in Toronto and Western Canada.

For Hertz, much of the country is his bailiwick, and anywhere a businessman or investor needs help doing business in Canada – or Israel, for that matter – he's there to help.

A couple of weeks ago, 30 Israeli investors representing a dozen companies called on him for advice on the Canadian real estate market. Flush with surplus cash, they were searching for investment opportunities in Toronto, Montreal and even Saskatchewan, which they visited.

As a representative of the investors' Israeli bank, Bank Leumi, Hertz provided the advice and direction to facilitate their search.

"We are here to represent the Bank Leumi Group worldwide. So, if a person or a company wants a banking relationship abroad, we're here to assist him with that. We're involved with Israeli businesses coming to Canada, and with Canadian businesses going to Israel. I'm also involved here in banking corresponding relationships, which are between banks," he said.

Because the representative office is not a bank branch, it cannot borrow or lend money or do any of the other things commonly associated with banking, Hertz explained. Instead, the representative offices in Toronto and Montreal serve as a sort of middleman, economic counselor, or facilitator for Bank Leumi customers.

His help operates in both directions, so, for example, he can help Canadians set up offshore accounts at any of the Bank's many branches worldwide. But unlike full-service banks, the representative office does not handle any money. "Any profits to be made will be made abroad," he said.

Bank Leumi, founded almost 100 years ago at the direction of Theodor Herzl, vies with Bank Hapoalim for the title of Israel's largest bank. Both have set up representative offices in Toronto. Worldwide, Bank Leumi boasts US $53 billion in assets, and last year, the bank's return on equity reached 15.3 percent, slightly ahead of Bank Hapoalim's 15.1 percent. However, its profit cashed in at US $1.6 billion, slightly behind Bank Hapoalim's US $1.62 billion, so it appears bragging rights as Israel's top bank are still up for grabs.

Canada-Israel trade has been growing in recent years, and his office has been busy promoting that exchange, Hertz said.

While the larger-scale Canadian investments in Israel are well known – think of Canadian-inspired office towers in Tel Aviv – Hertz said he was surprised at some of the small-scale Israeli activities in Canada. Hertz knows of more than 300 Israelis who have purchased condominium units in Toronto strictly as investments, he said.

After 35 years in banking with Bank Leumi, there's little that should surprise Hertz. Prior to his posting in Toronto three years ago, he served for 3½ years as manager of Bank Leumi's branch in Chicago. Unlike the situation in Toronto, the Chicago office was a commercial bank involved in wholesale business, such as business loans.

His first foreign posting was to Manhattan in 1981 where he was in charge of international business and the bank's Latin American desk.

In 1986 he returned to the Tel Aviv head office and was put in charge of the securities department. He also served as a board member of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

At the time, Bank Leumi, along with other Israeli banks, operated branches in Toronto. Although he's not familiar with their situation at the time, Hertz believes they suffered, along with numerous other banks, from the collapse of real estate prices and the recession of the early 1990s. They departed the Canadian scene, and when they returned, they did not come as full-service banks, but "maybe in the future they will," he said.

Berlin rolls out 'red carpet' for Holocaust survivor

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Albert Silver and his family fled Germany in 1939, driven out by waves of Nazi anti-Semitism.

Such was his lingering anger and bitterness that he never thought he would see Berlin again.

But a month and a half ago, in a moment of understated triumph, he returned to Berlin as an honoured guest of the city that had once scorned and humiliated him.

"They rolled out the red carpet for us," said Silver, a 72-year-old psychologist in private practice in Burlington and Toronto.

Along with a group of former Berliners from the United States, Canada, Israel, France, Britain, Switzerland and Australia, Silver visited Berlin from April 24 to May 1. The only other Canadian on the trip was Peter Loewenthal, a resident of Toronto.

They were there under a program established in 1966 for Jews who had been ousted from Berlin by Nazi persecution.

"Berlin went all out for us," he said, referring to the busy schedule of events planned for the visitors.

"They tried to make us feel they were sorry for what had happened, and, as much as possible, to put it right."

When he received the invitation, Silver was overcome by mixed feelings .

"We were persecuted in Germany and forced to flee. Berlin was not a place filled with happy memories. On the other hand, I was born in Berlin, and I wanted to come to terms with the past and release some of my pain, sorrow and great sense of loss."

Silver lost three uncles and three aunts, as well as his grandparents, during the Holocaust.

His parents, Jakob and Marie, who were originally from Poland, left Berlin several months after Kristallnacht.

He has faint memories of that nation-wide pogrom.

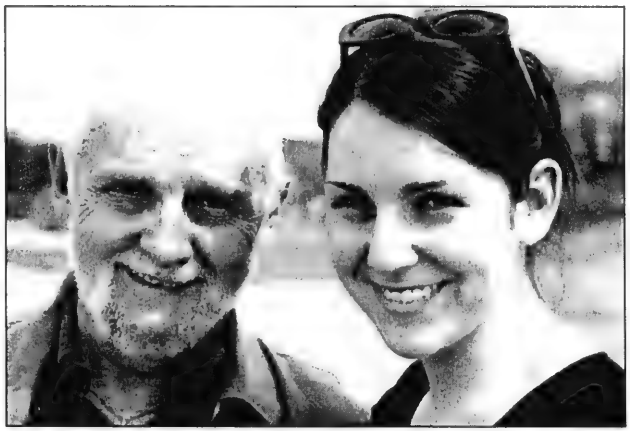
"I remember something happening and people whispering about it. As a child, I didn't have a real appreciation of what was going on."

On their flight from Berlin seven months before the outbreak of World War II, the Silvers, including his sister Berta, went to Rotterdam, Holland, and then on to New York City.

Later, as a student, Silver studied at City College of New York and Michigan State University.

In 1970, he and his wife made aliyah. After three years in Israel, they settled in Canada.

Silver's travelling companion in Berlin was his 21-year-old daughter, Ruth, who, he said, was "deeply moved" by the experience.



Albert Silver and his daughter, Ruth, in Berlin.

The 59 participants were given sightseeing tours of Berlin and Potsdam and fêted at receptions hosted by the mayor of Berlin, the Berlin Senate, the vice-president of the German Bundestag and Berlin's chief of protocol.

They also visited Berlin's new Jewish Museum and the Jewish community centre and stopped at several synagogues and Jewish cemeteries, including Weissensee, where Silver's birth mother is buried. She was murdered in 1931, two years before Adolf Hitler's accession to power.

In addition, they were serenaded by a children's choir, attended a play and were treated to a boat ride on the Wannsee.

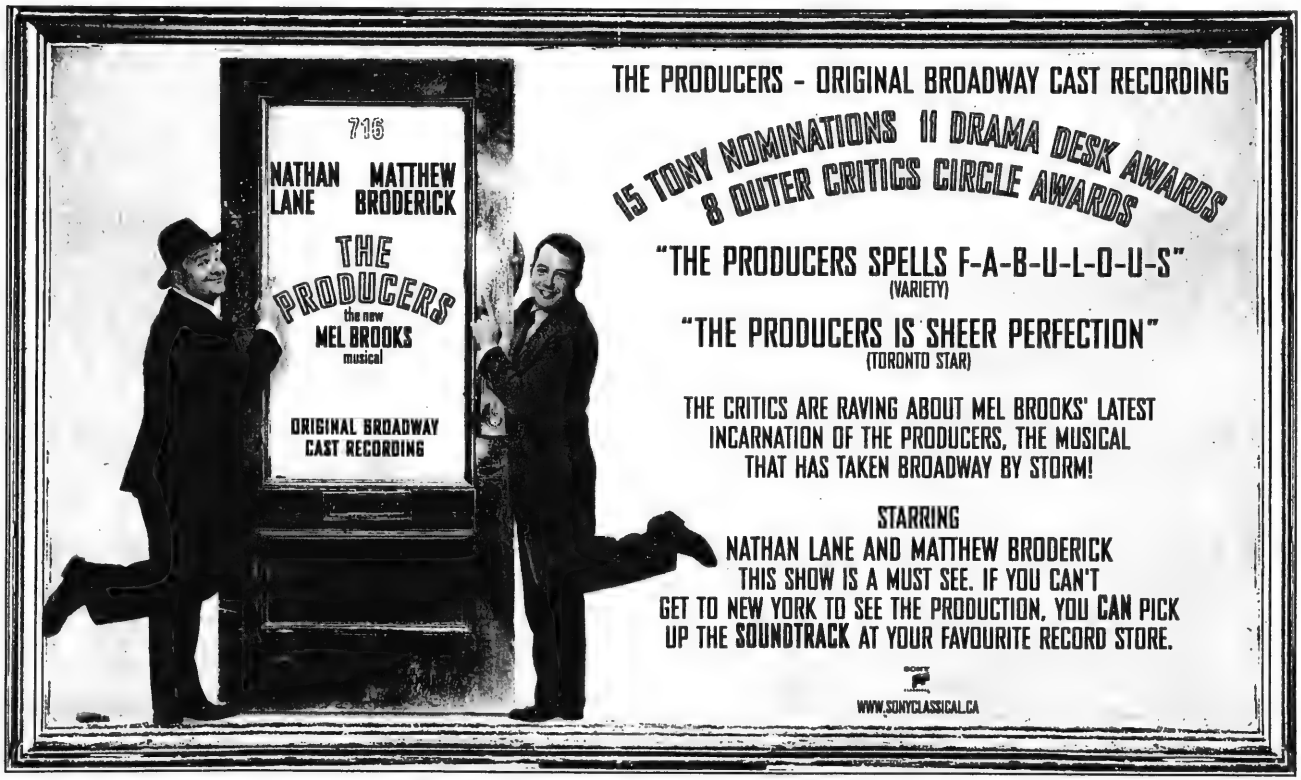
Silver, who speaks fluent German, did not feel uncomfortable in Germany.

However, before the trip, he said he was somewhat hostile to Germany and Germans.

"Now there's a sense of forgiveness and openness."

In his view, the new generation should not be blamed for the crimes of their fathers and grandfathers.

It would be foolhardy, he said, not to acknowledge that a new, democratic Germany has emerged from the ashes of National Socialism.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Thursday, June 7

NA'AMAT DINNER

Sandie Rinaldo, news editor and weekend anchor of *CTV News*, is the recipient of this year's Na'amat Canada award for exemplary service in the community. Presentation is taking place at the Growing Up With Na'amat Dinner at Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres., 416-636-5425.

Sunday, June 10

SHMOOZE AND CRUISE

Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel/Beit Halochem Canada Alumni and Aish HaTorah Thornhill's Beit Halochem Committee host a Shmooze and Cruise on the Jubilee Queen. Kosher buffet dinner, dancing to the music of **Yitzhak Argaman**. Boarding 6:30 p.m.,ship sails at 7 p.m. 416-787-8950.

JEWISH MUSIC

Friends of Yiddish evening with **David Buchbinder**, founder and director of the Ashkenaz Festival, and leader of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, presenting an illustrated lecture, So You Call This Jewish Music?, 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. RSVP **Sandy** 416-736-8073.

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GARAGE SALE

Orah Chapter, Jewish Women International, garage sale of new and used items, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 443 Mullen Dr., Thornhill.

JEWISH SINGLES

Games Jewish Singles Play, a social evening for Jewish men and women, Group A, ages 21-39 and Group B, ages 40-69. 7:30 p.m., Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave. Early Bird Bingo 7:30-8 p.m. **Mollie** 416-733-3634.

Monday, June 11

TORAH PERSPECTIVES

Prof. Arnold Ages, Beth Tzedec Scholar-in-Residence series Torah Perspectives, focuses on The Torah as Literature. 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec.

YIDDISH FOLKLORE

Cranbrooke Friendship Club of the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) and Winchevsky Centre afternoon of Stories from Yiddish Folklore featuring **Nathan Garnick** accompanied on the piano by **Nathan Rosen**, 12:30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Preceded by a light lunch. 416-789-5502.

Tuesday, June 12

RUTH RUBIN

A celebration of the life and work of the late **Ruth Rubin**, Yiddish folksinger and folklorist features performers **Naomi Bell, Jerry Gray, Ruth Seligman-Slater, Sid Dolgay;** tributes by **Ben Steinberg, Esther Spivack Marks** (sister of Ruth Rubin); a screening of *A Life of Song* (a video portrait of Ruth Rubin by **Cindy Marshall**). 7:30 p.m., Temple Sinai. 416-789-5502.

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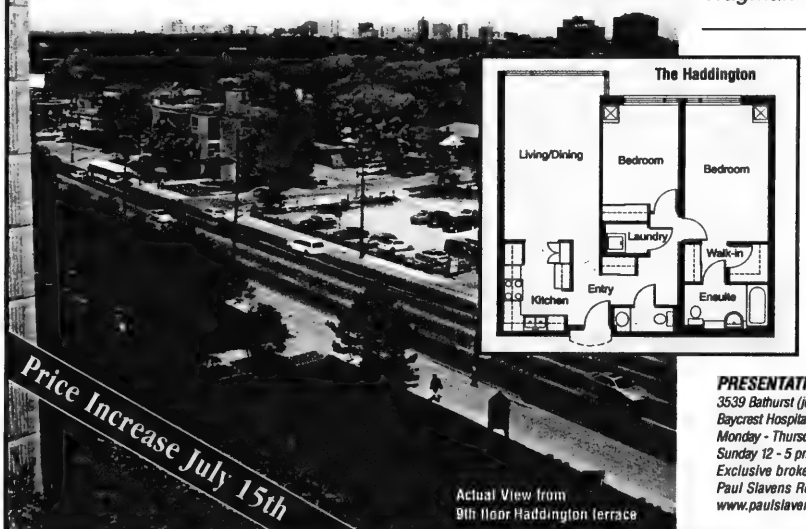

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NO HOLES, NO HOLOCAUST

The Holocaust and Hope Education Committee of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada evening with historian **Robert-Jan van Pelt** of the University of Waterloo, 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. Prof. van Pelt testified for the defence at the libel lawsuit brought against **Deborah Lipstadt** by Holocaust denier **David Irving**. RSVP **Julie Borst** 416-633-6224, ext. 145.

LINE DANCING

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood closing program, line dancing with **Ann Sharp,** 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13

MUSICAL LEGACY AWARD

The Ben Steinberg Musical Legacy Award takes place at a special recital concert presented by by the winner. The recipient is a Jewish artist at the threshold of his or her career. Concert includes music by Jewish composers. 8 p.m., Temple Sinai.

VOLUNTEER PRESIDENT

Esther Shilling, retiring president of Canadian Volunteers for Israel, receives the thanks of members and of Israel at a presentation at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. RSVP 416-781-6080.

Thursday, June 14

INSTALLATION DINNER

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Installation Dinner and Dance 6:30 p.m. Installation of **Ari Hochman**, synagogue president; synagogue executive and board; executives and boards of the brotherhood, sisterhood, young families and Chai Shalom. RSVP 416-633-3838.

LOVE IN THE BIBLE

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FOR SENIORS

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Coast to Coast

Unfair to imagine non-existent bias

Ezra Levant is but one of the most recent victims of the internal ritual of hara-kiri that has characterized the Canadian Alliance over the last couple of months. To most observers, he is nothing more than a footnote in the sordid tale of Stockwell Day's demise as leader of the party. To some, however, Levant's "resignation" (read: dismissal) raised the issue of possible anti-Semitism gurgling just below the surface of the Alliance.

The case in support of this contention is mostly circumstantial. The CA and its predecessor, the Reform Party, have attracted more than a few notorious characters to its fold over the years, people like Doug Christie – the zealous defender of James Keegstra, Malcom Ross and Ernst Zundel. The proponents of the anti-Semitism theory are also quick to point to the significant number of evangelical Christians within the Alliance and its parliamentary caucus.

As for their trump card, they remind us that Levant used to quarterback Preston Manning's question period strategy team before mysteriously leaving for an ultimately short-lived appointment to the *National Post* editorial page. The conspiracy theorists suggest that, in fact, Levant was never accepted within the core Reform family and was pushed out the door.

Of course, none of these arguments makes any sense.

First, regardless of one's opinion of the Alliance program, both the CA and the Reform Party that came before it have acted swiftly and unequivocally whenever a known anti-Semite had joined or attempted to join the party. Their record is impeccable on that score.

Second, while the CA is populated with a disproportionate number of evangelical Christians, as a group, they have consistently been among Israel's strongest supporters in the House of Commons.

Scene in Ottawa
By G.K. SIMCOE

Finally, Levant counts Day (and son Logan) among his closest of friends and was invited back to help out during an especially sticky period. Levant left Manning's office because an opportunity at the *Post* fit neatly into his plans – especially since he wanted to be in Toronto where his soon-to-be-wife resided.

The truth is that Levant is no longer with the Leader of the Opposition simply because he erred in leaking a document to the *Post*. No conspiracy, no anti-Semitism. Those who now call the shots in the party (primarily, John Reynolds) wanted to send a message about the new way the CA would be doing business and Levant merely provided Reynolds with an opportunity to make the point.

All of this to say that while genuine anti-Semitism exists on the margins of all political parties, it is of no value to imagine it where it does not exist. Not only is it unfair, it trivializes the seriousness of anti-Semitic incidents when they truly arise.

Community volunteers honoured

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA Some 400 people attended a gala dinner recently to honour community volunteers Liz and Arnie Vered.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, who acted as master of ceremonies, commended the Vereds for the many activities they have undertaken. They have taken the principle of giving back and raised it to an art form, he said.

Not only have the Vereds, both individually and as a couple, contributed countless hours of their time to Hillel Academy, a Jewish day school with 400 students from kindergarten to Grade 8, and numerous other community activities, they are also the parents of five daughters and one son — two graduates and four current students of Hillel Academy.

We have contributed a women s basketball team and a male coach, joked Arnie Vered in his remarks.

Speaking as a friend of the honorees, Solly Patrontasch noted that Jewish schooling is an integral part of the couple s value system, and praised the Vereds for their dedication.

Liz and Arnie serve as an example to all of us, he said. We can honour them by following their lead. Let us teach our children as Liz and Arnie teach theirs.

The three eldest Vered children, Ariel, Danya and Jordana, paid tribute to their parents, and a video highlighting some of the memorable moments of Vered family life was shown.

Liz and Arnie were presented with a medal designed by Irving Osterer, to be known as the Vered Hillel Medal.

In his acceptance speech, Arnie thanked and praised his wife. My achievements are your achievements, he said.

Being a volunteer and working together with others to benefit the community is a rewarding experience.

He concluded by encouraging others to get involved as well. There is so much to do, he said, and everyone can help. Together we can make a difference.

Coast to Coast

Author explores world of art plundered by Nazis

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Worldwide interest in the location of vast quantities of priceless art stolen by the Nazis during the Holocaust is due largely to the research and detective work of Hector Feliciano.

Feliciano's eight-year search for the plundered art is detailed in his book, *The Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World's Greatest Works of Art.*

The author, who has appeared on *60 Minutes*, has been interviewed on CNN, NBC and ABC, and will soon be seen on CBC's *Newsworld.*

Feliciano spoke recently at Congregation Machzikei Hadas at a lecture sponsored by Yitzhak Rabin High School, in association with the Canadian Jewish Congress and The Canadian Museum Association.

He became interested in the missing art while working in France for the *Washington Post*, Feliciano said.

"There were very few documents on the subject. Many of the documents were classified, and many archives were closed," he said.

He encountered a great deal of opposition in his search but persevered tirelessly, amassing clue after clue and following every lead, he said.

He based his search on the lost art of five families and concentrated on art stolen from France.

"By the end of the war, France was the most looted country – 100,000 works of art had been looted."

Feliciano left his job to work on his book full time. The result, according to Jack Silverstone, executive vice-president and general counsel of Canadian Jewish Congress, "reads like an art history book and a spy novel at the same time."

The book reveals the meticulous and systematic looting by the Nazis. "Ironically, the detailed inventories they prepared have helped to track down and identify the missing works of art," said Feliciano.

When he began his work, he said, he was more or less alone in his quest. "Things that were unthinkable at the time the book was published are now part of the landscape. There are Web sites and full-time museum employees researching the backgrounds of works of art."

Ottawa media personality Peter van Dusen, MC for the evening, asked Feliciano how it felt to hold the lists in his hands and to meet the families whose art had been stolen.

"As a journalist and as a writer," said Feliciano, "you believe in the power of the word and the power of the image. For me, personally and professionally, it is a dream, and I ask myself whether there will be something else in my life after this."

Getting to know the families has been a gratifying experience for Feliciano, he said.

He has been very moved to see the emotional response of the people whose art was recovered.

"It was like a member of the family who had disappeared in the camps," he said.

Van Dusen said, "Most reporters feel good if they are able to change the way people act and feel in their little area. Hector has changed the way the world is behaving and reacting in response to this situation."

Get refusal said harmful to kids as well as women

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — When a Jewish man refuses to grant his estranged wife a *get* (religious divorce), he is hurting not only the woman, but also any children that she may not bear as a result of her predicament, says Marilyn Mattie Klein, founder of L'Maan B'Nos Yisrael International.

A woman without a *get* is forbidden to marry in a Jewish ceremony and any children she may have will be considered illegitimate for all future generations, Klein said.

Any one of these women could be the woman chosen by God to be the mother of the Messiah, and thus a man withholding a *get* could even be prolonging the arrival of the Messiah on earth, said Klein, who established L'Maan B'Nos Yisrael to help these women, known as agunot.

Klein and Rabbi Shmuel Gamliel recently spoke at a weekend Shabbaton at Congregation Beth Shalom West. Rabbi Gamliel, director of the Agunah Department of the Rabbinical Courts of the State of Israel, described how he travels around the world to track down recalcitrant spouses and to assist them in in any way possible to grant their wives a *get*.

"Sometimes people are reluctant," he said, "as they themselves don't care, but any children of a future marriage will be illegitimate without a *get*."

Rabbi Gamliel has used his international network of friends and supporters to track down and negotiate with men in order to "free" the wives.

"If you don't have the facility to write the *get* on the spot, such as in cases where there are no witnesses, according to Halachah you can do it by power of attorney," Rabbi Gamliel said.

He told of one such instance when he met with an Israeli who was incarcerated in Soledad prison in the United States.

Klein and her organization arrange such activities as *get* information days, agunah *get* days that provide centres where people can obtain a *get* at no charge, and support groups for agunot. It is common for agunot to feel alone, and often they are in dire financial need as well, having been deserted by husbands who refuse them appropriate support, she said.

"Canada is a leader in demanding that the *get* should always be given prior to a civil divorce," Klein said. She also praised the Ottawa Jewish community for being exceptionally progressive and united in its support for the plight of agunot.

"The Ottawa community and the rabbis of Ottawa are a shining example and a role model," she said. "There is a reason that there is no major problem here – the rabbis and the community leaders here don't tolerate it."

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom West, said his congregation had taken a vote several years ago, deciding that any member who refused his wife a *get* would not be given an aliyah to the Torah nor be permitted to assume a position on the board. All the other local congregations followed suit.

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Cummings remembered as family, community anchor

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Maxwell Cummings, whose name has been associated with innumerable community and city institutions, was known as a philanthropist whose generosity and commitment had no bounds.

Obituary

To his family, however, Cummings – who died peacefully on May 23, a little more than a month after celebrating his 103rd birthday April 19 – was known simply as "papa Mac," the family patriarch around whom family life flowed and revolved.

His funeral, held on May 25 at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, was attended by about 500 people, including dozens of extended family-members and community leaders.

Speakers described Cummings as the anchor who held family members together and as a man who, even in his final days and despite blindness, knew every grandchild, great-grandchild, and great-great-grandchild by name.

"Our family and community lost a patriarch," grandson Steven Cummings said. He lived his life "with grace, elegance, and confidence. He did it his way."

Steven Cummings, himself due to become FEDERATION CJA president this fall, recalled his grandfather as a man of "piercing insight" and as a "mentor, role model and good citizen."

His last birthday, he said, was one in which every family spoke from their "hearts and souls" in conveying their love for him.

"It was a celebration of life and the unity of family," he said.

Rabbi Barry Gelman said that Cummings would forever be remembered for his "charm, charisma, his great presence in a room and for his grace."

He was able to "judge people quickly, but then accept that person for who they were… He knew how to balance justice with grace and generosity," Rabbi Gelman said.

Try to imagine, he said, what today's Montreal community would look like had it not been for Cummings, who spearheaded the construction of the Cummings House, the home of FEDERATION CJA, and contributed to so many other community and city institutions.

Joshua and Casey Cummings remembered their great-grandfather as someone looked upon with "awe and respect," holding court in his red chair as the family gathered at his Westmount home for Jewish holiday celebrations and weekly Shabbat dinners.

Casey, who was born when Cummings was 72, also remembered him as having a great sense of humour and of instilling the values of being "well-rounded, charitable, caring and kind."

Rabbi Gelman said above all else, Cummings would be remembered for his "good name," one of the three "crowns" of Judaism that can only be bestowed by others.

Cummings was born in Saint John, N.B. the son of David and Beatrice Cummings. They moved to Montreal in 1911.

When he was 14, he began to work in his father's shoe business to help reverse business losses.

Few realize, said Rabbi Gelman, that Cummings' real-estate career began when he bought too-large premises for the expanded shoe business and then rented the excess space out to others.

"He found it more profitable to selling shoes," Rabbi Gelman said.

As a developer, Cummings was responsible for Canada's first shopping centre, the Norgate Shopping Centre in St. Laurent, as well for being among the first Canadians to develop low-cost housing.

As a philanthropist in the Jewish community, he was the principal benefactor of the Cummings House (dedicated in May 1973), as well as the principal benefactor of the Golden Age Centre named for him and his late brother, Nathan.

In 1989, Cummings was also the main donor to the Cummings Family Pavilion for Medical Science at the Jewish General Hospital (JGH), where he was chair of the board of trustees.

Other Jewish institutions linked with Cummings' name include the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Jewish National Fund, Baron de Hirsch Institute, YM-YWHA, Weizmann Institute, the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, as well as numerous other Israel-based institutions of higher learning.

In the wider community, Cummings was also a benefactor to many Montreal hospitals, universities and other institutions. He helped his sons Robert and Jack to completely rebuild the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in 1976 through a $500,000 donation. A performance hall there was named in his honour.

For his contribution, Cummings was named a member to the Order of Canada in 1978 and to the Order of Quebec in 1990.

Cummings was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Victoria (Queenie), son Jack, and siblings Ralph, Nathan, Harold, Ben and Minnie Abbey.

He is survived by a son, Robert, six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild, Nathan, who, along with 100 others, attended his great-great-grandfather's 100th birthday party in 1998.

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Seniors Scene

Club Gilmore members, seen in 1954 photo, include Earl Crangle, standing third from left; David Himelfarb, standing sixth from left; and Harvey Capp, seated fourth from left. Inset: Himelfarb, left, and Crangle reminisce about the club. [Frances Kraft photo]

A solid friendship: the guys celebrate 50 years

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although the concept of bonding, in the sense of forming an emotional attachment, had yet to enter the vernacular, a group of teenage boys with an appetite for sports, girls and hi-jinks forged a bond more lasting than they ever anticipated in 1950s Toronto at the then-new YMHA.

Last month, eight members of Club Gilmore – a name chosen from the stock pages – celebrated 50 years of friendship, not to mention poker games, with a trip to Las Vegas.

In 1951, two years before the Jewish Y opened at the corner of Bloor Street West and Spadina Avenue, the 15-year-old downtowners met at 44 St. George Street, a satellite of the Y on Brunswick Avenue.

"It had a gymnasium and some club rooms," recalled David Himelfarb over lunch recently at a mid-town deli. The new building, however, was "the last word in community centres...It was where all the Jewish kids congregated. Every Sunday night there was a dance. It was the centre of your social life."

The Y was "the common ground that brought us together initially," said Harvey Capp in a separate phone interview, referring to the various schools members attended – among them Central Commerce, Harbord Collegiate and Oakwood Collegiate.

"It was a wonderful time in my life," he recalled, adding that the fraternity members he encountered at university "didn't have the remotest idea" of the type of experience Club Gilmore provided.

Aside from regular club events, like meetings and athletic activities, the boys spent just about every weekend together. "I wouldn't dream of going out on a Saturday night without making the phone calls and checking with everyone," said Earl Crangle, who along with Himelfarb met with *The CJN* to reminisce about his teen years and what their long-term friendship means.

"You knew you were always part of a group if you wanted to be."

Back then, going out meant walking, often to see a show, stopping at one house after another to pick up members on the way. "Who had a car in those days?" asked Himelfarb.

The early years were filled with sports like softball and basketball, with YMHA clubs, each boasting its own jacket and logo, competing against one another. Sometimes, to raise money, members would run a raffle for 10 cents a ticket. "It was a great way to get girls' phone numbers," said Himelfarb, smiling.

Dues were $2 a week, and the boys were assigned an older adviser. At one time, Sonny Langer, now a Toronto caterer, was assigned to the club.

The Y was like a second home until the boys started getting married and drifting apart. They also rented a club room above a store at College St. and Brunswick Ave. -- the scene of meetings, parties and weekly poker games.

Memorable party entertainment included *The Operation*, a skit performed in shadows behind a sheet. "I worked in a butcher shop. I'd bring some liver," said Crangle (aka Butch), the group's one-time social director, whose role included pulling out various organs, and finally a baby (actually a doll), and flinging them at the audience.

Drinking and drugs were never an issue, according to Crangle, except for one Passover evening when the boys were still under 21 (then the legal drinking age) and Manischewitz was the beverage of choice for a Gilmore-style third Seder, complete with a police raid.

Following a laughter-filled 1967 reunion, members decided not to lose touch again. Since then, every month, a core group of 10 has met to play poker. "It's the same game, for the same stakes – quarters – that we did 50 years ago, although we can all afford to play for dollars," said Crangle. "Every time we laugh and joke and rib each other. We're still teenagers at heart."

Now that they're in their mid-60s, Himelfarb and Crangle joke that the focus of their conversation has changed from girls to medications. In fact they don't take their health for granted, having lost one member to heart disease.

Over the years they've attended each others' simchahs as well as funerals and shivahs. Their ranks include a number of businessmen, a dentist, two lawyers and an electrical engineer.

"We grew up together," said Crangle.

"The game's just an excuse to get together on a regular basis and catch up," explained Himelfarb. "Every time we get together we talk about the old days. We continue to relive our youth...Geez, those were terrific times!"

On Campus

Stretch your mind in Vancouver this fall

By MARLANE PRESS
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — A day of Jewish learning, called Stretch Your Mind With The Best of Hebrew U, will bring some of the brightest minds of Hebrew University to Vancouver this September.

The one-day event's seminars will focus on topics ranging from Jewish mysticism to science and technology, and human rights to religious and Bible theory.

Co-ordinated by several Vancouver Jewish organizations – Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, and Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver – Stretch Your Mind marks the first time the three groups have collaborated on such a major endeavour.

"I've lived in Vancouver for 32 years and this has never happened before in the Jewish community," said Dvori Balshine, executive director of the Pacific region's Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. "It's quite amazing, really."

Sam Hanson, the event's public relations spokesperson, agreed, adding that he's eager to bring the university to the community for the first time.

"Our primary focus is to bring the university to Vancouver, bringing cultural and educational activities to our community," Hanson said.

"It's a significant event because we always seem to be competing with other organizations for time and space – and dollars – and this community is not that large so we do tend to compete. We hope this is the start of something important in our community toward doing more and more communal activities. I hope we can create a formula by which different organizations can create and co-sponsor community activities."

Scheduled for Sept. 8 and 9, the event will kick off Saturday evening at the Jewish Community Centre with music and a reception. Sunday's schedule will include two educational seminars in the morning, lunch, an afternoon class and a wrap-up panel discussion. Each class will run approximately one hour and seminar sizes will be limited to about 30 attendees per session.

Early registration before Aug. 1 costs $60; after Aug. 1, registration is $72.

Along with 11 representatives of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Vancouver chapter, Balshine attended last year's day of learning in Toronto and was very impressed with what she saw and heard.

"There was a buzz in the room – a real campus atmosphere," Balshine said. "The fact that 400 to 500 people gathered to learn on a Sunday was very exciting. It was a combination of things like the calibre of the speakers and the professors. I thought to myself, 'Let's try to create this in Vancouver.'"

Five Hebrew University professors are confirmed to attend and lead seminars at this year's event, and Balshine said a sixth is in the works.

Head of the university's department of Jewish studies, Rahel Elior's research interests include Jewish mysticism, Kabbalah, messianism, Chassidism and Jewish women. She has written, edited and published numerous books and articles, and has taught as a visiting professor at many institutions, including Oxford University, the London Institute of Jewish Studies and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Gershon Golomb is an associate professor of cancer studies. His research topics include cardiovascular implantable systems, new routes of drug administration, gene delivery and therapy, prevention of biocompatibility problems and calcification in implanted biomaterials including bioprosthetic heart valves.

Marilyn Koolik is the director of the Stephen Spielberg Jewish Film Archive at Hebrew University. Koolik lectures at professional and academic conferences around the world and has had three research papers published by Harvard University. She began working at the Jewish Film Archive in 1981.

Professor of law Frances Raday cites labour law, human rights, feminism and law, and disadvantaged groups as her main academic research interests. Raday received law degrees from the London School of Economics and from Hebrew U, and was admitted to the English bar at Grey's Inn in 1965. She is also chief editor of the *Israel Law Review*.

Yair Zakovitch is a Bible professor and a scholar in literary analysis of the bible. His primary interests are the Bible as literature, biblical historiography, and early Jewish and Christian interpretation of the Bible. He has written numerous books and has taught at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of California, Berkeley.

For more information about the event, call the Vancouver chapter of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University of Jerusalem at 604-257-5133.

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An ethnic celebration of Jewish cuisine

By RUTH HEIGES
Israel Press Service

In the 1980s, guests in Israeli hotels might have been served an artistically arranged morsel touted as kosher nouvelle cuisine, as Israeli chefs proudly embarked on adapting that culinary movement to the stringencies of the laws of kashrut.

It can be argued that the simplification set in motion by the nouvelle-cuisine phase – which saw the elimination of heavy sauces, followed by greater health consciousness in eating – set the stage for a new return to basics.

Now, Israeli chefs are at the forefront of what has been termed the slow-food movement – the backlash against fast food, which stresses fresh, local ingredients and giving each dish its full measure of care and time.

Miki Nir, executive chef of the Dan Panorama Hotel in Tel Aviv, refers to it as mother's kitchen. The special advantage that diners enjoy from this is that the mothers of his staff members come from a wide range of countries.

"No matter what anyone says, we do not have an Israeli cuisine," he says. "What we do have is a Jewish cuisine, and it is time we gave it the honour it deserves and took pride in it."

With the aromas of the day's Persian-themed buffet wafting around him – finely chopped spinach in a lemony broth, perfumed rice, lamb kebabs shaped by hand onto wooden skewers, minced-chicken balls spiked with cumin – Nir explains that there is a two-week cycle of daily themes, based on the Jewish cuisines of various countries. These range from Iraqi, Tunisian and Moroccan to South American, Russian and Bukharian (the latter reflecting the kitchens of the Asian provinces of the former Soviet Union).

The concept arose from an exercise among his kitchen staff, comprised of cooks from around the world, including Thailand and Vietnam. For their own diversion, they started taking turns cooking meals for each other. The labour-intensive dishes were child's play in their hands.

"We all found it so enjoyable that I sent them to their mothers to bring back more recipes," Nir relates. "Then, we started the process of adjusting the recipes for the large volume needed for a restaurant buffet. As these things go, though, many of their mothers cook on the basis of experience, rather than measured quantities. But, being professionals, we experimented and were able to make the necessary adjustments."

One of those who took up the challenge in earnest was sous-chef Roman Elizarov, whose family immigrated to Israel in 1979 from Tajikistan, an Asian province of the former Soviet Union.

"Of course, our food was taken from the Muslims among whom we lived, and it was adapted to eliminate such things as using yogurt with meat," Elizarov says.

Fittingly, his family settled in Ramle, a mixed Jewish and Arab city located not far from Ben-Gurion Airport, happy to find an environment similar to what they had known. In fact, while he is clearly comfortable in a luxury hotel, wearing a crisp white jacket embroidered with his name in gold thread, Elizarov unabashedly admits that he still prefers eating at home, where the food is set on a large platter in the centre of the table.

"Here I'm in charge of the Russian and Bukharian buffets," he explains. "One of my specializations is dough, such as for kreplach, piroshki and pelmeni, for the Russian buffet. When we have the Bukharian meal on alternate weeks, I prepare one of seven different styles of rice and a similar variety of soups. In fact, some of the regular patrons phone in advance to find out which kind of rice I'm making and decide whether to come for lunch at the Deli Dan on that basis."

Reuven Bar Lev, the Dan's food and beverage manager, confirms that a large proportion of those patronizing the buffets are Israelis, and that they particularly favour the themes that reflect the complex Sephardi dishes. Having come to Israel from Egypt at the age of five, Bar Lev says, "I remember my mother getting up at five o'clock in the morning to start cooking, even though there were only four people in our family! Our modern lifestyle and norms just don't allow for this anymore."

"We have been trying to copy the American way of life and the French style of cooking," Nir says. "But we don't have to copy anyone. If tourists want French food, they'll go to France. Here, they come to taste Jewish food."

Below are two recipes served at the Dan's theme buffet.

TUNISIAN MAFRUM

This is traditionally served as a side dish to couscous.

1½ kilos (slightly over 3 lb.) finely diced chicken
5 potatoes, thinly sliced
2 onions, chopped
1 bunch parsley, chopped
1 cup flour
2 or 3 eggs, beaten
salt
pepper
olive oil for frying

Tomato sauce:
6 tbsp. tomato paste
2 garlic cloves, mashed
turmeric, cayenne pepper, salt, black pepper

Soak the onion and parsley in salted water for 20 minutes. Drain and squeeze out, thoroughly. Mix into the chicken, and season to taste. Form the meat into patties (slightly smaller than the potato slices).

Place each patty on a potato slice and cover with a second slice. Dredge each "sandwich" in flour, then dip in egg. Deep-fry for several minutes.

Prepare the tomato sauce. In a large pot, quickly cook the garlic in the tomato paste. Add the water and bring to a boil. Season with the turmeric, cayenne pepper, salt, and black pepper to taste. Simmer for about 20 minutes.

Place the potato-meat "sandwiches" in the sauce and cook for another 40 minutes.

IRAQI BEET SOUP WITH *KUBEH*

½ kilo (1.1 lb.) semolina
2½ cups warm water
7 cups chicken broth
3 large beets, cubed
½ cup fresh lemon juice
2-3 tbsp. sugar
½ lb.) ground beef
2 onions, chopped
1 cup chopped celery leaves
salt and pepper

Lightly salt the water and pour it into a large, shallow dish. Sprinkle the semolina into the water and mix, creating a very moist mixture. Let this stand for about 20 minutes.

In a pot, mix together the broth, beets, sugar and lemon juice; add salt and pepper, to taste. Bring to a boil, reduce the flame, and cook for about 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, mix the meat with the onions and celery. Season with salt and black pepper.

Shape the semolina mixture into balls (3 to 4 inches in diameter). Stuff each with the meat mixture and close over the ball.

After the soup has cooked for the 40 minutes, add the *kubeh* (stuffed semolina balls) to the boiling soup and cook for about another 20 minutes.

Serve with white rice.

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'I think of my own kids,': German FM Fischer

By ADAR PRIMOR
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

TEL AVIV — Visiting German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer gets upset when he speaks of last Friday's suicide bombing in Tel Aviv.

"After all, I was there," he says. "Three hours before the terror attack, I was jogging there."

Fischer seems to have been deeply affected by the incident. His tone of voice and the rhythm of his words change from time to time during the interview.

"The first thought that went through my mind was about my two children – 17 and 22 years old – in other words, the ages of the young people who go out to discotheques on Friday nights, as do millions of young people all around the world. I love the lifestyle of Tel Aviv, one of the most wonderful cities I know. And now, the lives of... innocent people have been taken and many have been injured."

Fisher defines the attack as "a murder" and "a terrible crime." He came to Israel on a mediation mission, to promote peace, and he knew the situation was complex, but never imagined it was so complex.

"There is no doubt that [the attack] has completely altered the situation in the region because we are now at a juncture between war and peace and the situation could change dramatically within hours.

"Therefore, our message at the meeting with President [Yasser] Arafat in Ramallah was passed on without beating about the bush. I explained to him that he had to act immediately if he wanted to save the peace process. He has to deliver. We have no need for words right now, but deeds – positive deeds," Fischer says, emphatically.

Fischer does not speak in the often abstract language of diplomats. The positive deeds he demands of the Palestinian Authority are very clearly defined: an immediate, sustainable ceasefire; the implementation of tough security measures; the renewal of the security co-operation with Israel, the arrest of "those responsible for the horrendous act of terrorism," a public condemnation of their actions and their prosecution.

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer and Shimon Peres. [Isranet photo]

His tone softens when he speaks of the Israeli obligations: "This is a nightmare for any democratic government. Concern for the security of its citizens is an obligation of the government of Israel. This is absolutely obvious." Nevertheless, Fischer hopes that "the people and government in Israel will find the courage not to seek vengeance.

"There is a slight chance for a positive turnaround," he says. "We must use this chance, even if it is very marginal. We must exploit it within hours. I hope we will succeed in doing so. If we don't, we will at least know that we have done the utmost."

Fischer clearly places most of the blame for the situation on the shoulders of the PA leader. "Matters are in Arafat's hands," he says, denying a report in *Yediot Achronot* that he had threatened Arafat with a suspension of all German economic aid to the Palestinians if the PA leader did not announce a ceasefire.

"That report is a mixture of fiction and non-fiction," he says. "We spoke about the draft of the declaration, the current situation and nothing more."

The report in *Yediot* also said that after the German minister asked Arafat to disassociate himself from terrorism "from the bottom of his heart," the PA leader replied: "And the Germans' disassociation from the Holocaust; do you really want to tell me that it is from the bottom of the heart?"

Fischer gets angry. "We never spoke about that – never, never, never, never," he says. "Don't take any notice of such fairy tales."

Fischer held a second unscheduled meeting with Arafat in Ramallah Sunday evening; he also extended his stay in Israel by a day. "This is not a matter of an independent German [peace] initiative," he says.

"We have a special responsibility toward Israel that is based on our tragic history. We will never forget this responsibility. This is one of the *faits accomplis* of our policies as a democratic Germany.

"As Europeans," he continues, "we have an interest in peace in the Middle East. We are speaking about neighbouring regions and I think Europe should play a stronger and more positive role. Israel knows Germany is trying to achieve this. We have to be valuable partners for both sides."

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Arafat orders a halt on attacks; some doubt effect

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Last weekend, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat ordered the heads of several PA security forces to work on halting terrorist attacks against Israeli targets, Israel's defence establishment sources said.

On Sunday, there was a significant drop in the number of shooting attacks, with only five incidents reported, none of them resulting in any injuries. Defence sources said there was also a drop in the level of incitement being broadcast by Palestinian media, with more talk in favour of a ceasefire instead.

But the PA had not arrested any freed terrorists or begun collecting weapons – the steps to which Israel attributes primary importance – and the defence establishment is skeptical that Arafat will do it any time soon.

A senior defence source said the orders Arafat has issued to his forces are comprehensive – stop all firing at soldiers and settlers in the territories, to keep Palestinians away from points of friction with Israel, and to prevent bombs and bombers from entering Israel. These instructions were also given to paramilitary organizations like Fatah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

But several of the paramilitary organizations – in particular Hamas and Islamic Jihad – declared they will ignore the ceasefire and continue their attacks.

The National and Islamic Organizations – a coalition of 13 groups formed after the outbreak of the violence last September that includes Fatah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad – issued a similar statement. It did not relate to the ceasefire directly, but declared, "the intifadah is a legitimate right of the Palestinians to defend themselves against aggression and occupation."

According to Israeli defence sources, some senior Fatah activists said last Sunday they do not interpret Arafat's orders as a complete ceasefire, and thus believe they still have permission to carry out some shooting attacks.

But while both the government and the defence establishment are doubtful that the ceasefire will prove real, Israel plans to continue its policy of restraint in order to give Arafat a chance to demonstrate his bona fides.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, speaking at a meeting with foreign ministry officials, was explicit on this subject. There is "no reason to expect an Israeli offensive right now," he said. The cabinet has therefore ordered the IDF to restrict itself to operations aimed at foiling actual terror attacks.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell told Sharon on Sunday that when he spoke with Arafat by telephone, the Palestinian leader pledged to continue working for a ceasefire. However, Powell added, the United States would continue to monitor Arafat's performance on the ground closely.

"We're not naive," Powell said, according to an Israeli source. "We expect not words... but action on the ground."

At a meeting with German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer Sunday, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Arafat a "pathological liar" and said his talk of a ceasefire stemmed purely from fear of an Israeli reaction to Friday's bombing in Tel Aviv that killed 20 people. Sharon reiterated that Israel expects several specific actions from the PA – an end to incitement, an end to the violence and the rearrest of freed terrorists – and noted that so far, Arafat has taken no steps to clamp down on Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

IDF intelligence believes that Arafat's talk of a ceasefire is purely a short-term tactical manoeuvre. Its assessment is that Arafat will not call a permanent halt to the violence without a significant diplomatic achievement because he continues to see the violence as a tool for achieving his diplomatic ends.

The IDF is also uncertain as to how much the recent drop in the violence is really due to Arafat's ceasefire, because the number of shooting incidents frequently drops after a major terror attack as leading terrorists go underground for fear of an Israeli reprisal.

"We're not naive:" Colin Powell

"Nevertheless, perhaps this is the start of a positive process," said one IDF source. "Israel will try to encourage it... We will wait another few days to see if the Palestinians keep their promises."

But if Israel is skeptical about Arafat's intentions, there is general agreement that Jerusalem's restraint so far has reaped diplomatic dividends. Peres said last Sunday that Arafat's ceasefire declaration was the result of international pressure on the PA leader, which in turn was a direct result of Israel's restraint.

Fischer offered a similar assessment. The entire international community admires Israel's restraint, he said, and is urging Arafat to back up his words about a ceasefire with deeds. This, he said, is "the true red line," and if Arafat fails to act, the international community will hold him responsible.

Meanwhile, on Sunday, the IDF continued to implement measures approved by the cabinet in response to the Tel Aviv bombing. Private Palestinian vehicles were banned completely from Israeli-controlled roads in the territories yesterday, and additional roadblocks were set up around Palestinian villages. The eventual goal of these roadblocks is to divide the West Bank into eight regions, with no traffic permitted between them.

The army is also considering ways of beefing up security along the seamline between Israel and the territories. One possibility being considered is to declare a kilometre-wide strip of land east of the Green Line, along its entire length, a closed military zone, which would enable soldiers to arrest or even shoot at any Palestinian entering the area without permission. Another possibility is to set up special prisons for any Palestinian caught in Israel illegally, rather than simply returning them to the territories without penalty.

At the same time, the cabinet strongly condemned another response to the violence – anti-Arab rioting of the type that broke out after Friday's bombing. Sharon said such riots were "unacceptable" and urged the police to do everything in their power to prevent them in the future.

"These are things we must stop immediately, and not let them develop," he said.

Russia said on Sunday that it was sending a special envoy of its own to the region, ambassador-at-large Andrei Vdovin.

Arab media reported last Sunday that the person who committed Friday's suicide bombing was Said Khotari, 22, a Palestinian citizen of Jordan who has lived in Kalkilyah for the last two years. Security sources said they are checking this report, but believe it is probably accurate. They also said Khotari was apparently acting on behalf of Hamas.

'Palestinian public not taking Arafat's call seriously'

Continued from page 1

attacks are concerned, however, Arafat has no influence whatsoever. The Islamic activists are totally opposed to the peace process and to the regime Arafat has established; thus, the only way Arafat can stop their activities is to throw them in jail or to help Israel eliminate them (which has been the practical meaning of Palestinian-Israeli co-ordination on security matters during the last few years).

One of Arafat's assistants explained last Sunday that the Israeli attacks on facilities and camps of the PA's security agencies have seriously disrupted, if not paralyzed, their operations. The members of these agencies have scattered and have found shelter in hiding places, warehouses and private apartments. It is impossible today to establish regular contact between the various units and districts, which are cut off from one another. In short, the PA can end the shooting and the violence only if it is able to operate as a properly functioning government; however, the PA is far from that situation today.

Judging from the way things looked last weekend, Arafat found it difficult to even declare a ceasefire. He did so only after pressure was exerted on him from every possible direction: from European and American diplomats, from several Arab leaders, even from members of the Labour party such as former justice minister Yossi Beilin who issued an urgent appeal for action on Arafat's part.

Pressure led to call for a ceasefire

In the end, the pressure led the Palestinian leader to issue a call for a ceasefire, although he made it clear that the shooting and violence would stop only after the initiation of a diplomatic process, which means implementation of the Mitchell Report's recommendations, adoption of the Egyptian-Jordanian initiative and a freeze on the settlements.

Nonetheless, for the first time since the bloody clashes began eight months ago, Arafat can see that some of his own people are showing a certain degree of interest in a ceasefire.

Members of his own Fatah movement and many Palestinians on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip were shocked by the gruesome sights generated by last week's terrorist attack on a nightclub on Tel Aviv's beachfront. Some members of the PA leadership who appeared on the television stations of various Arab states criticized both the recent wave of suicide bombings and the attacks on civilians inside Israeli territory.

When there were a large number of Palestinian casualties and when Palestinians in the territories persistently called for retaliation and revenge, Arafat could not make the kind of statement he issued on Saturday regarding a cessation to the bloodshed. However, with many Palestinians visibly upset over the terror attack inside Israel and with the fears of a tough Israeli response, Arafat had a suitable backdrop for the statement.

Unfortunately, readiness for a ceasefire does not change the fact that a dead-end situation has prevailed in the territories since last September. Arafat's call for a ceasefire may thus turn out to be yet another worthless statement.

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May 28

• Police suspect arson as a possible cause for a spate of wildfires that swept the hills west of Jerusalem over the weekend.

May 29

• Three Israelis, Sarah Blaustein, 53, Elisha Alva, 20, and Gilead Zar, 41, were killed in two separate shooting attacks in the West Bank hours before Israeli and Palestinian officials were due to resume talks on security co-ordination.

• Two Palestinians were killed at an Israeli outpost in the Gaza Strip. One was a suicide bomber with explosives strapped to his body. The other was shot and killed while throwing a grenade. Two Israeli soldiers were wounded.

May 30

• A car bomb exploded outside a high school in Netanya, lightly injuring six people. Four of the injured were teenagers.

• Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel's "blood is boiling" over continued Palestinian attacks on Jewish settlers. Speaking a day after Palestinian gunmen killed three Israelis, Sharon said the army would nonetheless maintain a limited ceasefire.

(After a fourth Israeli, Zvi Shelef, 63, was killed Thursday, Sharon said Israel would not be able to maintain its unilateral ceasefire much longer.)

May 31

• Israel's ambassador to Egypt criticized a journalism union for awarding its top prize to Ahmed Ragab, a columnist who extolled Hitler's slaughter of Jews.

June 1

• The general staff of the IDF announced that its presence in the West Bank will be beefed up by several special forces units in order to improve security on the roads.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

20,000 gather for funeral of PLO official Husseini

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The funeral last Friday of Faisal Husseini, the PLO official in charge of Palestinian affairs in Jerusalem, turned into a show of Palestinian national force, giving its 20,000 participants the sense of having liberated the eastern part of the capital from Israeli control for a few hours.

Young mourners destroyed dozens of police video cameras installed around the Old City, set ablaze a Jewish-owned store and chanted anti-Israeli slogans, but did not physically hurt anyone and avoided confrontation with the police forces that kept a watch over the events from a distance.

Senior Palestinian figures said Husseini's funeral procession was the largest in Arab East Jerusalem since his father's. His father, Abed al-Kader Husseini, was a Palestinian militia commander who died in the battle over the Kastel in Israel's War of Independence.

The procession began in Ramallah, to which Husseini's body had been brought from Jordan in a helicopter owned by King Abdullah. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat accompanied the body from Jordan, together with other PA officials, and was the first to give a eulogy.

Husseini's coffin, draped in the Palestinian flag and flowers, was transported to Jerusalem by a Palestinian military vehicle after first circling the main square of Ramallah. The Israel Defence Forces allowed free passage not only to Husseini's coffin and the VIPs who accompanied it, but also the entire cortege of mourners, consisting of scores of vehicles.

Jerusalem police stopped traffic on the main road connecting the city centre and its northern neighbourhoods for two hours to allow the mourners to reach Orient House, the PLO's headquarters in East Jerusalem, for the pre-burial ceremony.

After the procession through East Jerusalem and the Old City, Husseini was buried at the Al-Aqsa Mosque cemetery.

Media's short-term memory

According to Reports

For some journalists memory is a very short-term affair. A little less than a year ago at Camp David, Israel and the Palestinians were tantalizingly close (at least theoretically) to reaching a historic compromise when Yasser Arafat rejected Ehud Barak's generous proposals. The only final status issues that were mentioned as separating the parties were Jerusalem and refugees. The question of settlements received hardly a mention because it was widely assumed that this matter was not only resolvable, but indeed that it had been resolved. (The Barak/Clinton initiative would have consolidated major settlement blocs close to the Green Line, leaving approximately 95 percent of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in Palestinian hands.) Even after the Palestinians turned to violence, and as talks continued at Taba in January, the settlements still were not an issue.

However, for some of the media, as those days have faded from view, so has the memory not only of what Arafat rejected but also of the fact that settlements were not the deal-breaker; they were not even an impediment to the peace talks. Indeed this fact demolished a long-held shibboleth, promoted in key media circles for years (for example, the highly influential *Economist*) that there could not be both settlements and peace.

Yet, we find today an intense return (especially in the *Economist* and in elements of the Canadian media) to this old refrain that the settlements are the principal impediment to peace. So insistent are some on this score that they've misrepresented the thrust of the recent Mitchell Commission Report, insisting that it linked an immediate halt to settlement activity with a halt to the violence, whereas in fact the report states clearly that the immediate cessation of violence (along with the Palestinians' resumption of security co-operation with Israel) is an unconditional first step to the implementation of confidence-building measures (including a halt to settlement activity).

Let us be clear: a substantial majority of Israelis have long been prepared for compromises to build trust and reach peace with the Palestinians. Prior to the release of the Mitchell Report, an opinion poll revealed that about 60 percent of Israelis favoured a formula under which a freeze on settlement activity would follow – but not be a condition for – a halt to Palestinian violence. This attitude is completely consistent with Mitchell's recommendations.

The CJN's editorial of May 24 pointed out that however one views settlements, to make them the issue "at the heart of the current violence" is to set up a "straw man." Tom Friedman in the *New York Times* (May 22), while highly critical of settlements (a matter also of considerable Israeli debate) went on to state correctly, "But the settlements are not the core problem. The core problem right now is Yasser Arafat… There is no Palestinian leader right now willing or able to say yes to a fair historic compromise."

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Correction: In the May 31 column, the phrase "battling the occupation" should be read in place of "Israeli occupation" in the line beginning: "As Macdonald reports it…" The CBC's Neil Macdonald had claimed that the Palestinians were "battling the occupation" as if this were a fact. Yet since there are competing Israeli accounts of the Palestinian uprising, it is unfair for a journalist to report only the Palestinian version without qualifying, "as the Palestinians claim."

Prepared by Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Bashar, chip off the old block

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

Since the sudden death of Hafez Assad last June at the age of 69, Syria has been ruled by his son, Bashar, his hand-picked successor.

Although Assad the younger has pledged to modernize Syria through political and economic reforms, he has only tinkered with Syria's problems. Syria remains what it was for three decades under his father's iron-fisted hand: a dictatorial regime based on Alawite and Ba'athist party dominance.

Call his government, if you will, new wine in old bottles.

An ophthalmologist by profession, he was catapulted to power by virtue of his older brother's untimely death. Basil, Hafez Assad's first son and heir apparent, was killed in a car accident several years ago. With his demise, Bashar, now 35, was groomed to be Syria's next president.

Unlike Basil, Bashar has no resume to speak of, either in governance or military affairs. Today, he is receiving on-the-job training from essentially the same clique of trusted advisors who slavishly served his father: Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa, Vice-President Abdel Halim Haddam and Defence Minister Mustafa Tlass.

Given his upbringing and his preference for continuity, it is hardly surprising that Assad, widely known as Dr. Bashar, has hewed rigidly to an anti-Israel agenda.

As it was under his father, the state-controlled media vilifies Israel as a colonialist usurper. But in recent months, Assad has sharpened the rhetoric considerably. None too subtly, he has described Israeli society as "more racist than Nazism." And in a foray into crude anti-Semitism last month, he compared "contemporary Zionists" with Jews (who) "betrayed Jesus Christ."

Though he claims that Israelis "have no desire to achieve peace with the Arabs," Assad has expressed an interest in reaching a comprehensive peace agreement with Israel, provided Israel withdraws to the pre-1967 frontiers and signs an end-of-conflict accord with the Palestinians.

Like his father, he allows Syria to be used as a conduit for the conveyance of Iranian arms to Hezbollah bases in southern Lebanon, vacated by Israel last May in a unilateral pullout sanctioned by the United Nations.

Despite its withdrawal, Israel maintained a grip on Shabaa Farms, a small area on the Golan Heights claimed by Lebanon. For the pastseven months, Hezbollah has launched pinprick attacks in Shabaa Farms in an attempt to seize it. Syria has supported these raids, which have claimed the lives of three Israeli soldiers.

Israel, having warned Assad it holds Syria responsible for Hezbollah's actions, bombed a Syrian radar station in Lebanon in mid-April. The bombing shocked Syria, but observers do not believe that Assad will order an end to Hezbollah's operations.

Similarly, Assad has no intention of shutting down the offices of radical Palestinian factions in Damascus, not even after the recent announcement by Ahmad Jibril that his organization masterminded an abortive shipment of weapons to the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Assad's relationship with Yasser Arafat – president of the Palestinian Authority and chair of the PLO – is tenuous at best. Indeed, Arafat had to postpone a planned visit to Damascus after his refusal to accept a Syrian demand to abandon the Oslo peace process.

Despite Syria's deep, historic involvement in the Arab-Israeli dispute, Assad has concentrated on domestic issues. Syria is in dire need of wholesale reform, being weighed down by a repressive political system where human rights are merely a utopian concept and a stagnant economy riddled with corruption.

Assad, having said he wants to transform Syria, has taken several modest steps to revitalize the economy, encourage political debate and loosen press restrictions.

Yet the measures he has adoped have been limited and are subject to revision, and do not steer Syria toward a brave new world of genuine democracy.

It's clear that Bashar is a chip off the old block.

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Kalejs faces deportation to Latvia

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

It seems no matter which Western democracy he tries, Konrad Kalejs cannot find an accommodating home.

Last week, an Australian court ordered that Kalejs be extradited to his country of origin, Latvia, where he will face war crimes charges connected to his role as commander of the exterior guard at the Salaspils police and labour camp.

Kalejs was jailed following the decision, but the 87-year-old Australian citizen was released three hours later when he was granted bail by a Federal Court pending appeal of the extradition order.

For Kalejs, an officer with the wartime Arajs Kommando, getting thrown out has become a familiar routine. During the 1990s, he was expelled from the United States, Canada and Britain, always ending up in Australia, where he had become a citizen in 1959.

In 1997, a Canadian Immigration adjudicator ruled Kalejs participated in war crimes as commander of the outside guard at the Salaspils concentration camp. At the time, Kalejs was living in Canada as a visitor. He was whisked away to the airport following the adjudicator's decision, after making a brief stop at his home to pack his bags.

Though only a visitor, Kalejs had purchased a condominium on Yonge Street in north Toronto. He told the immigration hearing he planned to stay an indeterminate length of time – as long as it took to clear his name in the United States, which had deported him earlier.

Ironically, the north Toronto condominium was also home to many Jews, including several Holocaust survivors, who campaigned vigorously to get him out of the building. Two of Kalejs' former neighbours called *The CJN* to express their satisfaction that Kalejs would finally face trial in his native Latvia, where he had been an early recruit to a Nazi collaborationist organization that participated in the murder of 30,000 Jews.

Evidence in Australia suggested that as many as six prisoners were shot while attempting to escape Salaspils during the period Kalejs was in command.

Lawyers representing Latvia also told the Australian hearing that Kalejs ordered guards to shoot escaping prisoners; that he "embraced Nazism"; and that he facilitated the inhumane treatment of prisoners at the camp, an Australian news agency reported.

Kalejs has denied the allegations against him.

Lawyers representing Kalejs in Australia argued the proceedings against their client were unjust. Kalejs suffers from dementia, is legally blind and partially deaf and was unable to follow proceedings, his lawyers stated. He was accompanied to the Melbourne Magistrates court by a nurse pushing his wheelchair.

Jewish leaders welcomed the Australia court decision. Efraim Zuroff, representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Jerusalem, pointed out that until the Kalejs case, Australia had failed to take successful legal action against a single Nazi war criminal. He noted that if the extradition is completed, the Kalejs case would mark the first trial of a local Nazi collaborator in a former Soviet republic.

The Wiesenthal Centre located Kalejs in a British nursing home in 1999, after which he was forced to return to Australia. Kalejs has been living in a Latvian nursing home in Melbourne.

Jack Silverstone, executive vice-president and general counsel of Canadian Jewish Congress, said "it in entirely appropriate that at the end of his life, Kalejs will be called to the bar of justice in the place where his heinous crimes were committed."

Spousal emotional abuse called continuing problem

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There is a lack of consciousness about spousal emotional abuse in the Jewish community, says Rabbi Larry Pinsker of Darchei Noam Congregation.

Emotional abuse, which can be verbal or non-verbal, is a continuing human problem that has gone on for thousands of years, he said at a recent adult education panel sponsored by the synagogue.

Also on the panel was Debby Feldman, supervisor of the women's abuse program at Jewish Family & Child Services.

The source of the notion that people are entitled to a life free of abuse is the Torah, said Rabbi Pinsker. "The very principle stems from a short passage that says 'You are not to hate your brother in your heart.'"

The notion that it is possible to refrain from emotional abuse is built into the fabric of the Torah, he said, but the instrument of ending that behaviour is complex.

"Every ethical text teaches that restraint is necessary. Speech must be used to encourage and uplift others, not to cause pain. If you love other people, it is the same as loving God."

It is worse to humiliate someone than it is to steal from them, said Rabbi Pinsker. "The damage done to a person with words can never be undone... There is no compromise on human dignity.

"The Zohar says that one dare not demean another human being, for to do so is to destroy the world," he said.

Feldman said that an emotionally abusive spouse – usually the man – intimidates the other person in an attempt to control. There is a power imbalance.

Emotional abuse is not taken seriously enough, she said. "One study says that being ridiculed can have greater impact on a person [than being physically harmed.]"

Victims of emotional abuse are at great risk of suicide, she said. "They are often isolated because their partner prevents them from having friends or going to work.

"The perpetrator acts over-jealous, and criticizes his partner's cooking, cleaning or mothering. He often threatens his wife with punishment if she does not comply [with his demands.]"

Women stay in such relationships, said Feldman, because it is difficult to find support in the community. "Women who have been emotionally abused often find that their experiences are minimized.

"Some women do not know where to turn, and others have become impassive or defenceless after years of abuse. Jewish women stay in abusive situations longer than other women because they may feel they are letting down the community by [breaking up their home]. She may not want to admit her perfect marriage is a myth.

"Some women stay at home because they are afraid they will lose their children, and others are brainwashed [into believing] that they cannot get along without their husbands."

We can help an abused woman by listening to her and believing her said Feldman. "Respect her right to confidentiality, and let her know you are concerned. [Acknowledge] that emotional abuse can have as much impact as physical violence.

"Don't blame her or make excuses for her partner. Abuse is a behavioural response used to gain control over another person," said Feldman.

Ask the woman what she needs, but do not take over, she said. "She has had enough of that. Help her to recognize her strength and make her feel good about herself. Gather community resources and present her with them.

"Respect her decisions. There are many complexities in the situation. Women who leave their home often return a few times before their decision is final. Leaving a relationship is complicated, and we have no right to judge anyone."

Stroke recovery program to hold 22nd banquet

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Sally Sherman first came to the stroke recovery program at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre (BJCC), she couldn't speak at all.

Now she can say a few words, and she can lift her arm above her head.

Her caregiver, Themis Pierides, who speaks four languages, is enthusiastic about the progress she has made.

This is just one success story.

Sherman, along with some 25 other members of the program, will be at its 22nd anniversary banquet June 27 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Unique in Toronto, the program offers physical and social activities for people who have had strokes and would otherwise be isolated from any contact with others. It meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the Jerusalem Room for physical exercises. Pool exercises and therapy are given on Fridays.

The members exercise to music under the supervision of the BJCC athletic staff and volunteers Ben Swartz, Jerry Weinper, Anne Hanneford and Norm Bubrowsky. On Fridays, volunteer Edie Shoom pitches in at the pool.

When *The CJN* visited one Monday recently, the group members all wanted to be sure that the volunteer leaders were given credit for the good work they do. "This is like a family; everyone helps everyone else," said Swartz.

The group is open to everyone and referrals come from hospitals and agencies. About one-third of the participants are non-Jewish, and the feeling of diversity is underlined by their greetings to each other in a dozen different languages.

"We don't offer any promises to people that they'll get rid of their disability," said Janis Roth, director of community and family services.

"What we offer is a chance for them to remain active and maintain their place in their community."

Sheila Gibbert of South Africa, who can now walk by herself with a cane, says she likes coming to the group, as do Dorothy Mills and Elma Monaghan. The latter, who has been attending for a year, says she can now walk without even using a cane.

Shirley Goldman has been coming for two years, and despite having suffered a mini-stroke after the main one, enjoys the meetings and is progressing.

After eight years, Bill Mahon, is one of the veterans and earns a light-hearted comment from volunteer Swartz, who said that "he is more ornery than ever." Mahon said he likes being with the others who have had strokes, and his attendant, Willy Lovensohn, a Romanian Jew, heartily agreed.

"There is no other group like this," said Maurice Rabinovitch, unofficial secretary, who attends with his wife, Miriam, who suffered a stroke. "It is wonderful how much these people enjoy getting together," he said.

The annual dinner is an event the members await eagerly. They pay only $18 for a gourmet dinner, open bar and musical entertainment at the banquet, which is arranged by volunteers Swartz and Weinper who raise funds independently to pay for it.

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4. nickel
5. tickle
6. lickle

The Mooncatchers
a folktale from Eastern Europe

Every person who lived in the imaginary town of Chelm — not to be confused with the real town in Poland also called Chelm — was a fool. Join us as we find out how the Chelmites solve their lighting problem.

The Chelmites were tired of bumping into trees on cloudy nights. "That's enough!" they decided "We need a way to light this town up at night!"

A committee was quickly appointed to find a solution.

They met that night by the deli. As everyone munched on pickles from a big barrel, Chaim had a brainstorm. "Why don't we catch the moon?" he exclaimed. "That would light the town up at night!"

"Good idea," said Shmerel, finishing a pickle, "but how do we get it down here?"

Chaim didn't answer. He was reaching all the way into the barrel to get the very last pickle.

"Well," repeated Shmerel, as Chaim came up again with his pickle, "how do we catch it?"

The committee went silent as they pondered what to do.

"Hey, look!" yelled Tuvia. "Look in the barrel!" They looked and saw the moon shimmering in the briny water of the pickle barrel!

"The moon fell in!"

"Quickly, catch it!"

They hurriedly slammed the lid down on the barrel, trapping the moon inside. Then they went into the deli to get something to drink. Eating a lot of pickles can make a person thirsty. The next day they reported their success.

The next few nights were dark and cloudy. "Why isn't there any moonlight?" wondered the Chelmites. But then they remembered: "*We* have the moon! Let's use it!" They dragged the barrel into the middle of the town, and joyously opened it.

But there was no light. They looked in the barrel. The moon was gone!

"Oy," screamed Chaim. "We didn't leave the moon any food! It must have starved to death!"

"Oy vey," mourned the Chelmites. In the darkness they sadly returned to their homes, bumping into trees along the way.

RHYMING

All answers rhyme with "pickle."
Can you find a word that means:

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My Mannequins

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

What do you do when you come home from school? Do you have a snack and then watch TV? Do homework? Play sports? Take dance or music or gymnastics lessons?

That's what most kids do these days. But when your grandparents (and some of your parents) were your age, they often helped in their family's business.

That's what Dora did, in Sydell Waxman's new book *My Mannequins* (Napoleon Publishing, 2000, with illustrations by Patty Gallinger).

Dora's father made ladies' dresses in a shop on Spadina Avenue in the Kensington Market area of Toronto, where most of the Jews in Toronto lived before they started to move up Bathurst Street.

After school, she would come to the shop and make the boxes that her father needed to ship the dresses that were made there. After the shop closed, while her father did paperwork, she made more boxes or played.

One thing that always bothered Dora was that the dresses were very "plain and simple and dark." She used to look at the mannequins in the window (mannequins are the figures that clothing stores use to show people the outfits for sale) and dream: "Someday, I'll give you outfits that sparkle. Shimmering scarves. Ribbons. Rickrack. Sequins," she thought. She would become Dora the Designer.

One evening, the mannequins looked especially sad, Dora thought. Her father wasn't paying attention, so she found scraps of different coloured cloth and sequins and tassels and dressed the mannequins up. Before she had a chance to show her father, or to change them back to the way they had been, her father insisted that they had to go home.

She was really worried about what her father would say when he got to the shop the next morning. (Well, wouldn't you be?) She couldn't wait to get there after school.

To her father's (and her) surprise, people walking by loved Dora's creations. She had really become Dora the Designer.

At the end of the book, Sydell Waxman adds a historical note, that talks about the clothing business in the early part of the 20th century and explains why so many newcomers to Canada worked in it.

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Rubin remembered for her preservation of Yiddish

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Renowned Yiddish folklorist Ruth Rubin, who died about a year ago, devoted her life to the collection and preservation of Yiddish folklore.

On June 12, the Toronto Jewish community will devote the evening to celebrating her life and work.

"European Jews living in the 19th century produced thousands of songs. These songs are an important part of our heritage but many had been lost," explains Naomi Bell, a folksinger and ethnomusicologist who was deeply inspired by Rubin's work, and will be performing at the tribute in a style she believes Rubin would have liked.

"Ruth Rubin made a tremendous contribution to the preservation of our heritage," says Bell.

Over the course of four decades Rubin compiled a collection of about 2,000 Yiddish folksongs which she learned by *shlepping* a tape recorder to the homes of Jewish Eastern European immigrants living in North America.

"Ruthie was an extremely hard worker," says her sister, Esther Spivack Marks, who describes Rubin as a very outgoing person with a ready smile.

She also recorded five albums, wrote many articles, and three books, including *Voices of a People: The Story of the Yiddish Folksong*, and gave lectures and recitals in an effort to preserve a vanishing cultural tradition.

One of the first women in the United States to become a prominent folklorist, Rubin helped succeeding generations learn about the beauty, wisdom, wit and creativity of Yiddish folk culture by exploring the origins and background of the songs, which were originally sung in domestic settings almost exclusively by women.

"She understood that these songs reflected [Jewish] history and culture – they're not just pretty little songs," says Bell.

Asked to elaborate on Rubin's contribution to Jewish culture, Marks explains that Rubin "wanted to share this wonderful heritage that we have and transmit it through song.

"Ruthie gave back Jewish culture to the Jewish people by translating Yiddish folksongs into English so more people could understand them."

Part of the beauty of Rubin's work was that she sang *a capella*, "the way it must have been sung originally," says Marks, adding that at her recitals, Rubin was able to take on the persona of the people in the song, thereby interpreting the emotions embedded in the music.

Born to Russian Jewish immigrants on Sept.1, 1906 in Montreal, Yiddish was Rubin's first language.

At age 18 she moved to New York City, and by the time she was 20, she had published a volume of Yiddish poetry. During World War II she studied under Yiddish scholar Max Weinreich, then director of YIVO, the Jewish Research Institute, and translated diaries smuggled out of ghettos and concentration camps.

After the war she began to intensely research Jewish folklore in an attempt to recover the culture the Nazis had destroyed

Rubin earned a Ph.D from Union Graduate School in Cleveland when she was 70 years old, completing her dissertation on the songs of Jewish women.

Included among her many honours are YIVO's Lifetime Achievement Award and *Jewish Currents* publication's M.S. Arnoni Award. She died in June 2000 at the age of 93.

The tribute to Rubin will be held at Temple Sinai beginning at 7:30 p.m. and features special tributes by Marks, and Ben Steinberg, composer and scholar. There will also be musical performances by Bell; Ruth Slater, a cantor and folksinger; and Jerry Gray of The Travellers.

As well, *A Life of Song: A Portrait of Ruth Rubin* will be shown in its first Toronto public screening.

Voices of a People, the 2000 edition, will be available for purchase at the event.

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Award-winning director known for eclectic tastes

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although Martin Lavut claims he is no fan of science films, his latest documentary, *After Darwin*, is a model of the genre.

"I tried to make it as pleasant an experience as possible," said Lavut, a prize-winning director.

It appears that he has succeeded. Broadcast recently across Canada on the Discovery Channel, *After Darwin* won this year's Gemini Award for best science documentary program.

Shot on location in Canada, the United States, Britain and China, *After Darwin* contends that humans stand on the threshold of a biotechnology revolution that will probably change society as fundamentally as the ongoing information revolution.

Five years in the making, it predicts that advances in biotechnology, triggered by new discoveries in the human genetic code, will inevitably increase our understanding of the mysteries of life.

"The implications of genetic engineering are profound," said Lavut, adding that one of its positive spinoffs could be the eradication of Tay Sachs, a rare genetic disease that affects Ashkenazi Jews.

Lavut acknowledged that genetic engineering could be a negative force in the wrong hands. For better or worse, though, it is an irresistible force.

A Montrealer now living in Toronto, Lavut has been a filmmaker for more than three decades.

Originally an actor, he is known for his eclectic tastes. As a documentarian, he has profiled communications guru Marshall McLuhan and plumbed the depths of geometry. As a director of television dramas, he has produced films ranging from *Charley Grant's War* to *Palais Royale*.

He made his first movie, a CBC TV biopic of Nazi-era film director Leni Riefenstahl, in 1965.

Before his foray into the movie business, Lavut studied acting at the Pasadena Playhouse in California and spent a year at Sir George Williams University in Montreal.

The son of Louis and Belle Lavut, he grew up in Montreal's Cote des Neiges district, and graduated from Montreal High School.

In the early 1960s when he was honing his acting career, Lavut won the lead role in a CBC adaptation of Mordecai Richler's novel, *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*.

Less auspiciously, he appeared in what he describes as "one of the worst 10 movies" ever made, *The Mask*.

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Torontonian interviews Clinton for TV documentary

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — For Fern Levitt, interviewing former U.S. president Bill Clinton for *The Little Rock Nine*, her latest documentary, was the highlight of her career thus far.

"I just couldn't believe I was sitting in his home and speaking to him," she says. "I asked the questions I had prepared, but just kept saying to myself, 'I am speaking to President Clinton.' "

After a rocky, uncertain ride, Levitt finally got the interview with Clinton, and says she was overwhelmed when she went to his New York home in March.

Clinton agreed to work with Levitt because he admires and respects the nine people whom the documentary is about, and is even close personal friends with some of them.

"He also believes the story should never be forgotten," says Levitt. "It needs to be told and Clinton and I knew that if he was in the documentary, it would attract a wider audience."

But her work, and this documentary in particular, is not just significant because of the celebrity appearance.

The Little Rock Nine, which airs on the History Channel on June 11 as part of the series, Turning Points in History, is about nine courageous black students who stood up to segregated schooling by enrolling in an all-white high school in Arkansas, in 1957.

Fern Levitt (left) with former U.S. president Bill Clinton.

Orville Faubus, then governor of the state, sent in the National Guard to prevent the students from attending. President Dwight Eisenhower responded soon thereafter to this violation of constitutional rights by calling in the 101 Airborne. While the troops accompanied the students to school, they were unable to protect the nine from the verbal and even physical abuse they endured incessantly throughout the year.

"The Little Rock Nine helped end segregation in schools in the U.S.," says Levitt, who wanted to do the film for five years before finally getting the OK from the History Channel.

"These students showed incredible courage and determination. They endured everything to make a difference, and not one of them quit," says Levitt admiringly.

"They're heroes and role models, and segregation would have lasted a lot longer had it not been for them."

Levitt also had personal reasons for wanting to tell the story.

"As a kid I remember seeing footage of Elisabeth [one of the nine] walking to school," she explains. "The mob yelled insults at her and spat on her to the point where her dress was drenched, and I was disgusted at how all those people had no feelings for what they were doing to other humans."

The story was also important for her to tell as a Jew.

"I feel strongly about racism and the Holocaust," Levitt says. "The Holocaust is a human tragedy, not just a Jewish tragedy, and I think Jews and blacks have similar histories. I feel angry about what happened to the Jews, and I feel for blacks too."

Raised in Hamilton, Ont. in a middle class neighbourhood, Levitt graduated from York University with a degree in psychology, and earned a master of science in social work at the University of Toronto. As a social worker, Levitte worked with Holocaust survivors, but was unsatisfied with that career.

She says she got into film because of her husband, Arnie Zipursky, of 18 years, who owns the film company, Cambium.

"His life just seemed more interesting than mine, and storytelling... just comes easy to me," she says, adding that her grandmother and mother are great storytellers.

After a stint as a researcher for TVOntario, she began her career as a freelance director, and has been directing documentaries for 10 years now.

Levitt and her husband directed *Each of Us Has a Name*, a documentary that follows two Holocaust survivors and Canadian children as they travel through Poland on the March of the Living.

The couple is also going to be working on a movie and documentary about the story of Judy Feld Carr, a Torontonian who played a significant role in rescuing the Jews of Syria in the 1970s and '80s.

Levitt says she makes films about the experiences of Jews and blacks so viewers "can learn about racism and the impact it has on victims."

A mother of three girls, Levitt says she teaches them about racism, and wants viewers to be aware of the issue as well.

"If I can leave viewers with a message, it is to to respect all human beings. We need to learn from our history so it doesn't repeat itself."

In the future, Levitt says she wants to be doing exactly what she does now, but on June 11, she'll be at home in Toronto watching *The Little Rock Nine*.

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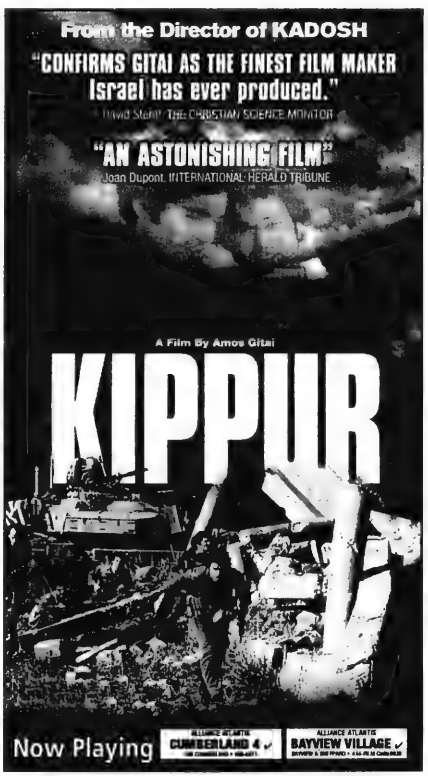
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TRAVEL TALK
BY BILL GLADSTONE

Six kilometres above the northeastern shore of Lake Erie, the sleepy hamlet of Vienna, Ont., boasts a strong connection with the family of Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931), the legendary American inventor, who might have been born Canadian but for a quirk of fate.

Four generations of Edisons lived in Vienna, including the inventor's parents, Nancy and Samuel Edison, Jr., and Thomas Alva spent many summers here as a child, visiting his grandfather. Some 40 Edison family members are buried in local cemeteries and, until recent decades, numerous cousins lived in the area.

Edison's inventions included the lightbulb, the phonograph, the electric battery, the automotive sparkplug, the movie camera and sprocketed movie film. He filed 1,024 patents in his 84 years. Vienna's Edison Museum, which occupies an 1853 two-storey farmhouse, offers many intriguing artifacts and displays related to his many inventions.

Several rooms contain period furniture, including some pieces once owned by the Edisons. An antique clock on the mantel was an anniversary gift that the inventor's grandfather, Captain Samuel Edison, Sr., purchased in New York. The walls and tables bear photographs of the inventor and his kin.

Several rooms display phonographs and other Edison devices. Display cases hold numerous odd-shaped bulbs, batteries, phonograph needles and old books about Edison.

Cindy Franklin, a member of the museum's board, winds the crank of an Edison-brand phonograph machine and slides the needle onto the nearly imperceptible grooves of an Edison-brand bakelite cylinder. Tinny music from the 1920s pours from the megahorn.

Next, Franklin illuminates an electric lightbulb from the early 20th century. It instantly glows with light. Still in excellent condition, the filament is made of bamboo, one of many natural substances with which Edison experimented.

An upstairs bedroom, styled as a ladies' sewing room, is supposedly haunted. One evening, a board meeting in the parlour was interrupted by "a lot of noises, like scraping and bumping" coming from above, Franklin relates. The board never returned to the house at night and the tale became part of the museum's well-treasured lore.

The Edison connection to Vienna begins with John Edison, Thomas Alva's great-grandfather, a United Empire Loyalist who left the United States after the Revolutionary War and settled with his family in Digby, N.S., in the 1780s. In 1811, already an old man, he and several of his married children and their families trailblazed into the largely unsettled area above Lake Erie known as the Talbot Settlement.

The inventor's grandfather, Samuel Edison, Sr., became a captain in the War of 1812 and was later given the honour of naming the town. The inventor's father, Samuel Edison, Jr., was an outspoken supporter of William Lyon Mackenzie's failed rebellion of 1837, and later fled Upper Canada in fear for his life. The family moved to Milan, Ohio, where Thomas Alva was born in 1847.

The decade in which the boy spent his summers in Vienna was reportedly the grandest the town would ever know. In the 1850s, at the height of the lumber boom, Vienna boasted a population estimated as high as 5,000, or roughly 10 times its present 500. Only a few historic buildings remain, including the United and Anglican churches, and a library that dates from 1862.

Admission to the Edison Museum (519-886-5521) is $2 for adults, free for children. Vienna is about 25 km south of Tillsonburg along Highway 19 ("Plank Road"). Vienna's Web site is www. library.elgincounty.on.ca/vilib/index.html.

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Award-winning director

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Putting this fiasco behind him, Lavut emerged as a film director with his biography of Riefenstahl, the creator of the classic *Triumph of the Will*, an ode to a 1934 Nazi party rally in Nuremberg, Germany.

Was she a Nazi and an anti-Semite? Lavut doesn't know, but at the very least Riefenstahl was an opportunist who would have worked for Winston Churchill instead of Adolf Hitler had circumstances been different.

In any case, he said, she was "shocked and appalled" by the Holocaust.

Years later, Lavut directed the CBC production of *Charley Grant's War*, the true story of an idealistic Canadian who helped Jews escape from Nazi-occupied Austria.

"It was as good as it could be, given the material and the budget," he said somewhat cryptically.

Since *Charley Grant's War*, Lavut's directing credits have included *The Marriage Bed*, *Maggie and Pierre*, *War Brides*, *ENG* and *The Twilight Zone*.

"Outside of documentaries, the films I have done have come out of laziness," he confessed. "I was offered certain things, and I did them."

Currently, Lavut is in the process of casting his newest film, a feature about a boys' school in Canada. He wrote the script and will direct it.

Lavut's wife Karen is a writer, and their two children, Marinda and Katharine, are students.

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Holocaust Drama Honoured: A Holocaust drama has taken top honours in this year's Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest, the Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto has announced.

The winning play is *Sara's Cave*, by **Don Molnar**, which pits a Righteous Gentile against the Nazi murder machine. For the first time, the winner of the annual playwriting competition was to be announced at the Canadian Jewish Book Awards, June 6 at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

The prize for winning entries in the annual contest is $500, plus a professionally-directed staged reading of the work. This year the committee considered 14 entries, says committee chair **Ralph Wintrob**.

"There were a lot of highly polished scripts on a wide variety of themes. That made the selection process long and difficult."

Sara's Cave "addressed the themes powerfully and directly," Wintrob said. "The play touched us all with its emotional depth and the strength of the moral conflicts. That has often been the compelling deciding factor over the years with the contest. The Holocaust theme just seems to trump the competition."

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Yiddish Film Classic: The Toronto Jewish Film Society continues its 23rd season with a screening of *The Singing Blacksmith*, featuring legendary actor **Moishe Oysher** as Yankl. The story, which focuses on a happy marriage threatened by Yankl's attraction for his neighbour, is based on a 1906 play by **David Pinski**.

The film, which is in Yiddish with English subtitles, offers a panoramic and original view of shtetl life. The Society is screening a brand new 35mm print that has been lovingly restored by the National Center for Jewish Film. It will be introduced by writer-translator **Shirley Kumove**, compiler of the collections of Yiddish sayings, *Words Like Arrows* and *More Words Like Arrows*.

Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall. Screenings are Sunday June 10, 5:15 p.m. (limited seating) and 7:45 p.m. Tickets available 15 minutes prior to screenings. $8. For details please call the Bloor JCC, 416-924-6211.

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Arts Briefs

• The Cranbrooke Friendship Club of the UJPO and Winchevsky Centre present an afternoon of Stories from Yiddish Folklore, featuring **Nathan Garnick**, and **Nathan Rosen** on piano. Yiddish intermingled with English translation. $6 includes lunch. 585 Cranbrooke Ave. June 11, 12:30 p.m. 416-789-5502.

• Or Haemet Sephardic School celebrates its 25th anniversary with a gala concert featuring **Emil Zrihan**, head soloist of the Israel Andalusian Orchestra of Ashdod, known as Kol Hazamir, the "voice of the nightingale." Toronto Centre for the Arts, Tues. June 12, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, 905-669-7654, ext 266.

• Twenty-eight children from the Toronto Heschel School are giving one performance only of *Invincible!*, an original musical based on the biblical story of David and Goliath as reworked by **Ken Rabow**. "We've been working a year on this," Rebow says. Earl Haig High School, 100 Princess Ave. $10-$12. June 14, 7 p.m. 416-633-4333.

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Quotable Quote: "She didn't try and put on any great airs ... she just sang a song very simply. She was mainly interested in seeing that the song got out so that other people would learn it and sing." – Pete Seeger, a longtime friend of **Ruth Rubin**, as quoted one year ago in Rubin's obituary in the New York Times.

Join **Ben Steinberg**, members of **the Travellers**, **Esther Spivack Marks** (Rubin's sister) and others for an evening of tribute to the noted Montreal-born Yiddish folksinger and folklorist. Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. June 12, 7:30 p.m. Free admission. 416-789-5502.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

The lighter side of being lonely

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Loneliness as a comedy? Not many will agree, but director Leah Cherniak does, and adds that even though she doesn't approach loneliness as a comedy, she thinks people are too embarrassed to talk about it, and they shouldn't be.

"Loneliness is so common and we shouldn't just cast it away," said Cherniak, who is directing *Lonely Nights & Other Stories*, opening at Factory Theatre June 7 and running until July 1.

"It's OK to be lonely and it's OK for us to do a play about it."

It is a collective effort by Cherniak and a cast of five, including Martha Ross, co-artistic director with Cherniak of Theatre Columbus.

A weird bunch of characters, all of them lonely for one reason or another, inhabit this 105-minute production with no intermission.

"Collective writing is very painful," Cherniak said. "We just don't sit and write, we get up frequently and talk to each other."

The play took the collective three years to finish, with the group getting together for a few weeks at a time every year, "whenever we could afford it and get everybody together."

Cherniak thinks a collective produces a different but not a better play than a single playwright does, and said she does not prefer one over the other.

The daughter of Ruth and Jack Cherniak, formerly of Saskatoon and Winnipeg, she has had a distinguished career, including directing *The Anger in Ernest and Ernestine*, produced 21 times across Canada and the United States, in Prague and Adelaide, Australia, and in Havana, in a Spanish translation.

Asked if *Ernest and Ernestine* is her favourite play, she replied: "I'm very fond of it, but every theatre experience is special."

Lonely Nights, a collection of short stories that give a panoramic view of loneliness, reminds Cherniak of *Betrayal*, a play she also directed, which won five Dora awards in 1998. This also had its comic side, she said, even though it dealt with adultery.

In *Lonely Nights*, Oliver Dennis, Maggie Huculak, Ross, Michael Simpson and Ker Wells portray, among others, a woman in a mid-life love crisis, an ex-con, a beyond-middle-age virgin, a misanthrope and a vacuum salesperson.

"They are vulnerable, awkward and lonely people who will magically make you laugh through your tears," Cherniak said.

A graduate of the University of Toronto, Cherniak studied for two years in Paris at L'École Jacques Lecoq.

"This is where I began to understand the kind of theatre I was destined to do. At one level at least I have stayed faithful to it," she said.

Theatre Columbus has had to rent a rehearsal hall for seven weeks to do *Lonely Nights*, because it no longer has a home of its own, although it does maintain an office.

For tickets, call the Factory Theatre box office, 416 504-9971, and for more information, call Theatre Columbus, 416 504-0019.

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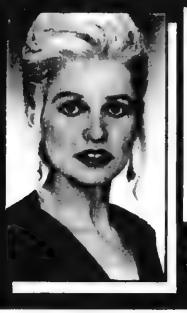

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Business Profile

Levy brothers' toys encourage creative thinking

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Without the slightest fanfare, the brothers launched their business in 1984, riding the crest of a somewhat piddling $40,000 investment.

And now, 17 years later, Jonathan Levy and his older brother, Andy, co-founders of Mastermind Educational, have reason to be pleased and optimistic.

Their specialty toy store chain, consisting of nine airy shops in the greater Toronto area, has blossomed into one of the largest chains of its kind in Canada.

"We started quite humbly," acknowledged Jonathan.

Jonathan had to sell his car and Andy had to dip into his savings to establish Mastermind Educational, whose stores range in size from 4,000 to 6,000 square feet.

Having sold business computers before founding their thriving company, the brothers began unobtrusively with a 300-square-foot store.

At first, they sold only children's computer programs, but soon they branched into puzzles and books. "We opened our second store in 1985, and that's when we started blending a broader mix of products," said Jonathan.

Nearly two decades later, each of their kid-friendly stores carries about 6,000 items, ranging from wooden train sets and dolls to craft kits and board games.

Although the chain weathered turbulence during the 1991-1992 recession, it is remarkably successful today, with revenues having reached approximately $20 million last year.

Mastermind Educational, with 250 employees, cannot and does not compete with mammoths like Toys "R" Us or Wal-Mart, which dominate the toy market.

Instead, the Levys focus on the specialty retail sector, and concentrate on higher quality, trend-proof toys that, as they are fond of saying, encourage curiosity and challenge thinking.

It has been a winning formula. In 1999, Mastermind Educational won the Canadian toy industry's prize for best retailer.

Concentrating on a line of merchandise usually not found in the much bigger chains, the Levys try to select goods that awaken creativity, enhance motor skills, develop imagination, offer fun and stand the test of time, all of which, they point out, translates into more value for money.

"We're special because we take a very organized and professional approach to what, typically, has been an unsophisticated business," said Jonathan.

They buy their wares from 190 suppliers in Europe, Asia and North America.

Jonathan Levy (right) and his brother, Andy.

"Western Europe – Sweden, England, Germany, Denmark, France, Italy – is the heart of the better-made toy," explained Jonathan, citing fine wooden train sets, beautifully-crafted dolls, Lego building blocks, Ravensberger puzzles and Quercetti math games.

From China, the Levys import baby toys and soft cuddly toys. From Japan and the United States, they purchase science kits, Radio Flyer wagons, a medley of outdoor toys and an immense variety of books for toddlers, children and parents alike.

And from Canadian manufacturers, they acquire, among other things, craft kits, paint-and-decorate ceramics, plasticine and helmets.

"People come to our stores because of the selection and dependability of our products," said Jonathan. "We review our toys very thoroughly, we do not carry violent toys, and we respond to customers' feedback."

Surprising though it may be, they do not stock custom-made toys. "We're not toy developers, although we've discussed it. Some companies have gotten into trouble doing this."

Mastermind Educational is strictly a family affair.

Jonathan, 38, is the head buyer. Andy, 45, tends to financial, leasing and personnel matters.

Jonathan's wife, Karyn, the mother of a four-year-old and a six-year-old, oversees merchandising, and has been in the business for 12 years. Ari Levy, Jonathan's second cousin, is in charge of distribution and the computer system.

"This arrangement works really, really well."

As chief buyer, Jonathan is usually on the road for six to eight weeks from January to April, attending the International Toy Fair in New York City and toy shows in Hong Kong and Nuremberg, Germany. He also visits hobby and craft exhibitions in the United States.

"I look for the unique twist in a toy, and I'm interested in the smallest detail," he explained. "I'm also hands-on. When I buy a ball, I like to bounce it. When I buy a kite, I like to fly it."

He is particularly careful when it comes to buying dolls. First and foremost, he looks for quality of construction. "A doll has to stand up to a tremendous amount of wear and tear."

Beyond durability, a doll must pass several other critical tests to satisfy Levy's exacting standards. "There must be a gentleness of expression. It should be cleaned with ease. The hair should be brushed easily and look nice."

As for science kits, Levy demands that their instruction manuals be crystal clear.

At a glance, he can invariably spot a winning piece of merchandise. Yet he has made his share of miscalculations. "I'm pretty far from perfect."

A graduate of Lawrence Park Collegiate in Toronto, Levy enjoyed tinkering with mechanical devices when he was a boy.

And he was instinctively entrepreneurial, following in his dad's footsteps. Edward Levy, his father, was a member of the family that founded Levy Auto Parts, which was eventually sold.

Recalling his childhood, Levy said, "I always had a business, whether it was shovelling snow from driveways or buying and selling cars. I always had something on the go."

When he and Andy came up with the idea for Mastermind Educational, they resolved not to seek family help. The first few years were characterized by uncertainty and upheaval, but they were confident of their abilities.

"I always envisioned success, but I didn't realize how much time and patience it would take for the business to flourish."

As for the future, he envisages cross-Canada expansion.

"In 10 years from now," he said, "we'll be a national chain, with very strong local roots."

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will take place
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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President Moshe Katsav last week visited U.S. President George W. Bush at the White House. They met before the beach front bombing in Tel Aviv last Friday. [RNS/Reuters photo]

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Comforting the bereaved

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rituals and stories can be an "exquisite comfort" to bereaved families, says Leonard Fein, a writer, teacher and social activist whose own daughter died suddenly when she was 30 years old.

"[No matter what] the rituals, it relieves the [bereaved] of responsibility. Prayers are there for you."

Fein, author of *Against the Dying of the Light*, a book about his struggle to understand the sudden death of his daughter Nomi in 1996, spoke publicly for the first time about her death at the recent Lawrence and Frances Bloomberg Spring Author's lecture at Holy Blossom Temple.

"Each loss is unique, but it is not unique. Countless others have suffered losses. The comfort is that countless others have gone on with their lives," said Fein, who has taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Brandeis University.

He is founder of *Moment* magazine, an independent magazine of Jewish affairs, and MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, of which there are Canadian chapters in Toronto and Montreal.

Writing his book, he said, was his way to grieve. "Writing it was bitter-sweet. Each time I sat down to write, it brought up her memories."

After a loved one dies, he said, "you know your life will never be the same, but neither is it over. There is work to be done, and there are others to nurture and to discover. There is also wonder and laughter and art.

"Even if we are allowed a week-long absence from the stage, we cannot escape the play," he said.

There is a lot of talk these days about closure, he said, "but how do you put closure to your loss? In Nomi's case there was no one to blame for her death, but if there was someone to blame, would a conviction offer me closure? Hardly."

Closure is not appropriate, he said. "The essential nature of this kind of loss is that it endures. We live with it constantly, and we grieve for good and sufficient reasons.

"Grief changes, but I will [always] grieve. I will not rush to place grief in a cupboard to take out on ritual occasions."

Fein said that he is not an expert on death. "Perhaps those who work with terminally ill patients have a greater understanding, but that is only an understanding of the act of dying, not on being dead. Death remains virtually incomprehensible."

Nothing is more incomprehensible, said Fein, than unsequenced death – the death of a child. "A radical disorientation forces us to examine what it means to be dead.

"Death is forever, yet we cannot understand what forever is. Forever is infinity, and infinity is not the end. It is the end plus one. Nothing that we know prepares us to handle forever, yet that is precisely what death is about," he said.

There are clashes between what we understand and what we experience about death, "and that accounts for doctrines of resurrection. If people imagine a soul that survives or a body that rises, and takes comfort from that, so be it. I will not quarrel."

No God wills the death of an innocent, said Fein. "God is not an interventionist. [If so,] how could God have failed to intervene during the years of the Holocaust?

"In theory, numbers do not matter. One by one, we are all of concern to him, [but] God does not translate that concern into action.

"Nomi and I had agreed that we experience God through our relationships with others. If death lies beyond our understanding, [what else] can we hold on to?"

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LET'S ENJOY LIFE
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FRIENDS 1ST
Single male, 48 yrs, professional, 5' 9", handsome, non smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, travel, the theatre, music, seeks female, warm and caring, with similar qualities, for friends first relationship **AD#1604**

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Rhodes Scholar learning the ropes of British soccer

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — England may be the birthplace of soccer, but at the University of Oxford, it ranks no higher than fourth in popularity among team sports.

Rowing, rugby and – can you believe it? – cricket all have higher profiles on campus, says Irv Studin, a midfielder on the school's soccer squad.

Studin, a Rhodes Scholar who's spent the last two years at Oxford, has been impressed with the kind of support the fourth sport gets.

Despite its underprivileged status, the soccer team still manages to attract top-level coaches, including former professionals whose knowledge of the game, technical skill and prestige make their Canadian counterparts pale by comparison.

Gianluca Vialli, a former Italian international and coach of English first division team Chelsea, coached the Oxford squad for a time this season. Another coach had led Sunderland to a FA Cup final.

"At the time, we had three coaches who, to put it mildly, were better than anything you could get in North America, maybe even at the professional level," Studin said. "They bring legitimacy, experience, analytical skills and strategy."

Studin, who was born in Rome to Russian parents en route to Canada, is a veteran of the Toronto soccer system. He played for Armourdale throughout his youth, and as a teen, suited up for North York Hearts and Spartacus. He played for York University for four years, serving as captain for one, and was twice named CIAU all-Canadian.

During one of his college years, he also played for the Toronto Lynx, a semi-pro team, and he twice played for Canada at Maccabi events – in 1997 on the indoor soccer team at the Maccabiah Games in Israel and in 1999 at the Pan Am Maccabi Games in Mexico City.

Studin talked about his season during a recent visit to his family in Toronto. His English soccer experience has been a real eye-opener and he credits the team's coaches for helping improve his game. "I picked up a lot and realized how much I didn't know," he said.

At 25, he's the oldest guy on the team, but some of the stuff he's learned would be old hat to even the youngest of Brits. For instance, in soccer "the captain runs the show. He's god. He makes the decisions, including personnel decisions… In Britain, the captain almost has more power than the coach."

Cambridge, of course, is Oxford's main rival, and emotions before and after matches reach almost "a visceral hatred." Cambridge athletes are called Tabs and a commonly heard slogan at Oxford is "Shoe the Tabs."

Studin said he's had to get used to wearing a suit to games and players can be fined for non-punctuality, with the money going to a team drinking party.

Contrary to stereotypes, only half to 60 percent of the Oxford team members trace their roots to the British elite. The rest are "high achievers" with a few "colonials" like himself thrown in.

Just about everything in England closes at 6 p.m. leaving only a take out meal from a kebab truck or fish and chip wagon available after hours.

As for soccer, many of the games were waterlogged affairs this year, with Britain experiencing one of its wettest fall and winter seasons ever. "You're always playing in the mud, shivering in the rain," Studin said.

His suggestion that soccer be moved to the summer was met with disdain, as if he was balmy, he said. After all, summer is for cricket, he was told.

Studin is enamoured with the British political scene and particularly with the level of discourse.

"It's fascinating, they're masters of the trade," he said. "The British rhetoric is amazing."

Even on the soccer pitch, trash talk reaches impressive levels of elegance and wit, he added.

Next year, Studin will transfer to arch-rival, Cambridge, where he'll enrol in a program that combines philosophy, politics and economics.

When the school year ends this June, he'll move to New York for a stint in investment banking. He'll follow that up in Quebec, where he'll work for Jean Charest.

Studin's ultimate goal is to "get into politics one day."

TRUE CHAMPS: The Leo Baeck girls basketball team won the Day Schools Championship Game at the Bathurst Jewish Centre after a very successful season. These students were champions, both on and off the court, with their good sportsmanship and team play. Seen, back row, from left, are: Sam Fruitman, coach, Johana Aschkenazy, Deborah Cole, Jayme Kosher, Torey Stonell, Jamie Filer, Lisa Mark, Rebecca Nurgitz, Sharon Levy, coach; front row, from left, Ali Paisley, Hilary Stiss, Carly Cohen, Julia Chasson, Natasha Stern, Faith Feldman and Tamara Wohl.

Injury forces tennis player out

By ILANA BERGER
Ha'aretz Tennis Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Israel's leading male tennis player, Harel Levy, was forced to pull out of the French Open due to a shoulder injury after just one set of his second-round clash against Moroccan Karim Alami.

Levy, ranked 40th in the ATP World Ranking, pulled out of the game after losing the first set to the 109-ranked Alami, and missed out on the chance to play the world's top ranked player – and a close personal friend – Gustavo Kuerten in the third round. Levy lost the first set, 6-4.

Last week's encounter was the first-ever meeting between Levy and Alami, and the pair went to court four knowing that the winner would go on to face Kuerten, who had convincingly beaten Agustin Calleri of Argentina earlier in the day (6-4, 6-4, 6-4).

The first set was a tight affair, which went with service until the ninth game, when the Moroccan broke Levy's serve to take a 5-4 lead.

In the interval between the ninth and 10th games, Levy received treatment on his right shoulder, but after losing the next game and the set, he informed the umpire of his decision to withdraw.

Earlier in the week, Levy made history by becoming the first Israeli to advance to the second round of the Roland Garros tournament since Gilad Bloom did so in 1992. Levy's straight-sets victory over Byron Black of South Africa meant that Israel's highest-ranking male player progressed to the second round of the French Open for the first time in his career.

His forced retirement, therefore, will be even more painful for the 23-year-old Ramat Hasharon resident.

Stories that touch the heart

By

ELI RUBENSTEIN ALEC GELCER

A place in heaven

This story, told by a Holocaust survivor from Poland, concerns a conversation he held with a Polish Catholic priest about the role of the Church during the Holocaust.

The priest told him the following tale:

During the war, a distraught peasant woman came to him for confession. She told him that she had committed a grave sin, and was surely going to suffer in hell for it.

"What was the sin?" he asked.

"I can't say. It's too horrible to mention. But I know I will suffer for it greatly in the afterlife."

The woman was terrified.

"What is that you want from me?" the priest continued.

"Forgiveness," came the soft reply.

"But I cannot grant you forgiveness until you confess your sin to me," the priest insisted.

For a while, the standoff continued. The woman would not reveal the nature of her sin, and the priest would not grant her penance until she did so.

Finally she yielded.

"I am hiding a Jewish child in my home."

She hesitated, then continued. "My neighbours know about this, and have warned me that I will suffer eternal damnation for this act."

The woman waited for the expected harsh judgment from the priest.

But his repsonse startled her. "What? Is that what you came to tell me? That you have sinned by hiding a poor Jewish child and saving him from certain death? This is no sin. This is a very righteous act. Indeed, after you die, you will go straight to heaven for caring for this innocent child. You have no need of forgiveness from me."

The woman was stunned. She left the presence of the priest slowly, puzzled, shocked and comforted all at the same time.

A few weeks later, another peasant woman appeared at the confessional with the same priest.

"What is the nature of your sin?" he asked.

"I have not sinned," came the curt reply.

"Then why are you here?" questioned the priest.

"I have a question to ask you," she replied. "Is it true that if you save a single Jewish child, you are guaranteed a place in heaven?"

The priest, realizing she had heard what he had told the previous woman, answered affirmatively.

But his answer is not the point of the story. The first lesson of this surprising story is this:

Had the Church issued a proclamation during the Holocaust stating that every Christian who saves a Jewish child during the war will gain eternal life, imagine how many Jewish children would have been saved.

But the Church issued no such statement.

Yet this story teaches us more than just a historical fact about the sins of the Catholic Church during the Holocaust, or about the bravery of those individual Christian leaders who took a courageous stand against the Nazis.

Its lesson is much broader, and applies to all religions, faiths and spiritual movements.

The power of religion and religious leaders is immense. Both can be sources of inspiration, and can lead adherents to commit awesome acts of courage, selflessness and kindness.

But when those in places of power within religious structures use their positions for evil, or even for promoting indifference, their capacity for harm is truly terrifying.

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1 1/4 cups onion, diced
2 cups vegetable stock
1/2 cup orange juice
1 tblsp dill weed
1/8 tsp ground cayenne pepper
salt to taste
white pepper to taste
1 cup plain yogurt

Melt margarine in large pot. Add onions, mixing well to coat. Cover and cook over low heat for 15 mins. Add carrots, and stock and bring to boil over med.-high heat. Reduce heat and cover pot. Simmer 20 mins. or until carrots are tender. Remove cover and cool for 5 mins. Place approx. half the soup in blender and blend until puree is formed. Pour puree back into the soup remaining in the pot. Add orange juice, dill weed, cayenne pepper, salt, pepper and yogurt. Mix well and heat additional 5 mins., making certain soup does not boil.

About Life

Dear Ella,

One of my neighbours recently lost her father to cancer. My first instinct was to rearrange my schedule so that I could attend her father's funeral. It would not be easy, as I have two small children who would need to be cared for while I was there.

The more I sat and thought about it, the more I wondered why I was trying to get to this funeral. I remembered that just over a year ago, when this neighbour had her son's bar mitzvah, my husband and I were not invited. I remember being quite hurt and shocked, as the bar mitzvah was not small and I thought we should have been invited.

I felt if I was not good enough to share in her simchahs, then why should I share in her sorrows. I didn't go to the funeral, but I seem to be thinking about my decision a lot. Do you think I was very out of line?

Do Onto Others

Dear Do Onto Others

When someone passes away, you go to their funeral to pay your last respects and to support the family. You made your decision and you can't go back. I am going to assume that you and your neighbour are still on speaking terms or I don't think it would be weighing so heavily on your conscience.

You can't tie in the simchah with the funeral. When people make a simchah, they are always forced to draw the line somewhere, or the affair would get completely out of hand and impossible to afford. Some people cut it off at second cousins, some at co-workers and others at neighbours. You really shouldn't take it personally. Give them the benefit of the doubt.

The most important thing, however, is never to tie that in with the reason for not attending a funeral. You only have one chance to pay your last respects. In your heart if you feel you should go, then go. Don't rationalize or find excuses. Make whatever arrangements you need to and just go. You'll never be sorry you did, only that you didn't.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN *or e-mail at eb@cjnews.com But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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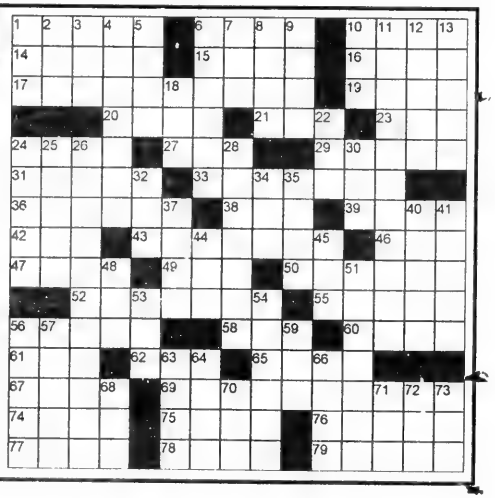

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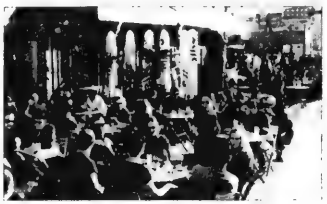

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Give a gift they'll remember

By CAROL WISE
Special to The CJN

The most important decision to make when going to a party is what gift to get for the host, hostess or guest of honour. You may have been fretting about what to wear, how to do your hair or knocking yourself out over fashion details, but you will be remembered mainly for your gift.

How can you give a really fabulous gift that will not only be loved by the recipient, but will make you look like a genius gift-giver? There are two components to keep in mind: generosity and appropriateness.

Be sure when you are buying a gift that it is not only something you like, but something that the person will love. For instance, if the person is fashionable and dresses in an avante-garde style, don't pick an old-style item – they would probably prefer something more high-tech or contemporary. If you're not sure how much to spend, ask someone who has recently made such an event and use that as a starting point.

A Scott Potter bowl.

There are so many wonderful gift ideas this spring; the stores are brimming with delightful goodies to please all budgets and people. I spotted a gorgeous sterling silver set of candlesticks ($195.00) at Henry Birks and Sons, and while I was there, I looked at the Scott Potter one of-a-kind collection. Celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Robert DeNiro are avid collectors. The price range is from $65.00 and up, a great gift for the mother of the bride. And for your friends, don't miss the his-and-her palm pilot cases.

Palm pilot case.

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Making a gift decision is not easy with so many wonderful items available. Let your imagination play and you might be surprised what you will come up with.

One of the happiest couples I know, my creative friend Tisha and her husband, were recently invited to a wedding and gave the following marriage recipe as their gift:

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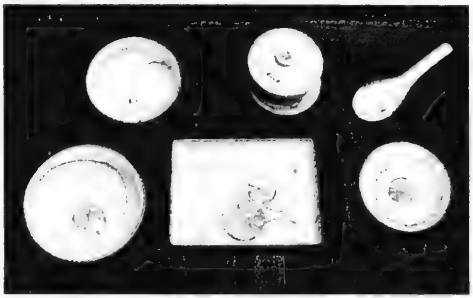

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Plus sizes can be fashion forward

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Size should not be an issue when it comes to fashion, says Robin Kauder-Palachi of Robin Plus Paradise (905-886-8776).

"Just because a woman wears a plus size does not mean she shouldn't be fashion-forward," says Kauder-Palachi, who specializes in women's fashions in sizes 14 to 54.

Most malls, she says, have 50 stores, "and one, possibly two, of those stores carry plus sizes. Even then, those stores usually carry matronly or unfashionable clothing. Plus-size women do want to wear sweater sets, capri pants and cargo pants."

Kauder-Palachi buys her stock in the United States, "where I can find manufacturers who are less restrictive, less conservative and who take more chances."

Her store specializes in personal service, she says. "We have large change rooms covered in posters of plus-size women. These are incentive posters. We want them to look at women who look like them, and we want them to love themselves the way they are. A positive outlook is very important."

Becky Scott of Toni Plus (416-633-9331) says that this season, fabrics are body caressing in jersey knits and cotton poplins. "Colours are in summer's brightest shades of pink, turquoise, fucshia, chartreuse, coral, and black and white."

Kauder-Palachi says that for casual parties we're seeing a lot of light fabrics, such as cotton. "Linen wrinkles; it is not a forgiving fabric.

"Women are wearing shimmers – clothing with a slight sparkle. This is what changes daywear to eveningwear. Women can go to work in a skirt and blouse, and then change into a shimmery blouse and jacket for the evening."

She carries multi-purpose clothing. "Once a woman finds something that fits, she wants to be able to wear it again and again. Plus-size women have less choice, so they want to wear what they have. By adding that shimmery touch, it looks like a different outfit, and the woman feels great."

Certain prints and colours are more flattering for plus-size women, she says, "but there is no reason women should not be able to wear what they want; they should wear what everyone else wears."

Scott says that women are going to parties in a floral slip dress which has been updated with an asymmetrical hem, some with ruffles.

"The little black dress with a great neckline is always right for evening partying, and the new stretch fabrics make this sexy classic comfortable to wear.

"For more casual summer partying, capris and ankle pants are good choics. Add a T-shirt or a bright linen shirt, and you have a casual, comfortable feel."

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Hairstyle...is part of total look

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

A hairstyle is part of a total look, says Mathew Odisha, owner of Mathew's Hair Salon (416-398-5228).

"I always suggest that brides come in with a picture of their dress about three weeks before the wedding. This way we can decide on a hair style that complements the dress," says Odisha, who trained as a hairdresser in Iraq, and has been at his present location for more than one year.

He advises clients to cut their hair at least 10 days before the event, and colour it about one week ahead of time. "Immediately after hair is coloured, the colour is sharp. It needs a week to mellow."

There are no trends in hairstyles, he says. "A style that suits you is the best style."

Pictures, he adds, are not the best way to find a style. "It is difficult to copy from a picture because we are not working with the same hair. I have to look at the hair and see how it reacts to certain styles."

He prefers his clients to change their hairstyles every so often. "I like to update their styles – to move with the times."

If a bride wants an up-do for her wedding, but has never had one before, Odisha says she should come in for a trial. "I do not want her to feel uncomfortable with a style she has never worn. This way, on her wedding day, she will know how the up-do feels."

When a bride comes in for a consultation, he says he likes to see her alone. "I want her opinion. I do not want the opinion of her friend or her sister. I want open communication with the bride. I do not want people to push her.

"I like to do what I think will look best, and I tell her she can always change it. I can usually tell from a woman's face if she likes her hairstyle. She does not have to say a word. A hairstylist learns to be a psychologist."

John Colombo, owner of Hairafter (416-221-6658), also recommends that a bride bring in a picture of her dress when she comes in for a consultation.

"An up-do does not complement a low-cut dress because there will be too much skin exposed. I suggest a trial hairstyle, so there are no surprises the day of the wedding."

Tiger stripes are a new trend in hair colour, says Colombo. "Instead of thin highlights, we do colour in chunks. This really defines the haircut and the style. A colour is chosen to contrast with the natural hair colour. This year the retro look is in. Anything goes – you do your hair as you feel."

He stresses that the bridal party should not forget about the men when they are planning their hairstyles. "Men get dressed up as well. They have to have a style to complement their clothing."

Men are wearing their sideburns longer, he says, because it brings out a face's best features. "Medium to long sideburns complement a longer face."

Men are also starting to put in highlights, says Colombo. "Some are putting in darker lowlights and keeping the rest of their hair grey, so they have a natural look."

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PARTY PLANNER

Truffles and tortes sweeten up any occasion

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

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"Popular now are place tags," says Levine. "We put the names of couples on tags which are attached to a small box of chocolate. This is a trendier way of doing seating arrangements."

Levine says he also does a lot of "sweet boxes," or party favours given to guests at weddings and bar mitzvahs.

"We also do gift baskets and personalized creative gifts, such as the chocolate champagne bottle."

If you're putting in an order that requires printing on a box, like the place tags, you should order about two weeks or a month in advance, Levine says.

All products are kosher, but if you're concerned about nut allergies, Levine says it's best not to eat his chocolates.

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If you're looking for a caterer to supplement the chocolates made by Chocolate Charm or to provide your party with a dessert menu on its own, here's a sample of what you'll find at Sweet York caterers (416-783-4293): a chocolate brownie, a scoop of mango sorbet with raspberries garnie on a bed of sabra creme and chocolate sauce; orange chocolate mousse torte; strawberry shortcake; frozen lemon torte; Bundt cakes; fruit flans; cookies and fresh fruit.

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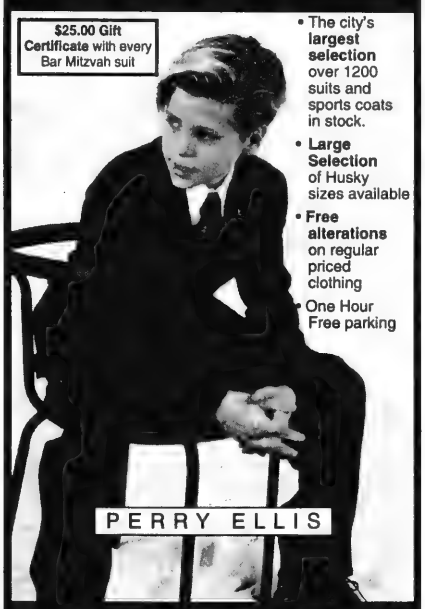
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Rules are softening in women's fashions

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Fashion rules have definitely softened, says Ginette Beauchamp, owner of Quasar Mode (416-964-1214), a women's high fashion boutique.

Fashion choice is dependent on lifestyle, body type, and the image a woman wants to portray, she says.

As we emerge from a long winter, colours have become important, she says. "I buy most of my collection from designers working in the south of France. Imagine the inspiration they get from nature.

"Colours such as turquoise, lime green, garnet, sky blue, pale yellow and gold are showing up in all the latest designs. If you want to add some lively pieces to your wardrobe, this is the season."

Women are wearing simple, ankle-length shifts that can be taken from daytime to an evening party, she says.

"A co-ordinating short black jacket trimmed with fuchsia flowers can be worn nicely to the office. After work, take off the jacket, put on some fabulous earrings and a pair of sleek sandals, and you're ready to go to a cocktail party."

We are seeing a lot of synthetic blends this season, she says. "Polyester is absolutely wonderful to wear in 30 degree weather. European designers are using it a lot because it's as rich-looking as silk, holds its colours, and is easily cared for."

Fabrics are fluid. "There is no stiffness in fashion. When you walk, your whole garment moves with you."

Evening pants are being worn, but they are not the focus of high fashion, she says. "If women do wear pants, they are pairing them with brightly coloured halter tops, bolero jackets, or shirts knotted at the waist."

She carries many gowns for brides "who want to look a little different. A sleeveless ivory silk moree gown that skims the body but does not hug it is given an East Indian feel by adding some embroidery around the hem and a square neckline."

Paired with a long jacket trimmed in the same embroidery, and "we have a fabulous look that is proper for a wedding, but not traditional. It would be perfect for an outdoor garden party," she says.

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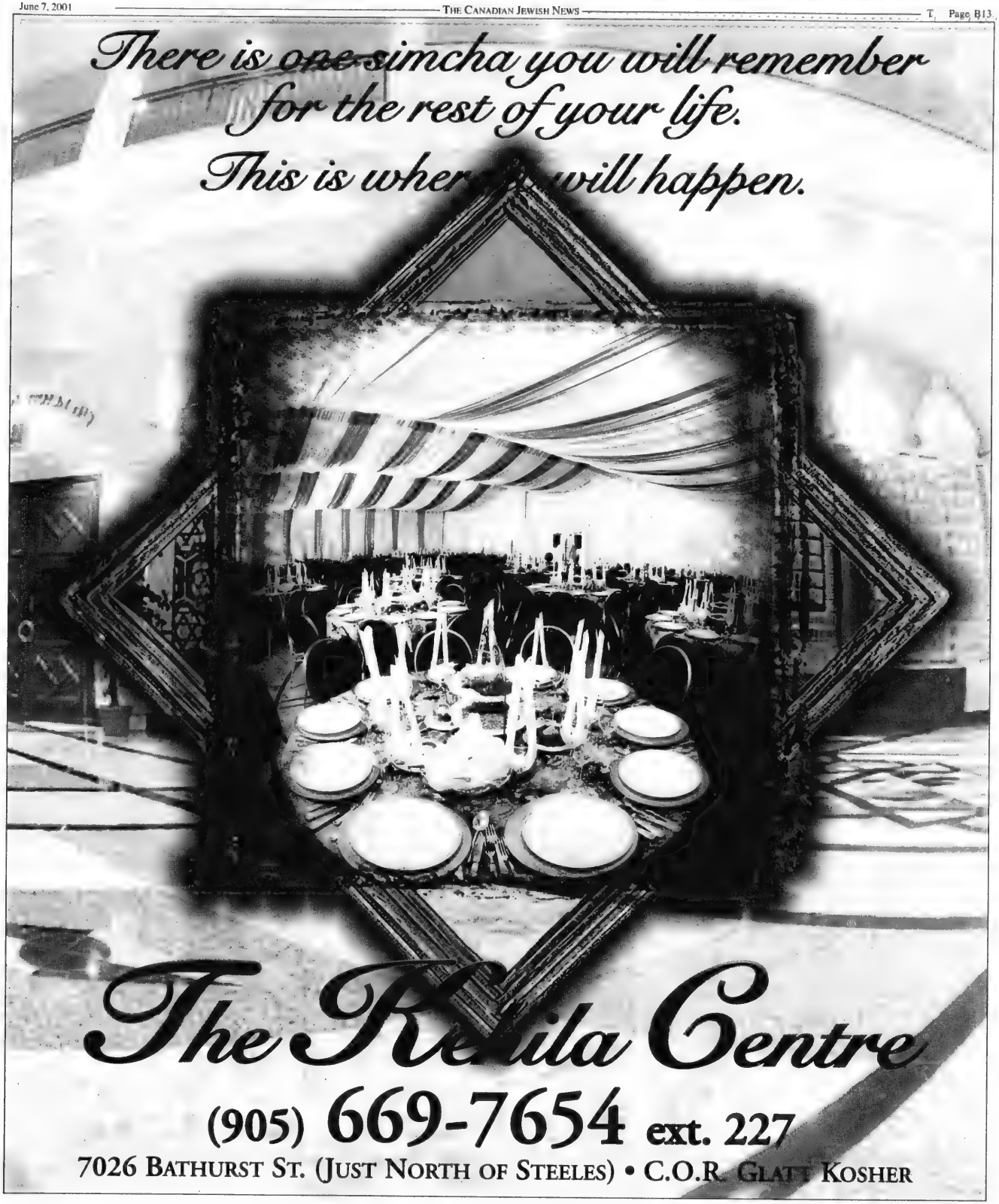
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Make your dreams come true

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Lynn Cohen, consultant and party planner (905-889-1007), has an exacting profession. It's also a highly satisfying one: her work is to make dreams come true. And she has many good suggestions on how to realize your dreams.

A vital part of Cohen's work is to establish that intangible called harmony. The wedding day should be an occasion of mutual rejoicing for the bride, the groom and their families. At the same time, they will all want a say in the shape the festivities will take; and different wishes can be hard to reconcile.

This is one of the main reasons to hire a party planner. She takes a lot of stress off you, especially in dealing with two families at a wedding. As a sympathetic outsider, the planner is a buffer, and builds trust.

Along with empathy and the ability to establish rapport, the planner needs to be well organized. No dream, no matter how sublime, can be realized without careful attention to details. A party planner's organizational talent helps turn the wedding you envision into reality.

Cohen's profession has many other facets. She also helps with budgeting, and choosing the best other party professionals. To choose these people, she must first know your budget limits.

Because your planner advises you on choosing other professionals, engage her services as early as possible: as soon as you have a date in mind, not when it's written in stone. The trend is to book earlier and earlier; Cohen has bookings as far as two years ahead.

In choosing your planner, Cohen advises, listen to word-of-mouth referrals from your friends, and reliable people you know in the party industry. And of course, if you want some of these people working at your celebration, let your consultant know.

To fulfil your dream, a planner needs your input. She needs to know a lot about you, from your tastes in photos and music to how comfortable you are with crowds. So don't hesitate to share with her every aspect of what you want. While you should respect her advice, the final decisions are yours.

Lynn Cohen with a satisfied client.

Cohen, who has worked for 25 years as a party planner and has many return clients, recommends choosing someone with experience.

Cohen also advises selecting a planner who knows the industry well, has ongoing contact with key people, and keeps abreast of trends and party ideas. To this end, she does bridal shows twice a year.

At the same time, Cohen sympathizes with the idea of giving a newcomer in the field a chance to prove herself. After all, she too was once a beginner.

If you know your planner well, and if she's experienced, you should be able to do most of your work with her on the phone. Otherwise, before you hire her, meet her face to face. In any case, you should be free to call her about anything, no matter how small.

For any wedding, Cohen does have one face-to-face meeting with the bride about six or seven months ahead, sometimes earlier.

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Consultants make party worry-free

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Hiring a party planner is like taking out insurance in that it gives you peace of mind, say consultants Heidi Gruenspan (905-738-5030) and Jolanta Dabrowski (905-415-9341).

Gruenspan, who has been a wedding and party planner for eight years, says her job is to organize the party.

"I offer an initial free consultation in which I recommend a number of tradespeople, such as florists, disc jockeys or decor companies.

"Before I'm hired, I like clients to make sure they are comfortable with me. After all, we will be together for almost a year."

She is there throughout the planning stage "as much or as little as my client wants. I will accompany them to all their appointments, and I can go with them when they look for a dress. Basically, I'm theirs for the whole time."

Dabrowski works with her clients to develop a theme for their party. "I'll ask a bar or bat mitzvah child about their hobbies and we can work from there.

"I'll even help them make their own decorations or centrepieces. One girl wanted a horse theme, so we made centrepieces consisting of a horseshoe attached to a wooden board, with balloons added to it. The girl had a great time doing it herself."

A simple, inexpensive, but attractive centrepiece consists of a painted basket filled with candy, she says. "It really brightens up a room."

Heidi Gruenspan (right) with a happy client.

The day of the party is worry-free when a consultant is there, says Gruenspan. "I show up and handle all the mundane details and all the problems."

At one memorable party, she says, there was a bomb threat at the synagogue. "The groom was right in the middle of his speech. The only people who knew about the threat were me and the catering manager. The police came and checked everything out, and nobody knew a thing."

The "everyday problems" include popped buttons, stained dresses and torn pantyhose. "I come with a huge bag filled with such items as a sewing kit, earring backs, insoles and headache pills. If I don't have something needed at one party, I'll certainly have it in my bag for the next party."

Everyone is a guest when a consultant comes to a party, says Dabrowski. "I co-ordinate the disc jockey and the caterer, and make sure all the guests have a seat. Hosts just have to be there and have a good time."

Gruenspan gets a lot of satisfaction from her work. "There is nothing like it when a bride hugs me, or calls me to tell me how wonderful her wedding was."

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Today's brides have a lot of choice

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Brides today have a lot of options when choosing a wedding gown says Vivian Prussky, owner of Ritche Couture (416-789-4378) on Avenue Road.

Prussky, who sells bridal and eveningwear by appointment, says she carries over 1,000 different gowns ranging in price from $700 to $4,000, including designer gowns, and gowns from United States, Canada and abroad.

Popular now, she says, are strapless or sleeveless gowns in "varying degrees of formality. The gowns have light lace on top and are completed with a full tulle skirt – big and puffy."

Brides are not afraid of colour anymore, says Prussky. "We carry blue, lavender and peach silk wedding gowns and ivory gowns trimmed in coloured beading. Some brides need some colour in order to add life to their faces, and others want a more contemporary look. These gowns give them the option to do that."

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Other gowns are trimmed in silver or platinum lace, she says.

"A lot of brides are opting for a formal look, even though the gown is not traditional. A gown may have a contemporary formal look, with a strapless fitted bodice and a fish-tail train at the back. It is a glamour gown just like we see at the Oscars," says Prussky.

She advises brides to come in at least six to 12 months before the wedding, although they can be accommodated on shorter notice.

"If the bride has no idea what she is looking for, we show her three looks – a full gown, an A-line, or a slim gown. We then talk about what type of wedding she is having, and we look at pictures of various gowns."

A bride's body type is very important when choosing a gown, she says. "We want something that flatters. Our personal consultants can help choose the most flattering gown."

Bridal attendant dresses are more of a party dress, and can be different styles in the same colour, or different colour in the same style, says Prussky.

Many bridesmaids are choosing separate tops and skirts that can take them to the wedding, and then be mixed and matched in order to make up another outfit. It is a practical way to choose a bridesmaid gown."

Popular, she says, is an evening sweater set paired with an irridescent taffeta skirt. "We're seeing a trend towards softer colours, such as rosewater or pineapple. These are soft, but rich-looking colours."

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Linens: Choose and handle with care

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By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Linens have an ancient, well-earned reputation as quality gifts. They're durable and beautiful; they're not fad items. You'll want to choose them with care, and care for them well.

On this subject, Ellis Chitiz of Deblins Linens (416-782-2910, ext. 300) and David Saini of David's Fine Linens (416-590-7311 or 1-877-591-1115) are experts. Here is a little of the information they're ready to share.

Chitiz says a good night's sleep between fine sheets, or drying yourself with a soft bath towel always makes you feel better.

Fine linen sets off an elegant table service. It adds an air of class to a dinner party, and makes the table more inviting.

Saini hails fine Irish linen as the perfect gift, be it for bedding or for a formal dinner table. If properly cared for, it lasts for centuries. Other fine linens come from Italy, France and Switzerland.

Saini maintains that natural linen, silk and cotton fibres are still the best. At the same time, he welcomes innovations like the exclusive bleachwood fabrics from Switzerland, used in sheets and towels, and made from wood.

Today, there are more and more quality fabrics, designs and colours on the market. Look at the variety available, Chitiz urges, and give yourself time to choose. And since you can get good quality and a good price, insist on it.

Fieldcrest towels, for example, come in 32 colours; Royal Plush Egyptian-cotton towels come in 24. And Israel now exports fine sateen bedding, which is smooth to the touch, with a pleasant finish.

Saini observes that many fine products still come in white, grey, ivory, beige and earth tones, like taupe and golden brown. At the same time, he likes the Konchini line of European bed linens in bright "fun and funky" primary colours, for kids' rooms and the cottage.

The term "high-tech" usually suggests electronics, but there are just as many innovations in fabrics. Among them is Visa cloth, a 100 percent polyester-treated yarn, which needs no ironing and doesn't stain. Used in tablecloths, it's starting to appear in clothing as well.

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Choosing is easier, Chitiz says, if you come prepared. Know your table sizes, the same way you know your bed and clothing sizes. Make sure you get the best by doing a bit more work.

A bit of technical information is useful. Chitiz says woven designs are usually better than prints because they won't fade. And choose cottons with long staple fibres with balling, bumps and impurities combed out in the carding process, before weaving.

Saini mentions density of weave as another quality hallmark. Fine Egyptian cotton will have up to 1,000 threads per square inch.

Photo courtesy of David's Fine Linens.

Buy Egyptian cotton bedding, Chitiz advises: this is the best cotton; used in most of the sheets Israel exports. The more you wash good cotton, the softer it becomes. Another quality cotton is American Supima, also used in rugs.

Look carefully for reputable retailers and suppliers. A retailer who does custom work is best, says Saini. And choose a store with a registry to make sure you get the table linens, bedding and bathware you want, while making purchases easier for your guests.

Most of the items Deblins and David's sell are on their shelves. But because some things, like Deblins' Marproof roll-up table pad, or David's eiderdown duvets, have to be ordered, register and place your orders as soon as you can.

One hallmark of a quality retailer is readiness to offer sound advice on product care. Such a business is built, not on fast turnover of mass products, but on repeat visits from satisfied customers, and those whom they refer.

Cotton, for instance, as Chitiz says, breathes well, but creases easily, so don't leave it bunched up in the dryer. Take it out at once, and fold it or put it on your bed. Saini also holds that care is paramount. David's gives clients brochures on the care of table linens, bed linens and down duvets.

You can learn more about fine linens on the Web. Deblins' Web site is www.deblins.linens@home.com; David's is www.davidsfinelinens.com.

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Lots of choice for kosher food

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

When you cater a party using King Solomon's Table (416-975-1127) there are no surprises, says owner Joe Elmaleh.

After an initial interview with a member of his catering staff, who can arrange for parties on the premises or at another location, clients come in for a taste test. "We provide them with a selection of three or four pastas to sample, and we prepare chicken for them in a few different ways.

"That way there are no surprises the day of the function. Hosts are often too nervous to really taste the food at the party. By tasting it ahead of time, they really know what their guests are eating."

Hosts can make a party on almost any budget, Elmaleh says. "We can arrange a Chinese buffet dinner for as little as $30 per person, or we can put together a dinner that includes hors d'oeuvres, soup, salad, a main course and dessert.

Light meals are definitely a trend, he says, but kids still love his chicken wings, chicken balls and egg rolls.

"We offer a number of steamed or vegetarian items and tofu dishes, but we also have crispy sesame beef that is deep fried in honey garlic sauce, a chicken picatta in lemon sauce, and chicken venezia, which is deboned, marinated and grilled.

"The beauty of a buffet is that we can cater to all our guests without making special meals."

Rhonda Litwack, owner of Rhonda Litwack Fine Foods (416-787-7337), says she tries to provide her clients with an alternative to traditional kosher food.

"I make things that are a little different. A favourite is my chicken breast stuffed with sun dried tomatoes in an arugula pesto," says Litwack, who has a culinary management degree from George Brown College. She caters throughout the week and offers a take-out menu on Thursdays and Fridays.

When planning a party, she says, she sits down with the clients and looks at the guest list. "What you make for a group of 13 year olds, is not what you would make for a group of 30 year olds.

"For a bar mitzvah party, kids love the smashed potato bar. I offer a number of types of mashed potatoes, and serve them in martini glasses. Kids then add toppings, such as a herb mixture or fried onions."

Kids also love the chocolate fountain, in which they dip marshmallows or candies. "It is like a giant fondue."

She says she does a lot of taste testing and brainstorming to come up with her menu items. "I wanted my mushroom baguette – a pastry filled with wild mushrooms – to be round, so I could slice it and stand it like a tower. It took a while to find the perfect round pan."

She tries not to repeat her dishes "because my clients deserve to be served original items. I do not have a weekly menu. Each menu is prepared one week in advance."

The seasons dictate many of her dishes, she says. "If I see corn in the stores, there is corn on my menu. It is spring now, and there are wonderful cherries, so I will make a wonderful cherry something. I am just starting to think about what to do with them," says Litwack.

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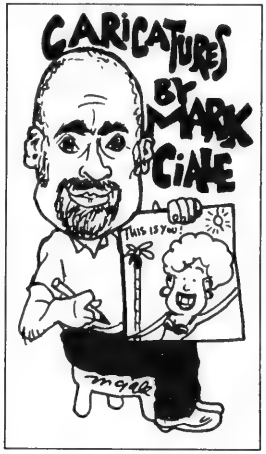

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

If you've been searching for a way to make your special event distinct and memorable, consider drawing upon the talents of a caricaturist.

Mark Ciale (416-203-2514), who began his career as a caricaturist in 1989, says that hiring an artist adds "something unique" to a party.

"Guests get an individual, unique piece of art crafted on the spot," he says.

Brian Montenegro (416-591-7650), a part-time caricaturist since 1988, adds that he can make an event livelier, and also provide guests with a souvenir.

Ciale has noticed an increase in demand for his services over the years, because he believes people are tired of throwing the same old affairs.

"People are jaded. Everyone wants something new and interesting at their party."

Ciale, who does between 125 and 200 events a year, finds that a major part of his business is bar and bat mitzvahs, but he also does corporate parties, house parties, boat cruises and corporate and charity fund-raisers.

"I've also done one to two smaller weddings and they went well."

Montenegro does three or four events a month, including gatherings such as bar or bat mitzvahs, corporate picnics and Chanukah parties.

Although he's never done a wedding, Montenegro says, he thinks it could be fun to have a caricaturist at a wedding reception.

How do you know if one portraitist will be enough to meet the demands of a large party?

To answer this question, Ciale and Montenegro say, you have to consider two main factors: the size of the party and the speed at which the artist can work.

"If there are 150 people, I can do it on my own," Ciale says, "but if there are 200 or 300 people, you'll probably need two to three caricaturists."

Ciale urges hosts to remember that not everyone will want a picture drawn.

As for speed, Ciale says that while most caricaturists can take between five and 10 minutes per portrait, he can do it in half the time while still creating a quality drawing.

"It takes me between three and four minutes to do a caricature," Ciale says.

Montenegro says it usually takes him five minutes or more, "but I put a lot of effort into my drawings, and unlike most caricaturists who only do a profile, I draw full frontal caricatures."

Ciale charges $75 per hour and usually requires that he be hired for a minimum of two to three hours.

There are no hidden fees for things like art supplies, he says, but "if the party is really far from where I live, I might charge for bus or taxi fare."

Ciale recommends booking well in advance of your special affair, especially if you're having a summer event or a Chanukah party.

"Those are especially busy times for me," he says.

Chanukah is a busy season for Montenegro as well, but, he says, "clients usually book me anywhere from a month in advance to a day in advance, and most often I'm available."

Montenegro charges $60 per hour and also requires a minimum of two hours of work.

Whether you like to plan ahead or do things at the 11th hour, a caricaturist can be a good way to liven up your party.

Caricatures by Mark Ciale (left) and Brian Montenegro

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More to casual Fridays than jeans

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Fashions, it has been said, are as perishable as fresh fruit: what's trendy today is dated next week. While this view is exaggerated, it is often hard to decide what's appropriate to wear.

Yet there are long-term style trends. If you want to be in style and be happy with what you're wearing, these trends are what you have to pay attention to.

One such trend favours dressing up. At the same time, "casual" is being reinterpreted, to mean something like "relaxed, but spiffy."

"The suit is definitely coming back," says Tom Mihalik of Tom's Place, "but casual isn't out, either."

Tom's Place (416-596-0297), which specializes in ready-to-wear designer suits, with many Italian and Canadian lines, and a good selection of shirts and ties, recently had a very successful sale at the Bloor JCC.

Today, "casual Friday" is still a going concern. For many firms, however, dressing down now means sports jackets, colour co-ordinated wool or cotton slacks and sport shirts or polo knits. Everyday office wear means wool suits, cotton shirts and silk ties.

The move towards extreme casual dress from the '60s to the '80s was a result of many factors. The tendency to relax and literally let one's hair down was partly a result of affluence: people didn't have to dress up in order to get business.

Yet many people were going too far, says Tom: they were interpreting casual to mean sloppy.

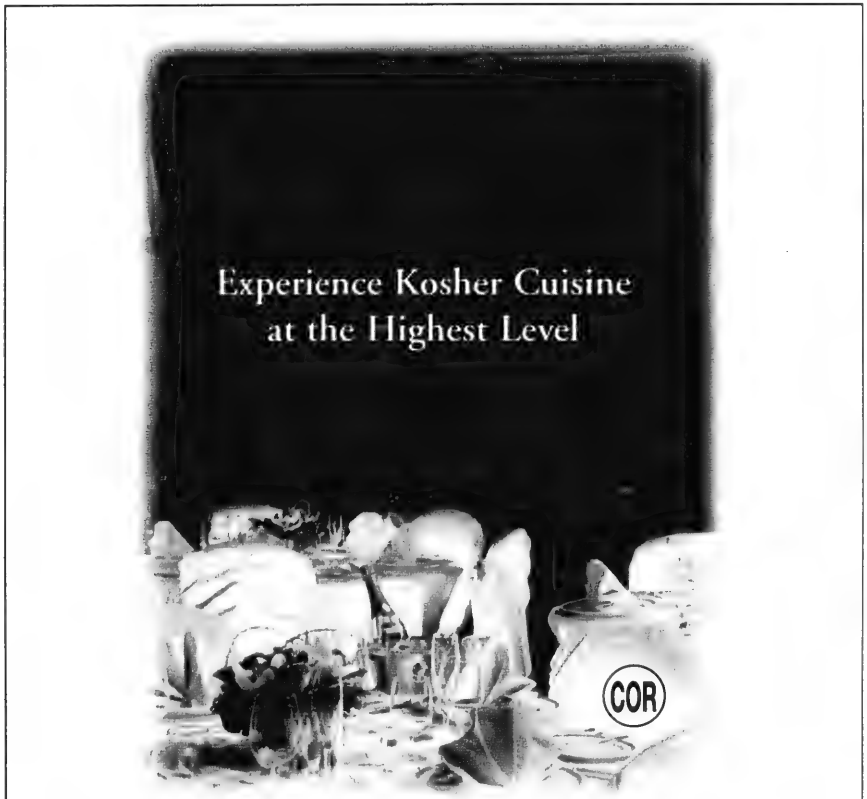
Since the '80s, ups and downs in the economy have impelled people to work harder – and to make a better impression by looking better.

Sloppy dress, some studies claim, can lead to a decline in productivity. Accordingly, more companies are enforcing suits in the offfice. Many of those that don't nevertheless insist on suits when their employees see clients or conduct business outside the office.

"Younger people are embracing the suit again," Tom says. They want to get that prestige job or client – and look good while they're at it, he says.

Tom advises purchasing a suit in a colour and style that will suit you for many years and be appropriate for many occasions. Don't be too trendy: think long-term.

This advice, he adds, applies as much if you're buying a suit for a gift as if you're going to wear it yourself.



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Travel Tips to get you on your way

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Imagine lying on a beach with a piña colada in your hand, the sand between your toes, the sun warming your skin. You're having the time of your life. All of a sudden, the thought hits you: "Did I pay more than I had to for this piece of paradise?" or "Was it really such a good idea to bring my family into the turmoil here?"

The CJN spoke to two travel agents to help answer the questions you'll need to get you off the ground and home safe and sound.

Ehud Telem, president and owner of Peerless Travel (905-886-5610), assures his clients that despite a tremendous decline in travel to Israel, the destination is still safe.

"I'm still booking group trips to Israel and everyone has come back safely. They all tell me that they had an enjoyable, relaxing vacation, without even one dangerous incident," Telem says.

Brian Feldbloom of Flight Travel (416-481-0422), which specializes in providing clients with lowest airfare and vacation rates, says Greek cruises are particularly popular for summer honeymooners.

Both agents agree that taking a cruise is an experience in itself and makes for a perfect vacation or honeymoon.

"The cruise is one of the best vacations you can have," says Telem. "The food is better, the entertainment is better and the activities are better than you would get at an all-inclusive."

And unlike an all-inclusive, cruise passengers can visit three or four countries on a single trip, depending on the package.

If you have special dietary needs, such as a preference for kosher meals, Telem and Feldbloom say that most ocean liners will be more than willing to accommodate their guests. Just remember to alert them in advance.

Prices for a cruise can fluctuate dramatically depending on your sleeping accommodations and the week you intend to depart.

"Vacations are least expensive in October and November because it's hurricane season in many places," Feldbloom says.

"Trips are also cheapest about a week before school breaks. I think of it as the quiet before the storm."

Telem explains that you can further reduce the cost by opting for an inside cabin rather than a more expensive suite at the top of the boat.

Prices also depend on the cruise line and where you dock.

And for those reluctant to jump aboard a ship for fear of succumbing to seasickness, Telem says that these days, seasickness should not be a major concern.

"You don't get nauseous on modern ships because they move so slowly and are so huge and stable."

Feldbloom recommends booking far in advance so as to take advantage of early booking bonuses.

Despite the advantages of a cruise, an all-inclusive has its advantages as well. For instance, alcoholic beverages and tipping are already included in the vacation price.

An all-inclusive may be the best option for people who have a flexible schedule.

"You can get the best deal if you wait for a sell-off and book your trip a week or two in advance," Feldbloom says.

But he cautions last minute bookers to remember that they run the risk of limited selection, and the trip they were looking forward to taking may even be sold out.

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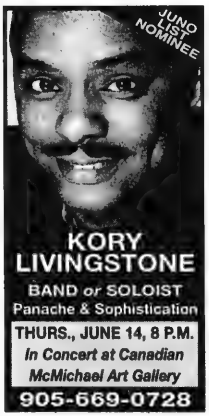

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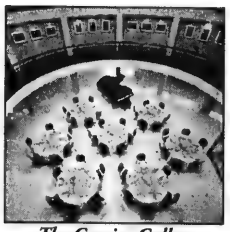
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Choosing a venue can be a complex decison

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

When it comes to choosing a hall or caterer for your event, the options are many. Advising you how to choose, both Cary Silber of La Pineta (905-851-7371 or 416-661-4460), and Elizabeth Yeung of the Liberty Group (416-504-9435), speak with the voices of experience.

Most banquet halls, Silber says, only do one sort of style; so choose a hall whose staff combine versatility and experience. La Pineta has been operating for 20 years, in its own restaurant and banquet facilities, and elsewhere in venues from bars to convention centres; it knows how to accommodate all tastes.

Pick a caterer who listens to you, urges Silber. Respect his professional advice, but make sure you're in control. If there's too much resistance to your ideas at the start, you know it will get worse.

Rapport is a major factor. Within the first few minutes of your first meeting, you usually know if you and the caterer are on the same wavelength. Once you're certain you're going to work with him, inform him of every detail, no matter how small.

Silber advises booking your hall at least one and a half to two years ahead — for a specific date, the earlier, the better. After that, you'll need one to three more meetings.

The final face-to-face consultation, a few weeks before the function, can be as crucial as the first. This is the time for finishing touches like minor menu changes, small in themselves, which add up to make an event special. Your co-ordinator should be there, consulting with the caterer on every detail.

Silber points out three advantages of choosing a hall over a hotel. It's better for your budget: the hotel, with its higher overhead, will cost more. A hotel, hosting many functions at once, will give you less personal attention. And if the hotel is in a densely built-up area, you often pay for parking.

Yeung of the Liberty Group also puts a high value on reputation. Its venues (the Rosewater Supper Club, the Market Circle Courthouse and Chamber Lounge, and the Left Bank) are so sought after, they've had to turn clients away. Hence, their new Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex.

The Liberty Group has signed a 20-year lease of a historic building on the Exhibition grounds, built in 1926, to house the complex. Liberty Group can renovate, but not change the facade, the floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the lake, or old-fashioned fittings like crystal chandeliers and wall sconces.

The total area, 100,000 square feet, includes three ballrooms. The Governor's Room will hold 800 guests sitting or up to 1,200 standing; the Renaissance and Centennial rooms will hold 400 sitting or 700 standing.

The Renaissance and Centennial will be ready in June; the Governor's Room, in September, for the Toronto Film Festival opening gala. And in late September or mid-October, Liberty Grand will host the World Leaders' Group, a symposium for people in all areas of endeavour from literature to industry.

Versatility is also a key to the Liberty Group's success. The Liberty Grand will host every kind of private and corporate event, from a minimum of 150 guests to 3,000. They have three fully equipped kitchens, and will meet all dietary requirements. Special needs such as wheelchair access are being provided for.

Book *really* early, though. Already, some dates are reserved for 2003. Elizabeth Yeung is Marketing Director for Liberty Grand; Michael Lende (416-564-4033), founder of the Capitol Theatre, is Sales Co-Ordinator. You can also visit the Web sites at www.libertygroup.com or www.libertygrand.com.

Other places to party are: Acqua Ristorante & Bar, 416-368-7171; Baton Rouge, 905-265-8471; Baycrest Hospitality Services, 416-785-2500; Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 416-221-3433.

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Clients expect reliability and good advice on everything from wording to designs appropriate for the occasion. Being artistic, empathetic and politically correct are musts when dealing with invitation professionals.

Mortfield and Sager both have wide varieties of invitations, ranging from ones appropriate for formal occasions to cards for children's birthday parties, and both are able to suit anybody's tastes.

Mortfield says she can narrow down even the pickiest customers' tastes within two minutes of showing the client samples by seeing which ones are discarded and which are set aside for consideration.

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Custom cards can be created as well by mixing and matching aspects of other cards or by changing minuscule aspects of existing cards. The custom cards require very little extra time to make, so even if a client orders the card a little late, custom options are still possible.

Mortfield takes pride in being able to phrase her invitations well, no matter what the occasion.

Since much of the invitation industry is based on word of mouth, a good reputation is of the utmost importance.

After being in the invitation field for 32 years, Mortfield has earned a good reputation. People have been so pleased with her invitations that she has been asked to provide invitations for her customers' wedding after providing invitations for their bar/bat mitzvah only a decade earlier. She has even seen the grandchildren of people for whom she provided bar mitzvah invitations!

"An invitation doesn't have to be expensive, it just has to look expensive," is her motto, she says. In order to give the best prices to her customers, she can use ordinary paper instead of special, more expensive paper, and still create a quality card.

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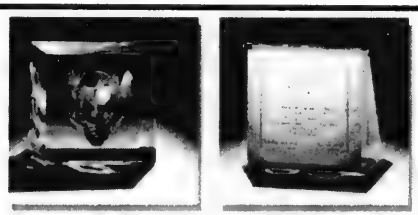

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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Weddings and bar mitzvahs have come online with companies such as Up & Coming (905-886-8148) and Onlysimchas.com.

Karen Garscadden, a special events planner who owns Up & Coming with Karen Jacobs, operates two Web sites – one for pictures and general information, and another to purchase party goods.

The general Web site, she says, is intended for people to say "'Wow! Can [that company] really do that?'

"It's not so much for information as it is a tool to show people what party planners do."

Up and Coming's second site (www.upandcomingevents makesparties.com) is more hands-on, she says. "It's a huge catalogue of party favours and give-aways. Hosts can go through the brochure and order everything online. The goods can be delivered to our office, and we will bring them to the party."

The benefit of a Web site is that people do not have to come to the showroom. It saves a lot of time, she says.

"We recommend that people choose a large number of favours, but with less variety. That way all the guests get involved. If everyone on the dance floor is wearing oversized glasses it makes a big impact. Party favours complete the mood of the party."

Onlysimchas.com, has been online for about one year, says co-founder and president Doron Katz, 26.

"The company began after my brother-in-law, Dov Katz, took pictures at a wedding, developed a Web site, and put the pictures online. The response was so tremendous that we decided to start a business."

The Web site allows anyone to post pictures of their simchah online, he says. "They can either use a digital camera or scan in the pictures. For a charge, they can send us the pictures and we will enter them online. Otherwise, the site is free."

The site has pictures posted from Canada, Israel, England and Australia, says Katz. "In March alone, 1.4 million pages of pictures were looked at. The site has grown unbelievably.

"It is simple to use the search engine to find the over 700 galleries of pictures. While at the gallery, viewers can sign a guest book and leave a message for the couple."

An advantage of the site, he says, is that people who could not attend the wedding can look at pictures a few hours after the event. "They almost feel like they were there."

In the works, he says, is a deal that will allow people to buy wedding and engagement gifts over the Internet. "People can look at engagement pictures of the couple and then click on a registry list. They can buy the couple's gift then and there."

Also at the site is a directory of such services as videographers, bands, decor companies and party consultants.

Katz says they are speaking to photographers about having professional pictures put online. "We did a survey, and 92 percent of respondents said they liked the idea of viewing professional photographs.

"Overall, it is a site that makes people happy. People can turn to it every day and see uplifting pictures," he says.

Other Web sites advertising in this supplement are: Eventtips.Com, 416-782-0322; Toronto Party Guide, www.Torontopartyguide.com, 905-881-6400.

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Dressing up the kids

By ERIC LAYMAN
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When choosing a tailor or dressmaker to dress a son or daughter for a formal affair, be it a wedding or bar /bat mitzvah, you can rely on many of the guidelines you follow for yourself. Choose professionals, with the right blend of quality stock, expertise, creativity, reliability and rapport.

Goldie Hauer and Penina Feintuch of "Belle of the Ball" Gown Rentals (416-778-6153), and David Hadden of Beatties (416-481-4459), have established solid reputations built on these qualities. They also have insights into considerations which apply more to children than adults.

Especially with a young girl, renting a gown may make more sense than buying – which is why Feintuch and Hauer founded "Belle of the Ball".

They design and create original formal gowns for rental, for ages one to 12 or 13; they also carry accessories such as bows and bands.

Feintuch and Hauer have endured the tribulations of outfitting daughters. Often, for a special affair, they purchased a lovely dress which was worn once, then hung in the closet, never to be worn again.

Rental makes more sense. You see a dress you like, show your daughter, have her try it on, and rent it for one affair only. And if a gown especially takes your fancy, you can buy it. Considering the hi-jinks even the most decorous girl can get into, durability is a major factor. Make sure the gown can stand the odd bit of horseplay. Many types of silk, velvet, satin, organza, peau de soie and lace are practical as well as beautiful.

"Belle of the Ball" rentals range from $100 to $140, depending on size, fabric quality and detail; this includes the cost of dry cleaning. You pick up your dress the day before the event, and return it one to two days after.

Minor damage, e.g. to hems and bows, is repaired free. For major damage, the customer is charged.

"So far," says Hauer, "we have not had any problems with major damage!"

Beatties is quite a different business, based on fine boys' clothing, both ready to wear and made to measure.

David Hadden's emphasis on quality is equal to that of Hauer and Feintuch.

Look for range and variety, advises Hadden, who carries 1,500 suits and 500 shirts in stock. At the same time, insist on products and service which are above the norm.

For bar mitzvah suits, fine, light, comfortable wools are in, with three-button plain fronts. So are knit polos or mock sweaters; Perry Ellis offers a fine line of polos, made with light, comfortable Italian fabrics. Among the quality sportswear lines are Tommy Hilfiger and More & More.

"Kids rule," maintains Hadden, "and parents buy, sometimes unwillingly."

To make buying boys' clothes even more challenging, there's adolescent growth. While Beatties specializes in fitting out husky boys, Hadden has seen lots of husky kids shoot up tall and gangly within a year.

And as you'd expect, boys themselves are more interested in casual wear. These days, it's the skateboarder look with open bottoms, like the Quiksilver snowboarder/skateboarder line. For this summer, Hadden also predicts a lighter, looser, brighter look, with vivid colours such as orange.

Whatever is on the shelves and hangers, service should includes ordering for you -- and doing alterations. Hadden, who sees customers bring in first, second and third sons, ascribes much of his reputation to his tailor, who has been with Beatties for 20 years. (For made-to-measure, he says, order three weeks ahead.)

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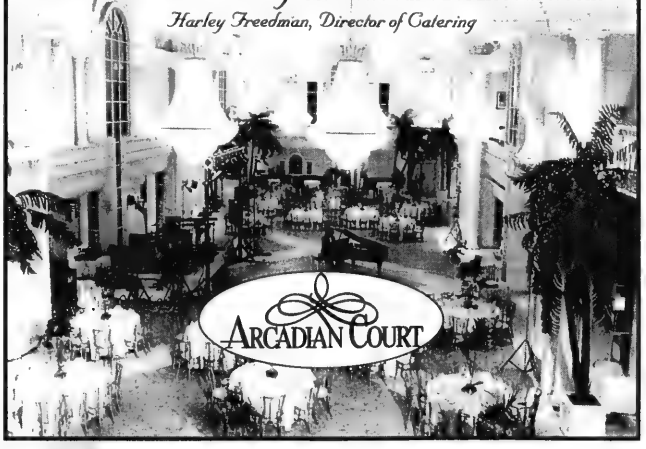

Flowers add ambiance, elegance to any event

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Flowers are an elegant way to add atmosphere to your special event, but if you don't choose the right florist or the right flowers, you could break your piggy bank, and your hopes of hosting that perfect party could quickly wilt.

Karen Baker has been working in the industry for about 20 years, and her business, Designs by Karen Baker (905-886-8100), specializes in total event planning.

"I take care of everything from floral arrangements and chair covers to linens and lighting," says Baker, who focuses on weddings, bar mitzvahs, and corporate-themed and non-themed parties.

Gordon Dick of Van Bassen Flowers (416-222-6751) specializes in fresh flowers, centrepieces and table arrangements. He says that not only do flowers lighten and brighten up a room, but "they add that finishing touch to a special event."

To maximize your investment, Dick and Baker agree that you should opt for blooms that are in season, because out-of-season flowers are more expensive.

"At this time of year," says Dick, "dahlias and snapdragons are in season, as are gerberas."

Baker adds roses, peonies, lilacs and orchids to that list.

She says that if you're on a tight budget, roses are the way to go.

"The nicest and cheapest roses come from Ecuador because the exchange rate is good and roses can be produced there all year round. Roses are practical, and they always look elegant," she says.

So how much should you spend on flowers? Baker says the price for floral arrangements for a wedding depends on what the bride and groom want. The average cost of weddings she does is about $5,000.

"This price includes the flowers, room decor, bridal bouquet, chupah, and the set-up and take-down fee," Baker says.

Dick's centrepieces cost $35 and up, and he says there's no delivery charge on small orders that don't require his staff to decorate.

To ensure the florist you've hired is able to handle the job, Baker recommends asking around to see what kind of reputation your florist has earned.

"You should also ask to see a sample of their work to get an idea of the type of events they've done and how successfully they've done them."

Your florist should not only be capable of making your event beautiful, he or she should also be creative and capable of listening to the clients' ideas. This ensures that the final product is everything the clients intended it to be.

That is why Dick does a select number of large parties a year. "I like to have the time to concentrate on each event," he says.

Baker does more than 250 parties a year and agrees that it's very important for florists to listen to their clients.

"We sit down with our clients to get a sense of what they want, and then our creative staff try to plan something that is artistic and different from the average event in order to make it unique and special," says Baker.

Since summer is an especially busy time for weddings, Dick advises booking a florist a few months before the party.

Baker says some of her clients have reserved with her three years in advance, "but some clients book me a month in advance – it just depends on the person's style."

Other florists advertising in this supplement are: Greenleaves & Petals Ltd., 905-709-4080;

Dressing up with Korry

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

To all appearances, dressing up isn't just in again: it's a longterm trend. But casual dress is still in, too. And it's harder to decide when to wear what.

There have always been degrees of formality, on the occasions which require a suit or a tux. Likewise with casualwear: you wouldn't wear the same clothes to a company picnic and your kid's baseball playoffs.

Today, though, there are more nuances of style; and choosing can be confusing. To unravel the confusion, you need three sources of input: your workplace dress code; advice from a fine clothier; and your personal knowledge of what suits you.

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H's always maintained high standards in materials, craft work and style; and he promotes them in every venue from classrooms to radio spots.

Korman understands the philosophy behind dressing up. Your appearance projects your self-image. If you look confident and capable, not only do others see you as such: you enhance your positive feelings about yourself. And feedback from this enhances your positive projection to others.

Korman is a dedicated member of the Back to Business/Dress Up Thursdays Committee. This non-profit coalition of mens' clothiers was founded to solve the dilemmas many companies face, in response to the confusions and

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Jewish wedding memorabilia is subject of exhibit

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Putting together the exhibit on Jewish weddings at Beth Tzedec's Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum was truly a labour of love for museum curator Dorion Liebgott, whose preparations included taking home a 1934 ivory satin silk wedding gown to carefully press it and hand-stitch a loose panel.

I Betroth Thee Unto Me Forever: The Jewish Wedding kicked off April 22 with a festive opening reception, complete with klezmer music and a sweet table. It runs until October.

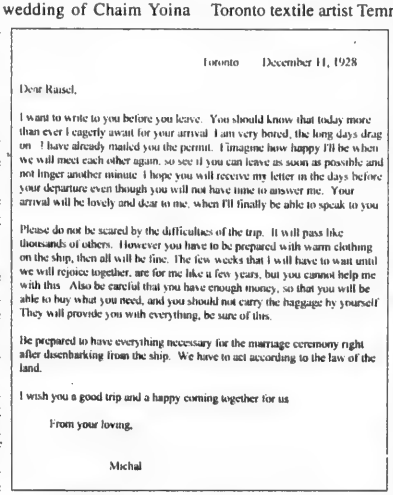
Repeat visitors to the museum may recognize some of the antique ketubot on display, which were the impetus for the theme. "We have this wonderful collection of ketubot," Liebgott said in a recent interview at the museum, pointing out a document from Tehran, circa 1908. She recalls thinking to herself, "We really should do something [with them]."

Curator Dorion Liebgott (left) with a collage featuring Beth Tzedec staff. [Frances Kraft photo]

More recent memorabilia is accompanied in many cases by stories, often with a strong Jewish component. One account tells of the December 1946 wedding of Chaim Yoina Kleinman and Mania Kresziwer. The couple met in Bergen-Belsen when it was a displaced persons' camp following the war. For the wedding, Kresziwer wore the wedding dress that the Bergen-Belsen brides shared.

Other wartime weddings included in the exhibit are that of Canadian Bert Danson and his British wife, Theodora (Dot); another that took place in Shanghai; and that of Janis and David Springer, whose ketubah bears the Israel Defence Force insignia.

Also featured in the exhibit is the heavily beaded dress that local filmmaker Karen Shopsowitz wore at her wedding. It is one of the few items that her grandmother, Jenny, brought when she immigrated from Kielc, Poland.



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"It's quite a work of art," commented Liebgott.

The oldest dress, a traditional Moroccan (Berberisca) garment accompanied by an ornately jewelled headpiece, is at least 140 years old.

The oldest photo (a remnant of this reporter's grandmother's extensive family photo collection) dates back to 1894. It shows Mark and Leah Keyfetz, who, coincidentally, were early members of Goel Tzedec, a precursor of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

A rare piece from 1909 is a well-preserved, three-dimensional fold-out New Year's card depicting a Jewish wedding scene.

Beside it is the wedding invitation of Lizzie and Morris Smith, who married on Jan. 5, 1890. Although the locale is not specified, Liebgott assumes it was Goel Tzedec, because, according to the invitation – which was purchased by the donor – the ceremony was "at the Synagogue, Cor. University and Elm Streets."

"I'm waiting for someone to say, 'This is my family,'" said Liebgott.

Unusual modern items include a kittel by Toronto textile artist Temma Gentles, and the 1994 chupah of Jonathan Wyman and Meredith Halpern, comprised of 36 squares of cross-stitched, painted or needlepointed fabric joined quilt-style. It was designed and executed by family and friends.

The exhibit also has a historical and religious context, and a number of multi-generational displays – among them photos and memorabilia from the families of the late Pearl Freedhoff, Toronto's first professional bridal consultant, and the Hyman family of Hyman's Book Store, once a fixture on Spadina Ave.

Museum hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11-1 and 2-5. Also Sundays 11-2 (except for July, August and public or Jewish holidays).

How to pick your photographer

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

"If anything about a party is eternal," says Alex Himell of Platinum Studios (905-709-7754), "it's the photos."

Arnold Machtinger, of Photos by Arnold (905-881-6372), agrees, though he'd also grant this status to the video.

Photos are mementos, not only of the event, but of the guests. Accordingly, you'll choose your photographer with great care. Himell and Machtinger offer some valuable guidelines in making your choice.

Platinum Studios photograph.

What makes a photographer special, in Machtinger's view, is a blend of skill and sensitivity. "If all you want is a photo," he says, "get a friend to take it for you." He sees himself in the customer service business.

Himell lists three qualifications for a photographer. Most important is rapport. You must be on the same wavelength in order to be confident he will do his job well and ensure he asks sensible questions and makes suggestions, but never dictates what you should do. His artistry is the second qualification and experience is the third.

Machtinger would never choose a photographer without seeing his work and meeting him. There's no point talking to the head of the company and liking his work, only to find out on the big day that he's sent someone else to your function.

Get the head of the company, Himell says, or his most trusted assistant.

And choose someone who works well with the other professionals at your event – especially the consultant, who should also be there in the flesh.

A good photographer is never the centre of attention, and unobtrusively fades into the background at need. Technological advances have made this easier, eliminating such intrusions as flashbulbs and tangled cords on the floor.

At the same time, Himell thinks it's a good idea for a photographer to develop some rapport with the guests. He's photographing not just an event, but people, and friendly subjects make for better shots.

Himell also places a high value on improvising, triumphing over unexpected hitches, like rain on an outdoor event or a power failure. He goes so far as to say that with a real professional, you wouldn't even notice a power outage.

Book your photographer as soon as you know your date, Himell urges. For weddings or other events in the warmer months, which are his busiest times, six months ahead is the minimum, but a year is better.

Portrait from Photos by Arnold.

And while a flexible date is an advantage, it's not possible with something like a bar or bat mitzvah. For such events, always book a year ahead.

See your prospective photographer and his work, Machtinger urges, even before you finalize your photo budget, but remember, good work merits spending a bit more. While he won't discuss budget on the phone, he considers himself in the medium to high price range.

Machtinger, with a background in both computers and photography, can "bring it all together" technologically. He recommends choosing a photographer who knows the technology, which is a constantly changing field in its own right.

But, he emphasizes, a good professional isn't interested in technology for its own sake. What ultimately counts is the pictures he takes and the quality of his service.

Himell agrees. Important as technical competence is, it's less your concern than the photographer's. He should discuss your clothing styles, hobbies and other factors that affect the kind of photos you like – not the technology, except where it has a direct bearing on your wishes.

Know what you want, Himell advises, but be flexible. Try not to make a final decision until you see the proofs, as you may see something unexpected that you like.

Other photographers advertising in this supplement are: Adrian Holmes Photography Limited (AHP), 416-481-9522; Florian Photography, 905-832-9576; Macdonell Photography, 416-481-4600; Mark Stern Photography, 416-789-6275; Signature Photography, 416-784-4488; Wedding Day Memories, 416-986-5372.

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By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Entertainment companies help make a party happen, agree several party professionals.

David Hart, co-owner of Hart Entertainment with his brother Phil (416-762-2200), carry a wide range of interactive games that keep guests busy for hours, he says.

Games such as the "brand new" survivor obstacle, sumo wrestlers, racing simulators or a golf course complete with score cards, keep the kids busy while the adults are eating, he says. "Kids finish eating quickly and need something to do before the music starts up again. There are also kids who need a break from dancing. These games are perfect for them."

He stresses, however, that the games are not just for kids. "Adults have a ball with them."

The company also offers a wide range of performers, such as henna artists, walk-about musicians, and props for themes, such as beach party, night in Las Vegas or the '50s. "We just moved to a larger showroom, and by appointment, people can come in and view our entire line."

Tal Maissner, general manager of Freedom of Sound (905-760-0040), says the latest rage at parties is "performance art. Using smoke, we can have the bar or bat mitzvah child enter the party out of thin air. It makes a magnificent entrance."

Another trend, he says, is having an interactive disc jockey along with a themed band. "A band that plays disco or '60s music, for example, can alternate back and forth with the DJ. It can be done seamlessly."

Performers, such as fire jugglers, have become popular, says Maissner, "because people love live entertainment. They like to be wowed."

Jared Florence from Entertainment Xtreme (416-488-8411), says that new this year is the party patrol. "We've created teams of MCs and dancers who go out to parties and perform specific routines, such as Blame it on the Boogy.

"It makes it a lot more professional because the performers in the team work out and practise together, and when they perform, it looks like a team effort."

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Rick Levine of Times Square Entertainment (905-881-6400) says his hip hop dance troupe performs back flips, cartwheels and handstands. "These co-ordinated routines keep adults and kids entertained; it adds excitement to the party."

Interactive dancers Chris Coal and Johnny D. entertain the kids and teach them dance routines.

"Kids know a lot of the dances, but they always like to see something new and fresh. Watching the dancers do routines in a co-ordinated fashion is like watching a show. The dancers come in full costume, which adds colour and visual energy to the show."

Levine, who has been in the party business for 25 years, says he offers rental items, such as casino machines, and famous look-alikes – entertainers who perform like Tina Turner, Elvis Presley or the Beatles. Things like this give people the party of their life."

Todd Silverman, manager of Starr Productions (905-707-8211), says the latest party trend is the dance cube. "We bring out cubes that are lit from the inside, and kids can get on top of them and dance. It makes them feel like performers. The kids love it."

The bar or bat mitzvah child, or even the entire family, can come out to Starr's facilities for a few dance lessons before the party, says Silverman. "They learn all the latest steps, and they're really ready to party."

E.J. Kravetz says Events Toronto (416-698-5084), can increase the "wow" factor at any bar or bat mitzvah. "Through innovative routines, group dances, contests and games, we inspire everyone to join in – adults and kids."

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Kids love the great giveaways

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

On a recent Saturday night in May children and adults boogied at Lauren Wyman's bat mitzvah party.

The DJ and dancers led partygoers of all ages in slow dancing, fast dancing and horahs and line dancing, and there were plenty of give-aways to add to the frivolity.

Children and adults donned glow or neon necklaces, wigs, boas and sunglasses as they danced up a storm to the likes of Aqua, Madonna and the Village People. And the give-aways helped many non-dancing guests get into the party spirit.

Give-aways enhance bar and bat mitzvah parties, says Steve Dennis, owner of Dominion Smallwares (416-665-9526), a novelty and stationery supply company specializing in party supplies and bar/bat mitzvah give-aways.

"The purpose of the give-aways is to get the people on the dance floor, to get them interactive," Dennis says.

Dominion Smallwares, located at 356 Supertest Rd., offers an assortment of give-aways which include hats, sunglasses, wigs and other dress-up items; glow necklaces; battery-operated, light-up head bobbers and rings; and an assortment of inflatable novelties.

Also available are LED (light emitting diode) items. They are illuminated by a bright light that uses less energy than conventional batteries, says Dennis. "We're always looking for new light novelties."

His foray into bar/bat mitzvah party give-aways began with supplying street vendors with glow necklaces and battery operated novelties, he says, explaining that the glow necklaces were popular items at rock shows and street festivals.

"Out of this we started to get connected to DJs and party planners. They asked, 'Can you get this?' 'Can you get that?' and I'd say, 'Sure no problem.'

"A lot of the DJs know to go to Dominion Smallwares ... I have a program for DJs who do their own reselling."

His warehouse is also open to the public, and his give-away packages are tailored to each individual party and budget, he says. "I'm generally lower priced and I have a great selection. One of our best features is that we advise people on what items they should have. Nachama, my assistant is the expert."

He recommends that people book appointments to plan their party needs.

The glow necklaces, created from a chemical light source, have been popular bar/bat mitzvah novelties for about the last 10 years and are the single most expensive give-away item, Dennis says.

The chemical light is caused by a chemical reaction between two different chemicals in the tubes, he notes.

"When you bend the tubes, there's a mix of the two substances and the chemical reaction causes these things to glow for six to eight hours."

The chemical light was discovered by the military which was developing a non-battery light source, and eventually the technology was adapted for the glow necklaces, he adds.

"But the chemical reaction doesn't work below freezing. The necklaces can be thrown into the freezer and you can get more use out of them."

For bar/bat mitzvah give-aways you can also head over to Tyme to Party, (905-737-2789), a 6,000-square-foot party-supply department store located at 10303 Yonge St., across the road from the new Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto campus in Richmond Hill.

Originally established in Waterloo, Tyme to Party was relocated to Richmond Hill three years ago.

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Loot bags and kosher candies

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"We specialize in loot bags and bar and bat mitzvah give-aways," says Norene Norris, who runs the business with her husband, Harvey.

"People can make their own bags or we can do it for them. We customize loot bags to every budget."

She adds that Tyme to Party carries a wide selection of items geared to gender and age group.

For example, she says teenagers like glow sticks, and a ball that flashes light when it bounces is also very popular with this age group.

For loot bags, Norris recommends putting in a big ticket item like a game or toy, and then adding some smaller items. "We do not put junk in our loot bags."

Lauren Wyman tries on bat mitzvah giveaway. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

Some of the larger items available at Tyme to Party include cooler bags, make-up cases, picture frames that the children colour themselves, and novelties based on such popular cartoon shows as *Blue's Clues* and *The Simpsons.*

Boys enjoy games, such as Space Wars, as well as model airplanes and puzzle balls, Norris adds.

Incorporating candy and sweets into a loot bag is very much an individual choice, she says. "We have kosher candy that can be added. The bags are all customized. It depends on what people want."

Tyme to Party offers a full array of bar and bat mitzvah give-aways, she says. "We're very big on bar and bat novelties, such as flashing bellybutton lights, lights for the ears, flashing tie pins and earrings, flashing necklaces and neon necklaces."

Along with expert advice and friendly, highly personalized service, Norris says the prices at Tyme to Party are very reasonable. "I try to give people having a bar or bat mitzvah party a good price. I know how expensive it is. I've been through it."

With dress-up items being popular give-aways, there's is plenty to choose from, she adds. "We have 2,500 square feet for costumes."

Tyme to Party carries a large assortment of balloons and invitations, as well as a large selection of Judaica-themed items for bar/bat mitzvahs and holiday celebrations, Norris says. "We're [one of] the only [party] stores in Richmond Hill offering Judaica items."

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Lots of fun with animals and Barbie

BY BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Lynn Kaplan has been an animal lover as long as she can remember.

Kaplan is the owner of Whimz (416-656-7894), a company that does parties, programs, classes and camps featuring an array of live animals from reptiles and amphibians to small mammals and bugs.

"I was the one who drove my mother crazy bringing animals home as a child. I went to the pet stores. My mother finally posted my picture in all the pet stores with a note saying, 'This kid is not allowed to bring home any more animals.'

"She said, 'When you grow up and have a home of your own, you can have as many animals as you want.' I took that one step further and turned it into a business."

She and her 10-year-old daughter Dalia care for some 50 animals who reside in the basement of their home. Their menagerie includes chinchillas, hedgehogs, gerbils, hamsters, all kinds of lizards, toads, turtles, snakes, rats and exotic pets such as their Australian sugar glider, a marsupial in the kangaroo family.

Rebecca Hussman, Caitlin Kroll and the rabbit.

"[In size], the sugar glider is somewhere between a monkey and a squirrel. The children can pet him inside a pouch."

They get to hold the animals, she says, noting that snakes are easier to hold than rabbits. They can even pet the scorpion, while Kaplan holds its stinger, but some of the animals such as hedgehogs are for viewing only.

Kaplan, a visual artist by training, started the party business six years ago. "I was a stay-at-home mother and I wanted to do something."

"Barbie" pours some tea for eager young girls.

She does birthday parties at people's homes or at the Zodiac Family Centre and she runs camps and after-school programs from her home and at some of the Jewish day schools. She organizes special themed programs for Jewish organizations and schools, often at holiday time.

"We do Jewish themes for the religious schools and Jewish pre-schools. At Tub' Shvat we were huge. We were all over the place. Every year we do lots of family Chanukah parties."

For birthday parties, she and her assistants, many of whom have been involved in her camps and school programs, go all over the city. "We bring a variety of animals — from five to eight."

"There's lots of story telling and hands-on education. The children learn a lot without realizing it."

She says the preferred age group is four to 12. But she does a lot of parties for three-year-olds as well.

And Kaplan says she still can't resist shopping in the the pet stores. "Now it's my daughter telling me, 'Don't get it mummy. We don't need any more.'"

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Ragow started the dress-up business out of a 1000-square-foot condo and then moved to a home with a Barbie House addition near Sheppard Avenue and the 401.

The children can choose from more than 500 dresses, and there are hundreds more in the basement.

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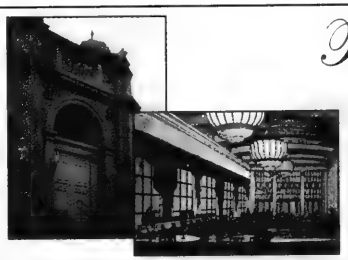

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Now you see it... now you don't

By MICHAEL SPIAR
Special to The CJN

Every kid loves magic, but performing the trick is even better.

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"There's one trick where the audience picks a card, and then I can make it appear anywhere in the room, like in my wallet or in a corner on the ceiling," he says.

Ari is able to please a mixed crowd. Though his show is not age specific, it does require that the audience recognize cards – so little children might not understand it.

"It won't work well with little kids because they don't really know what's going on – they can't follow a card," he says.

When asked how he became involved in magic, Ari tells a simple story.

"At shul there was a magician once, and I really liked it… then on the bus one time, I passed by a magic store and just went in," he says.

Living in Israel, he had only three tricks, but when he moved to Canada three years ago, he expanded his repertoire. Today he is a skilled magician, performing with seasoned showmanship.

In addition to his cards, Ari also has some tricks where he uses props, such as crystal tubes, and the quintessential handkerchiefs tied together. One crowd favourite is a trick where he takes an ordinary coin, making it appear anywhere within a deck of cards.

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Ketubah

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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Ketubah Ketubah, a company specializing in hand-made ketubot, has successfully married art and technology.

The company, which represents 40 artists, offers a selection of 200 ketubah designs which can all be purchased on the World Wide Web, says company owner and founder Michael Shapiro. "I wanted to open up a Jewish art business, and this is what it turned out to be."

Established in 1996, the company has been online since its inception, he says. "We went online before we had a printed catalogue ... We focus on ketubot only, and sell them in the U.S. and internationally."

Ketubah Ketubah is the leading seller of ketubot in North America today, says Shapiro. "The company is sitting in Canada, but 90 percent of our business is done in the U.S. It's such a niche business. The technology allows us to expand."

He attributes the company's growth partly to the fact that it is the original online ketubah source, and "partly because of our commitment to keep improving our service to our clients.

"We're always looking for new artists. We're well enough known that artists are constantly approaching us."

Most of the artists come from Canada, Israel and the United States, and work in a number of different of media, Shapiro says.

"Some ketubot are hand-painted and paper cut. Most are limited edition lithographs signed and numbered by the artist."

Styles include classic, geometric or modern, he adds. "You can choose by colour, style, artist and text."

Prices start at $100 Canadian, he adds.

Visitors can check out the selection of ketubot at the company's Web site at www.ketubah.com. The company can be reached by phone at its Toronto headquarters. Toronto residents can dial **(416-9191)** while out-of-town residents can call toll-free at 1-888-ketubah.

In Toronto people can come to the showroom, says Shapiro. "A lot of people visit the Web site before they visit the show room.

"We meet with customers by appointment. This way we can give them the personal attention they need."

He advises couples to meet with their rabbis to find out what text will be required on the ketubah, as there are different texts for the different denominations — Orthodox and Reform each have their own and Conservative requires the Lieberman text.

As for personalization, Shapiro says some rabbis prefer to put in the names and dates themselves. "They're in a minority, so check the rabbi's preference."

But ketubot can only be personalized if there is sufficient time for the artists and rabbi, Shapiro says.

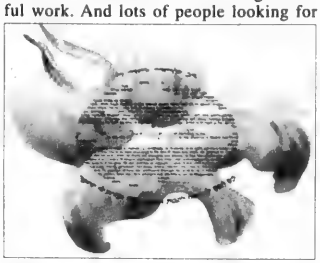
"To avoid disappointment, it's best to order two months in advance or more. Many couples choose this ahead time, place the order, have the rabbi fill in the information form and let us take care of the rest."

People need to have their names and dates written in Hebrew and Shapiro strongly recommends that the rabbi do this, "even if the bride or groom is proficient in Hebrew, just to ensure smooth sailing."

After getting his MBA, Shapiro, 35, worked for a large multinational company. After a couple of years he left the corporate world to study at the yeshiva in Jerusalem, which specializes in text studies for people of all different backgrounds.

"I always had a dream of owning my own business, and I wanted the business to be an expression of the things that I love.

"When I met my first two ketubah artists, I was moved by the work they were doing and the kind of people they were. I could see that there were a number of artists doing beautiful work. And lots of people looking for ketubot.

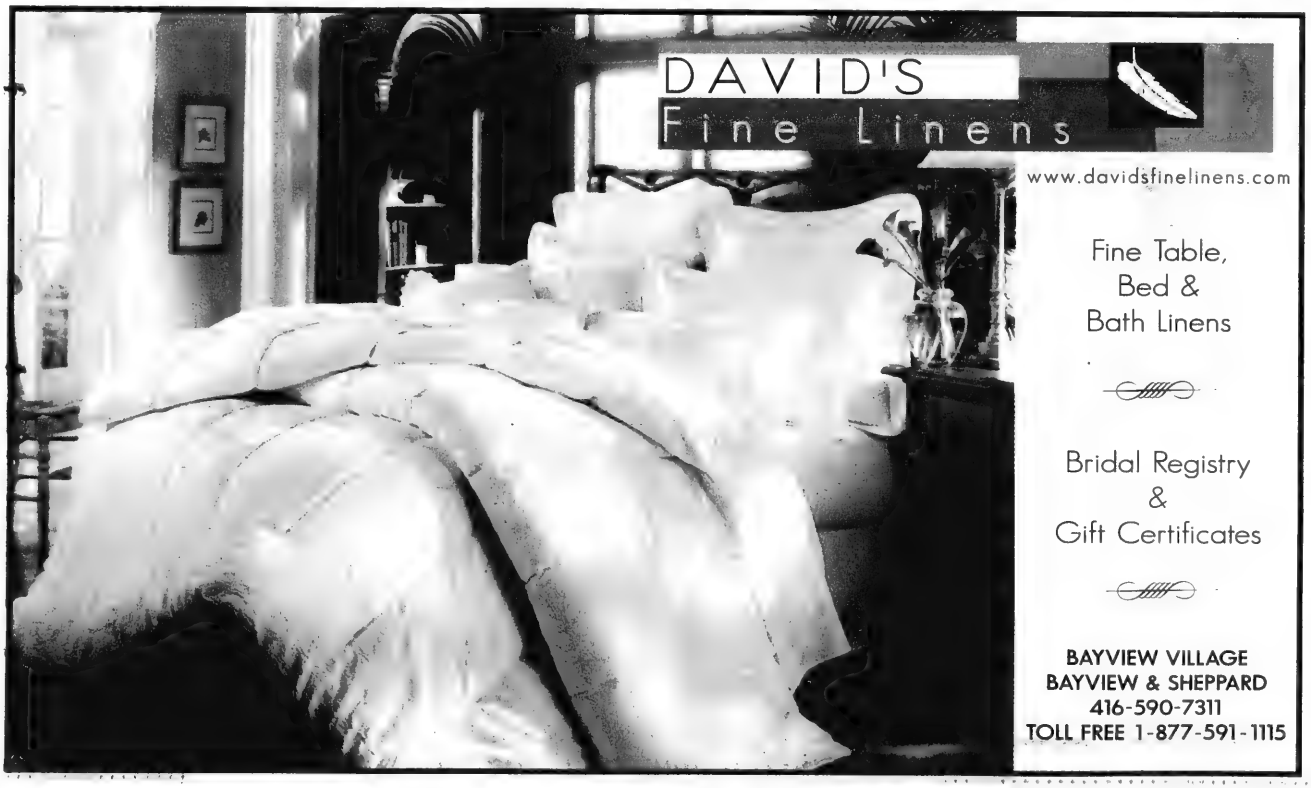


"And I thought, 'Why not make a shidduch between the artists and the couples, and why not have some fun a long the way?' And we do."

He says the business has contributed to making ketubot more easily available, particularly to the Canadian Jewish community.

This line of work is very satisfying, Shapiro says. "It's wonderful. We get to share in a very happy time in people's lives."

Another ketubah designer advertising in this supplement is: Ketubah, Haftorah by Karny Vorona, 416-497-9555.



Sephardic Kehila Centre: the perfect venue

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

When you choose your venue, you set the stage for your simchah. One traditional venue offering a dramatic setting is the three-year old Sephardic Kehila Centre, (905-669-7654), located at 7026 Bathurst St. in Thornhill.

"Being in the building, you're surrounded by all this exquisite architecture," says Joe Boussidan, general manager of the Sephardic Kehila Centre's operations.

The arches and circular windows are typical of the Moorish architectural style as are the mosaic tiles on the wall, which are done in blues, golds, burgundy and greens, Boussidan says.

"They were trying to recreate the old synagogues of Cordoba and Toledo... the burgundies and dark greens are reminiscent of these old synagogues."

The detailing in the design and colors reflect the Sephardi community's Spanish and North African roots, Boussidan says. He describes the setting as "very spectacular," from the large two-storey foyer with its pillars and intricate inlaid Italian marble floors to the sanctuary "featuring an awesome dome ceiling with a beautiful painting of the Magen David inside and exquisite stained windows depicting the Twelve Tribes of Israel."

And then there is the "striking" banquet hall, which can accommodate up to 500 guests, he says.

"The banquet hall is adorned with three very large chandeliers made from crystals and gold trimming.

"The ceiling was designed to replicate the night sky. It's painted blue and the light bulbs were designed to duplicate stars. When the lights are dimmed, a person feels like they're in the outdoors with stars sparkling."

But the Sephardic Kehila Centre is more than just a pretty place, Joe says.

"The catering offers the general public gourmet catering that is constantly updated to meet the trends and the food styling of the five-star banquet market.

"We do that by working within a network of chefs. Each of them specializes in their own area and excels in their own area. The combined result is the final product for the catered affair."

The caterers have been operating for eight months and will launch officially with a big open house in early September, Boussidan says.

The Kehila Centre is unique in that instead of using an outside caterer it employs its own in-house chefs, he explains.

"This was the way to offer the best.," he says. "We wanted to change the face of kosher catering, first of all, by supplying more dramatic presentation with hors d'ouevres.

"We feature lots of stations... The trend now is to prepare food live and this creates more drama and the client very much enjoys it because it's more animated."

These include a satay station, offering satays, small skewered beef and chicken kabobs, prepared on a hot rock oven – with Thai, curry or pesto sauce. The smoked meat station has a chef carving the smoked meat in front of the guests, while at the gravlax station, a chef carves cured salmon off the fillet, Boussidan notes.

People have been pleased with this new presentation, he says.

"The reception has been overwhelming in terms of all the elements it adds to the cocktail portion of the event."

He boasts delicious main course fare as well. "Our mandate is that we offer the client quality ingredients, generous portions, outstanding presentation, all created with expert technique.

"The food is cooked just before the client is about to eat. There's no rewarming of a chicken breast or fillet of beef. All the juices and seasonings are intact. The response has been overwhelming. The food is juicy and fresh."

Dinner packages, which start at $77 plus tax and gratuities, include five appetizers, salad or soup, the main course with two side dishes, dessert and a sweet table, Boussidan says.

The most popular main course, he says, is the grilled pesto chicken and beef with shiitake demi-glazed.

"They are served as a combination. Most people wanted to offer their guests both chicken and beef."

Another popular main course is Beef Tournedos, he says.

"We use the eye of the fillet. It's the most tender part of the beef. We buy the beef and we age it. Aging it allows for a very tender and pleasant experience on the pallet and the jaws. We marinate it for 48 hours," Boussidan says.

After the roast is cooked, it is sliced just before serving; the dish is finished with a choice of onion, port wine or mushroom demi-glaze.

A favoured salad is the Tuscan bread salad, he says.

Commonly requested desserts, he says, are fresh berries in a champagne sabayon sauce or mango and raspberry sorbet served in a chocolate cup.

"Nobody wants cake for dessert because our sweet table is overflowing with cakes. The typical sweet table has assorted tortes, flans and cakes, petits fours and fruit platters."

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Party props with lasting beauty

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

If your celebration is a milestone event, like a wedding or a bar or bat mitzvah, you want to have something by which to remember it. It's been said, however, that once a party's over, the only permanent mementos are the photos and the video.

To these, you can now add a durable wood-and-etched glass sculpture or centrepiece, made by Caroline Keane of Party Props (905-726-8878). While she creates many kinds of props, this is one of her favourites.

Keane uses only her own templates. Each sculpture is unique, makes an excellent keepsake or gift, and can be personalized. And while she loves the creative challenge posed by each new piece, she also enjoys seeing how they please her customers.

Each piece consists of two panels of glass. On each panel, Keane etches an image with hydrochloric acid in cream form. Or, to be more accurate, she etches the background, which is frosted. The image itself is left clear.

Then Keane scrapes the acid off for re-use. Nothing is wasted. With a scrub brush and dishwashing soap, she cleans the glass while running it under very hot water. The clear area, where the image is located, is cleaned with extra care so it doesn't streak. Sometimes Keane outlines it with a gold leaf or silver pen.

Usually the panels are angular, in the shape of a rectangle, square or diamond, with the edges ground smooth so as to be safe. Each panel is set upright in its own sturdy stand. The wooden base is usually varnished in a subdued colour like black lacquer or burgundy.

The glass panels are then set parallel, about three inches apart. Between them are one to three candles that fit in a votive holder. The candlelight passing through the glass heightens the contrast between the clear image and frosted background. These sculptures show best after dark, in a dimly lit room.

The design or image can be anything you want, from Celtic filigree to a simple silhouette. On one occasion, for a surprise birthday party, Keane made car images portraying a range of models: an early flivver, a classy touring auto, and a racy sports car. Three of these were auctioned, and the money was given to charity.

Party Props is a home-based business. Keane works out of her basement studio. While these sculptures are ideal for a bar or bat mitzvah, she also does corporate work.

The glass-and-wood sculptures should be ordered about a month in advance.

Keane works with balloons and styrofoam as well, which don't need so much advance notice. Give her time to be creative, in any case. That makes the work more fun for her – and for you.

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By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

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While neither Eclipse or Acrobat has a kosher kitchen, certain accommodations can be made.

Lenskis says that many clients who want a kosher-style menu opt to serve dairy.

"If you're kosher, we can also serve fish and pasta," she adds.

Eclipse provides kosher meals upon request, but, says Andreakos, "we are working towards getting a kosher caterer."

Andreakos says their per person price varies between $25 and $60.

Lenskis elaborates: "Prices are based on the season, whether your party is during the day or at night, whether it's on a Saturday, and what menu you choose."

May and June are the busiest, and thus the most expensive months, while evening parties on Saturday nights are more costly than parties held during the day or on Sundays, for example.

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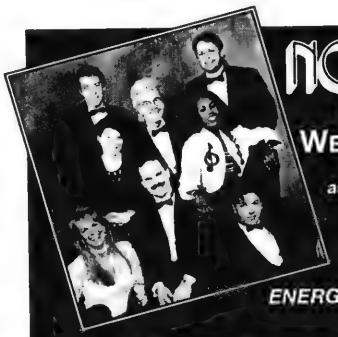

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Give your palate a taste of the exotic

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Today, especially in multicultural cities like Toronto, we eat foods that once were considerd "foreign," such as sushi. If we like things exotic we see eating as a learning experience. At the same time, we want our food to be healthful for the body.

Together, these factors make us want to know more about whatever we eat and drink.

About wine, for example. Whether it's from Israel or France, mentioned in the Bible or sold on LLBO shelves, it's made from grapes — right?

Sure, you've tasted home vintages like cherry or dandelion wine; but conventional wisdom insists that "real" wine comes from grapes.

Not necessarily. There's a new interest in fruit and wildberry wines, says Larry Stephan of Rodriguez Wines in Markland, Newfoundland (1-709-677-2558); and this company is at the forefront of a long-term movement.

In 1993, dentist Hilary Rodriguez made 300 cases of blueberry wine, and sold out in two weeks. Since then, the winery has gone from one variety to eight; while it received some initial government help, it's starting to pay for itself. It sells to four provinces, as well as Japan, the U.K. and the U.S.

There are semi-sweet and dry blueberry wines; a lingonberry wine; a Barrens blend of lingonberry and blueberry; a cloudberry wine; and strawberry, raspberry and plum vintages, from a pesticide-free organic farm. All but cloudberry, raspberry and plum are available in LLBO stores.

The blueberries, lingonberries and cloudberries grow wild. Lingonberries, called partridge berries in Newfoundland, are indigenous to northern climates; so are cloudberries.

Flavours range from off-dry to semi-sweet. Blueberry, lingonberry and the Barrens blend go with fish, fowl and wild game; the others are for sipping or dessert. To enhance bouquet and flavour, they should all be chilled.

Most of the wines are red, but without sulphites, so they won't cause headaches. They're good for three to four years, and have 10 to 11 percent alcohol. Blueberries and lingonberries have plenty of Vitamin C, and the world's highest content of cancer-fighting anti-oxidants.

Rodriguez makes its wines year-round, from flash-frozen berries in large quantities. Flash-freezing, by breaking proteins down and releasing molecules, also enhances the taste.

Rodriguez wines are now kosher, approved by the Orthodox Union of Jewish Congregations of America, and also kosher for Passover (OUP). And they have Canadian certification under COR.

Sushi and wine may seem as far apart as Japan and Newfoundland. However, Spencer Woodrow of Umami Sushi (416-782-3375) shares Rodriguez' insistence on quality ingredients and preparation.

Woodrow has made sushi at home for 17 years. For consistent high quality, he advises, buy from a small, hands-on operator. To hold onto his niche in the market, he has to be attentive and personable, yet come up with fresh ideas that set him apart from purveyors of standardized goods and services.

Umami Sushi, a wholesaler and caterer, sells through four retailers. They also have a portable bar, with a moat for sushi boats. The company works with other caterers, handles all aspects of the sushi part of your function, and caters only kosher products.

Especially with exotic delicacies, urges Woodrow, don't let the unusual character of the food distract you from your quest for quality. He takes pride in making and serving everything fresh daily, from the best ingredients. They offer vegetarian products, as well as cooked, smoked or raw fish.

With foods from other cultures, you may want to learn the meaning of a few basic terms. Here are some that pertain to sushi:

A maki is a small roll of rice, wrapped in a tangy seaweed called nori.

A nigiri is a piece of fish on a bed of rice.

A sashimi is a piece of raw fish, tuna or salmon.

For the bar, advises Woodrow, book a few days ahead; for specialty platters, the night before. And you can visit the Web site at umamisushi.com.

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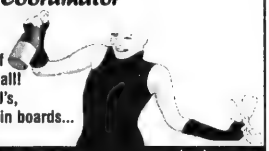
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Roll the Tape!- Recording Your Party In Style

By MICHAEL SPIAR
Special to The CJN

When you host a party, you don't want to get stuck behind a camera. People want to take part in the action, not be an impartial observer.

Abe Salzman of Video Affairs (905-889-0909) has been in videography since 1981 and has personally recorded over 1,000 events. He has insight into the intricacies of recording a party.

Paul Laszlo is another videographer, operating Twins (905-660-7385) alongside his brother. Laszlo's experience is comparable to that of Salzman, as they are former partners in the field.

"First, I believe if someone is having a party, they would want to enjoy it themselves, not work at videotaping it," Salzman says.

As well, when people personally record their parties, they don't have all of the specialized equipment that a professional has access to.

A professional will know how best to work with the lighting schemes of the party location and use specialized microphones and wireless equipment. As well, a professional can move about and record the event without interfering with the guests, whereas an untrained cameraman may not be able to do so as well.

With any videographer, "clients should look for perfect quality, colour and sound, as well as making sure that everything was captured creatively. Even the smallest details, such as decorations, centrepieces, and the sweet table should be exciting to watch if videotaped and edited tastefully. Comments and emotions from guests make it a truly memorable keepsake."

As well, when the final copy of the video is being edited, clients have the opportunity to look at the raw footage and decide which scenes they would like to keep and which to cut. Usually, the footage is left as is unless the client requests that it be trimmed.

The client may also decide how many special effects they want in the video, if any, and they get to pick which ones. The final version of the video is made to suit each client's tastes and preferences.

While many videographers prefer to use a tripod-mounted camera, Salzman likes a shoulder-carried model, which allows him to be wherever he has to be at any given moment.

"Since [my camera is] totally portable and does not need to be plugged into power, I can be right next to people on the dance floor, even if they choose to dance far away."

Creativity is a must with professional videography, and being mobile allows for different camera angles, which can make the video more exciting.

Typically, videographers use one camera per party. The final video can give the illusion of having had multiple cameras through clever use of angles and lighting, but clients can request that a second cameraman be assigned to the job. However, it is entirely possible to film a party with 600 guests and still catch everything using only one.

It is best to book a videographer a year in advance, especially if you want the owner to do it personally.

Other videographers advertising in this supplement are: D.M.S. Video Productions, 905-470-4040; Northern Memory Productions, 905-763-6513; Redstone Pictures, 416-256-4666; Video Affairs, 905-889-0909; Video Productions by Josh, 905-709-9277.

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Save time and *tzuris*: Register

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

In planning a wedding or other big celebration, anything that saves time and tzuris is an advantage. And concerning the major advantages of a gift registry, Gisella Goodman of Goodman's China (905-731-3564), and Suzanne Savage of The Bay (1-877-408-1510), are of one mind.

With a registry, you select items that match your decor, tastes and lifestyle. Then the retailer takes care of informing you as to which items have been bought, and which have not. This makes it easy to exchange, to eliminate duplication (say, if you get too many vases), and to complete sets such as flatware. And guests appreciate not having to worry about what to buy.

Savage stresses the advantage of different price points, so people with different budgets can purchase what you want. Guests who are students, for instance, can choose a level they can afford, while guests who want to spend more, can.

If not everything you want is purchased by the wedding day, a registry lets you finish sets over a period of time. If you yourself are on a moderate budget, this is especially helpful. And since you don't lose your credit, you can let friends or relatives use it.

New technology extends these benefits. As an example, Savage cites online buying, which makes gift buying much easier for people from out of town.

Your consultant, emphasizes Savage, is an adviser on matters of personal import, such as what gifts to choose, in what designs and number. Hence, she has to ask many personal questions about your home and lifestyle, and she needs detailed answers. So select her with care, looking for rapport and trustworthiness.

She needs to know how you plan to entertain (how many guests, formally or informally, etc.) and whether you keep kosher, since if you do, you'll want meat and dairy dishes, and extra sets for Passover.

When deciding what gifts your guests should buy, the type of event is crucial.

Household items and keepsakes are customary for weddings; bathroom items, kitchenware and glassware, for showers; keepsakes, and decorative pieces, such as crystal vases, for engagements.

Also, Savage adds, consider who your guests are and how they think. Many older people tend to buy keepsake gifts. Younger people, by contrast, often think of utility and convenience (e.g. items like microwaves).

Social trends affect registry use, too. We still speak of "bridal registries," but Goodman sees a lot more grooms coming in, especially for the first meeting.

Should you use the convenience of a one-stop registry, or the product knowledge of specialized retailers for different gifts?

There are two sides to this argument. Here too, you must consider your guests. Some guests like big stores with everything under one roof, while others prefer boutiques. In any case, pick well-organized retailers with lots of variety and excellent service.

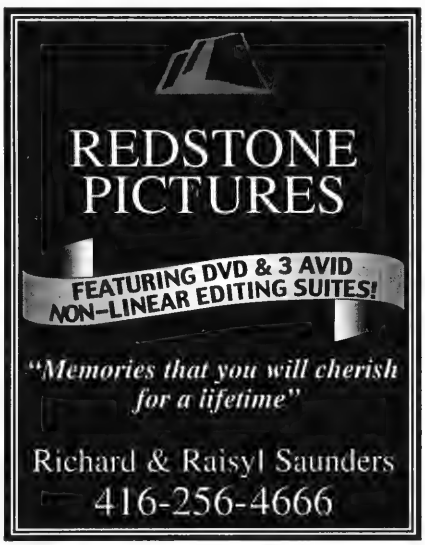
Goodman also raises the issue of service. With some registries, items are delivered and gift-wrapped one by one as they're bought. With others, the bride is notified of what's been bought, but the item stays in the store until the wedding day.

Goodman favours this second, or "notification," system, as it decreases risk, cost and inefficiency. You don't buy items like place settings one by one, after all, and it's cheaper and safer to move eight settings in bulk than one at a time.

Register three to six months ahead, Savage advises – the more guests and gifts, the earlier. Above all, do so before the rush of the last three months when you'll have plenty of other things to keep you occupied.

Goodman advocates registering as soon as you get engaged. Not only does this cut down on what you'll have to do closer to the big day when things can get hectic, but it also helps relatives and friends who want to buy gifts right away.

If you get engaged a year before the wedding, though, Goodman continues, come in two or three weeks before to see if you want to revise your selection. New patterns can come on the market, old lines can be discontinued, and your tastes may change.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Gifts more personal, show thoughtfulness

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Summer is a popular season for simchahs, and while host families are no doubt frazzled about the big day, it is also common for guests to be stressed out about what gifts they should give.

The CJN turned to two shops in the GTA for some creative gift ideas, and some advice on how much you should be spending.

Wynter Rosen, the creative and business mind behind Wynter Rosen Designs (416-481-2328), has been manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing hand-painted customized ceramics for the past four years.

"Our designs are funky, different, and of the highest quality," Rosen says. "We bend over backward for our customers, whether it means wrapping the gifts we produce or delivering them."

If you're attending a bar or bat mitzvah, Rosen suggests spending between $50 and $150, depending on how close you are to the host family.

"If you're an acquaintance, you should probably spend about $50. A hand painted tzedakah box or a kiddush cup are nice gifts and they fall into this price range," Rosen says.

"If you're a close friend or relative, a custom plate is a good idea and they cost between $60 and $90," she adds, noting that some excellent ideas for wedding presents include a wedding plate, kiddush cup, Shabbat candle holders or a challah plate.

"You can also bring in a picture and we can transpose it onto the ceramic to make a personalized gift, or you can come in to our studio and paint your own ceramic piece," says Rosen.

Edna Sandler Judaica (416-633-6801) is a mother-and-daughter shop specializing in original products handcrafted using the finest quality fabrics.

Inspired by Jewish themes, they employ techniques such as applique, stitchery, off-loom weaving and painting on silk using colours ranging from vibrant jewel to subtle pastels and neutral tones.

Desirée Farkas, who works on the general construction of gifts, while her daughter, Edna, designs them, finds that the most popular gift for bar mitzvahs is a new tallit.

"Women of all ages having their bat mitzvahs order custom-made tallitot too," Farkas says.

Prices for a personalized tallit range from $240 to $500, which also includes a tallit bag and a kippah.

In business together for five years now, the pair has begun to branch out.

"Recently we started to make and rent out chuppahs for wedding ceremonies," Farkas explains.

Handmade chupahs cost anywhere from $300 to $1,500, while rented handheld chupahs are $300, and rented free-standing chupahs are $500.

If you are not as close to the host family, challah or matzah covers are also good wedding gifts, and they sell for $140, though there are a few in stock for $95.

Farkas recommends ordering a personalized gift two to six weeks in advance, depending on what gift you've chosen to give.

If you want to order a custom made product from Wynter Rosen Designs, Rosen tells customers to order two to three weeks ahead, but "sometimes you can get a custom made gift on the spot if you just want to add a name."

So why should you consider giving a gift instead of money?

Photos courtesy of Edna Sandler Judaica

"It's more personal," Farkas says. "It also serves as a reminder of the person who gave it to you."

Rosen agrees. "When you've taken the time to come in and pick something out, it shows that you've put a lot of thought into the gift. It's more sentimental, and a keepsake will last forever," she says.

Other gift places advertising in this supplement are: Captured Moments, 514-488-3477; David's Fine Linens, 416-590-7311; The Earring Gallery, 905-763-2210; Karats Fine Jewellery, 416-494-6655.

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By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Twelve years ago, Corey Mandell tried disc-jockey work for a lark. He discovered that he loved being the life of the party. And on top of that he was getting paid for having fun.

Mandell had a knack for schmoozing and a unique way of interacting with the guests and soon people began requesting him at their parties.

After a couple of years he set up his own business on a shoe string. He had only one employee.

Now in its 10th year, the Mandell Entertainment Group (905-886-4000) has grown into an entertainment conglomerate with 400 full and part-time employees working in the decor, amusement and production divisions.

"We're the largest DJ company in Canada," says Mandell, 30. "We operate across Canada and do events in the States on a regular basis."

Just in one year his staff grew by about 25 percent from last year, he said. Mandell, in a partnership with three others – Michael Landsberg, Gary Eisen, and Michael Kleinman— launched the Capitol Event Theatre in 1999. Now they're set to open a second event venue in the Eglinton and Yonge area at the end of the year, and they're working on a third location further north, Mandell said.

And there have been other new developments. He recently launched a bar mitzvah band, a six-piece group offering live music with interaction.

"The whole band interacts. They're booked every weekend. They play Jennifer Lopez, Brittney Spears. They're very contemporary."

And he's pleased with people's response to the band. "People have found it refreshing. Finally there was a band playing the music the kids like. Most bands tend to play music mainly geared to adults."

The Richmond Hill office also offers dance classes in the studio four to five times a week that draws between 15 and 30 dance studio kids per class, he said.

"We offer private classes for break dancing. Families also come in before their parties to learn routines."

The Mandell Entertainment Group Amusements (MEGA) has a large inventory of inflatable games — such as the Jurassic Park obstacle course — novelty food rental and digital novelties, he said. "We can put a photo on an aluminum dog tag, ink stamp, or water bottle."

He recommends people check the new interactive Web site at www. mandellworld.com.

Despite the many changes in the company, some things have remained the same. The DJs still do the summer camp tour summer tour sponsored by Roots and Mandell is still an employee at Camp Timberlane.

"I help out [at camp] where I can," he said. "All my ideas from what I've been able to develop have been through camping."

And on any given Saturday night you can find him kibitzing at a bar or bat mitzvah getting people off their chairs and onto the dance floor

"I still perform every weekend," he said. "It's important for me to perform. I am able to stay in tune with the industry. I still love doing it. I still love what I do."

"People want a big show. They want something different. We have been offering them that. That's why we're in our 10th year."

Corey Mandell

Lots of fun

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They are greeted by a real live look-alike Barbie in a pink ball gown and two Barbies are on hand to do the party guests' make-up hair, manicure and glitter.

And when everybody is dressed to the nines they are ready for the elegant tea party in the pink dining room. "It's kind of like you going to a formal party at Palace of Versailles and ending up having tea with the royal family.

"There is pink carpeting, pink draperies, pink Victorian furniture, a three pedestal antique table with matching chairs. We use fancy china, linen napkins."

People bring their own food and and there are Barbie-themed paper plates for kosher guests, she says.

"We do a party that's great for children and adults," says Ragow. "They can have a really spectacular time at the same interactive party."

While the party can accommodate some boys, it's best suited to girls, Rabow said.

And of course the adults get into the party fun by dressing up too, she says, noting that she carries ball gowns for every size and figure, even for nine-month pregnant women.

"Most of the moms are wearing sparkly strapless gowns and real princess tiaras. The dads dress up too. Most dress like a king. We've even had Mark Messier dressed up as a bride."

The girl dress up as princesses, brides, Brittney Spears or the Spice Girls, but they go through at least eight different outfits before choosing one for the tea party and so Ragow strongly recommends that the parents bring a lot of film.

She stresses that they give a strong message of self acceptance to the girls, telling them "they're beautiful just the way they are. All we're doing is adding some sparkle and glamour for a special occasion — a special little girl's birthday party."

Another place to have a children's party is: Kiddies Korner, 905-883-9373.

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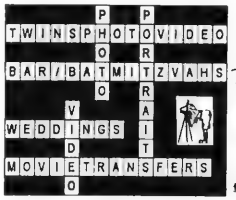

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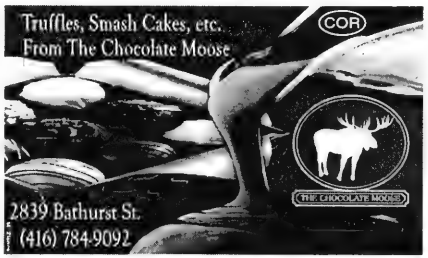

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With this in mind we asked some of the city's best bands what their three most requested songs are:

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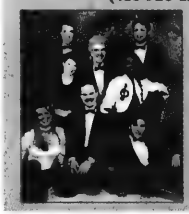

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By ERIC LAYMAN
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George Klein of George Klein Creations (416-730-1755), and Michel Korman of Laurentian Jewellers Ltd. (416-782-3588), agree that buying jewelry is not a casual choice. Not that it's always bad to heed an impulse, when it's the spontaneous upsurge of love for the receiver of the gift. The final decision, though, should be carefully weighed.

After 36 years, Klein isn't bored with his work. 80 percent of it is design or custom work, the part he likes best, which he does himself. He also takes great pleasure in a high level of customer satisfaction.

Korman has his custom work done in a Montreal factory. He does original work, and re-creates exsisting designs. Klein recommends craft work, instead of something off the shelf: jewelry is for a special person on a special occasion. Choose a jeweller who gives your gift his devoted personal attention.

Korman adds a pragmatic note: look for someone who offers a 100 percent money-back guarantee.

You have to spend money, Klein observes, so make it count. At the same time, Korman warns against assuming that jewelry is expensve, not everything is a $1,000 item. There are plenty of fine pieces for under $100, even as low as $50. Don't confuse cost with value.

Before you buy your gift, Korman believes you should consider whether it's short- or long- term. This is especially important when buying for a pre-teen or teenager: is the ring, brooch, etc. to be worn just when they're in this age group, or longer thereafter?

Order at least a month ahead, Klein insists, especially if you want a design created. Korman advises three weeks ahead. If you want something for October, November or December, though, he suggests placing your order a bit earlier: his busiest time is usually the end of the year.

"A diamond is forever": for Klein, the cliché holds true. Korman qualifies this, pointing out that jewelry needs care. Metals, especially soft precious metals, wear down or out of shape. The claws which hold a diamond in a ring, for example, need to be re-tipped from time to time.

For proper cleaning and care, Korman urges, bring your jewelry to your jeweller every two to six months. He has special machinery, as well as better cleansers than you can buy in the store; and he knows how to handle the stones and metals.

Men, says Klein, still do some of the buying, but 90 percent of his customers are ladies. In the old days, the man came and bought the engagement or wedding ring; now he brings the lady. And in Klein's personal experience, at least, the old conventions about specific gifts for specific occasions are dissolving.

Platinum and white gold (gold alloyed with nickel, zinc or silver) are still strong, Korman says. So is antique styling with filigree for rings and bracelets, even for new work. With summer coming, bringing brighter clothes and colours, Korman also forecasts more interest in semi- precious stones like amethyst, blue topaz and citron topaz. The strong summer light shows jewelry to good advantage.

Dressing well is a sign of respect, Korman says

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excesses of casual Friday.

The committee's aim is to raise standards generally, not just on Thursdays; and the idea is contagious.

Everyone's dressing up, from Michael Jordan's Washington Bullets to President Bush. And while casual Friday is here to stay, it's becoming dressier and more tailored, with sport jackets, sport shirts and mock sweaters.

So just what is it about a suit, that makes it special?

Past cultures' formalwear conferred status and dignity, but often at cost of ease and confort. The Roman toga took half an hour to don with a servant's aid; and you couldn't move quickly or easily in it without undoing the folds. About the only thing you *could* do in a toga, was make speeches.

Today's business suit is tailored for action. It's confortable, easy to put on, and easy to move in. In it, you can make a speech, work at a terminal, eat lunch, or walk briskly down a corridor.

Dressing well, Korman maintains. is a matter of respect – for yourself, the people you're with, and the occasion. You wear a tuxedo to a wedding, for example, because it's a unqiue, milestone event; the tux sets it apart from the everyday.

Order your suit six to seven weeks in advance, advises Korman. Buy an all-purpose colour, say navy, so it can be worn wherever a suit is appropriate; and choose a year-round fabric comfortable in any season. And remember that nothing is as important as the craft work.

Korman emphasizes that you have to trust your retailer. While this is partly a matter of rapport, he also mentions some specifics. Never shop where it says "exchange only." Insist on a guarantee that your money can be refunded.

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Ottawa proclaims Wallenberg Day

By DIANE KOVEN
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Sixteen years after he was named Canada's only honorary citizen, the federal government has proclaimed Jan. 17 as Raoul Wallenberg Day.

The historic move, announced earlier this month at a special reception on Parliament Hill, will pay tribute to the Swedish World War II hero who rescued more Jews from certain death than any single government.

"In honouring Raoul Wallenberg each year on Jan. 17, we will honour the courage, character and humanity of an exceptional individual," said Canadian Heritage Minister Sheila Copps at the June 5 reception. "Raoul Wallenberg Day will ensure that this man's heroism will live on in posterity."

In 1944, Wallenberg, scion of a wealthy Swedish banking family, was dispatched to Budapest as a diplomat to save as many Jews as possible from the Nazi death machine. In a matter of months, he printed and distributed thousands of fake Swedish passports, called *Schutzpasses*, which placed holders under the protection of the neutral Swedish government.

He also persuaded the Nazis to call off the destruction of Budapest's Jewish ghetto, with its

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MEMORIAL FOR TERROR VICTIMS: Members of local Zionist youth groups light candles in Toronto in memory of the 20 victims of the suicide bombing outside a Tel Aviv disco. Inset, Israel's Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Israel Meir Lau. *Please see story on page 30.* *[Frances Kraft photos]*

Maccabiah decision pending

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — More than 300 Canadian athletes and coaches – as well as thousands of Jewish sportsmen and women from around the world – were on tenterhooks last week as officials met in Israel to discuss whether to postpone next month's Maccabiah Games.

Fear of terrorist attack, as well as the growing number of athletes who have pulled out of the Games, have led to reports that organizers are considering all options, including postponement or even cancellation of the Games.

Members of the international executive of the Maccabi World Union (MWU), along with Israel's Minister of Science, Culture and Sport, Matan Vilna'i, held two days of meetings on the weekend to discuss the 16th games, scheduled to run from July 16 to 26.

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The CJN wins award

DENVER — For the sixth consecutive year, *The Canadian Jewish News* has received a Simon Rockower Award for excellence in Jewish journalism.

At the annual gathering of the American Jewish Press Association (AJPA), this year held in Denver, *The CJN* received the first place award for excellence in editorial writing for newspapers with a circulation of more than 15,000.

The AJPA, founded in 1944, is the umbrella organization for Jewish-purpose publications, other media and individuals serving communities in the United States and Canada.

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Rabbis Support Credit

TORONTO — The Toronto Board of Rabbis and the Vaad Harabonim have both designated this Shabbat (June 16) as a day on which rabbis will publicly support the Ontario government's tax credits for parents of children in private schools and encourage their congregants to do likewise. In a letter to Premier Mike Harris and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Vaad president Rabbi Dovid Schochet thanks the government for its initiative, which will begin "to eliminate the discrimination that characterizes the current system." In its letter to Harris and Flaherty, the Toronto Board of Rabbis praises the government's "bold initiative," and pledges that its rabbis will express support for the measure from the pulpit this Saturday.

Aid to Palestinians

OTTAWA — The federal government last week rejected a suggestion by the Canadian Alliance to tie Canada's aid to Palestinians to their willingness to hold peace talks with Israel. The Alliance idea had come from MP Monte Solberg, upsetting Canadian Arab and Muslim groups. Canada provides about $6.5 million in annual aid to the Palestinian Authority.

Israel

Heart Transplant

JERUSALEM — An Israeli man has received a heart transplant from a Palestinian man who was recently shot dead in disputed circumstances near Jerusalem. The co-ordinator of Israel's national transplant association said it was the first organ donation by a Palestinian since the outbreak of violence last September.

Rescuers Suffer

JERUSALEM — Some rescue workers who helped evacuate the wounded and dead following the May 24 wedding hall collapse here are suffering from depression, stress and insomnia, and are complaining that they have not received the necessary psychological care, according to the *Jerusalem Post*.

Hotels Spurn MKs

JERUSALEM— Leading hotels here have said they are no longer extending courtesies and other perks to Knesset members who are their guests, charging the government is ignoring the "crisis" in tourism.

World

Call for *Fatwa*

WASHINGTON — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has called on leading Muslim clerics to issue a *fatwa*, or religious edict, against suicide bombings. Rabbi Marvin Hier, the centre's dean and founder, said most Muslim clerics are too fearful to issue such rulings, though some have said the bombings do not reflect the true tenets of Islam.

Sharon Allegations

BRUSSELS — A Belgian magistrate has began examining a request for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to be tried for crimes against humanity. Two people described as being "of Arab descent" filed the request under a 1993 law, which allows Belgian courts to prosecute foreign officials for human rights violations committed outside Belgium.

Zuckerman Wins

NEW YORK — Mortimer Zuckerman emerged victorious last week from a contentious campaign to lead the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Zuckerman, the Montreal-born real estate mogul and publisher of the *New York Daily News* and *U.S. News & World Report*, succeeds Ronald Lauder.

Romania Rapped

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League has slammed Romania for continuing to sanction monuments honouring the nation's wartime dictator and Nazi ally, Marshall Ion Antonescu. The criticism followed reports that Romanian military officials and right-wing politician Corneliu Vadim Tudor attended the unveiling of a bust of Antonescu in the courtyard of a Bucharest church.

Oppose Compensation

VIENNA — Nearly 50 percent of Austrians oppose their government's decision to compensate Holocaust victims, according to a new poll. In the survey of 2,000 Austrians older than 14 years, 45 percent disapprove of their government's decision in January to establish a $310-million compensation fund for Austrian victims of the Holocaust. The same percentage believe Jews are exploiting Nazi horrors for their own gain.

Speaking Engagements Cancelled

TORONTO — A local Unitarian Church last week cancelled the second of two speaking engagements of a notorious British anti-Semite after it learned the venue had been booked under false pretenses.

A group calling itself CVA Seminars had booked a room in the First Unitarian Congregation under the pretext of holding an investment seminar for seniors. However, the speaker turned out to be David Icke, author of wild conspiracy theories that include the view that Jews are descended from extraterrestrial lizards.

Eustace Mullins, a veteran anti-Semite from West Virginia, had also been booked to appear with Icke on a speaking tour in Montreal and Toronto, but he pulled out when news of the tour appeared in the media.

Mullins has been dogged by cancellations of his Canadian speaking engagements this year. His planned appearance at a Toronto health seminar in March was cancelled after the show's sponsors threatened to withdraw their support. The initial speaking venue on the current tour, booked from the Lithuanian Community Association of Toronto, was pulled after the group learned of Mullins' background.

Mullins' published work includes rehashes of medieval blood libels that charge Jews with killing Christian children for ritual purposes.

In the wake of the incidents, Liberal MPP Michael Bryant wrote to Attorney General David Young, asking what the government is doing to prevent or investigate potential hate crimes.

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Birthright trip departs with smaller group

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A surge of last-minute cancellations reduced their numbers, but 570 young Jews from across Canada refused to let security concerns stand in the way of their participation in last week's Birthright flights to Israel.

Professing confidence in security measures promised them, participants interviewed by *The CJN* said they felt safe travelling to Israel even in the midst of Palestinian terror attacks.

However, 150 young people – 21 percent of those who had registered for the program – either cancelled or were no-shows at Toronto's Pearson Airport, about what organizers expected given recent attacks in Israel, including the suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that killed 21 young people at a nightclub.

Concerns over safety were the reasons most often cited for not travelling to Israel, and while the Birthright program went ahead as scheduled, other groups planning Israel missions are scaling back or seeing their programs cancelled outright.

As of press time, the Maccabiah Games, a sporting event that attracts 4,000 Jewish athletes from around the world, was in jeopardy of being postponed for a year, while dozens of Canadian athletes – about 20 percent of the total – had removed themselves from the team. Canada had been planning to send more than 300 athletes, coaches and other personnel to the Games.

In Cleveland, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), a Reform organization, announced it was suspending all teen programs to Israel this summer, affecting 1,500 mostly American teenagers, along with a handful of Canadians.

In Ottawa, the Shira Choir cancelled its participation in the Zimria choir fest, held in Israel every three years. About 50 people were affected.

Other organizations, including the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) were continuing with their summer Israel programs, but with drastically curtailed numbers.

Stanley Morais, a spokesman for El Al Israel Airlines, said Canadian bookings are down 40 percent from last year. The summer high season, in which flights are usually more than 90 percent booked, are expected to depart only 70 full, he said.

In New York, Hillel, the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, the largest provider of Birthright Israel trips in the United States, postponed two of its early June trips, affecting 120 students.

In Cleveland, meanwhile, UAHC president Rabbi Eric Yoffie told the organization's board of trustees, "While I think we can offer a safe trip, I simply do not have the degree of confidence that I normally have… in order to be able to tell our congregations and parents that they can trust us to keep their children secure."

In Ottawa, Nancy Bercovich, president of the Canadian Council of Reform Judaism and a member of the UAHC board, said, "It was not an easy decision to make." Of the more than 200 board representatives at the Cleveland meeting, only two voiced opposition to the decision, she said.

For many, the announcement was purely academic. UAHC's NIFTY program, which generally attracts 40 youngsters from the Greater Toronto Area, had only three bookings this year, UAHC sources in New York stated.

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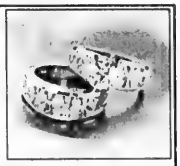

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Last week, in Denver, I attended the annual meeting of the American Jewish Press Association (AJPA), a gathering of nearly 100 journalists and publishing business professionals.

The Association was founded in 1944 for the overall purpose of "promoting the survival, interests and improved standards and quality of the Jewish media" in North America. Some 200 media individuals, publications and organizations, of which three are Canadian, are part of the Association umbrella.

The gathering is geared to renewing old acquaintances and friendships and to forging new ones. These acquaintances and friendships are indispensable in helping to contend with the unforeseeable deadline exigencies that arise frequently during the publication of a weekly newspaper, especially a Jewish one.

The gathering is also geared to the exchange of ideas, opinions and information regarding recent publishing-related developments and the myriad substantive issues that concern readers of the Jewish media.

The conference organizers always invite experts at the top of their respective fields to speak to the conference audience. One of the experts this year was Prof. Jonathan Sarna, a historian from Brandeis University.

Sarna is slight and lean, yet he delivers his remarks with high-intensity energy. When he speaks, he often furrows his brow and projects his words with George Jessel-like boom and bass. He is a powerful lecturer.

Sarna spoke to the group on the future of the Jewish press. One of his main goals, he implied, was to impress upon us the Jewish media's potential in helping shape the lives of the Jews of America for the better. (Sarna did not know there was a Canadian in the audience. Yet even though his remarks were restricted to the American Jewish condition, all of what he said was of enormous interest, if not always of relevance, to the Canadian Jewish condition.)

In particular, Sarna pleaded that Jewish newspapers take their "educational missions" more seriously. More American Jews, Sarna pointed out, read their weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly Jewish newspapers than they do the weekly Torah portion, attend shul regularly, or listen to a rabbi's sermon.

In contemplating the future of the Jewish press, Sarna emphasized that the American Jewish community must take into account five important, immediate issues:

• *Demographics*. For the first time since the colonial period, the American Jewish population will soon shrink in absolute and relative terms. "This will be a big shock," Sarna warned.

Currently, there are approximately 22 Jews for every 1,000 Americans. (This is almost twice the ratio in Canada, which stands at about 12 Jews for every 1,000 Canadians.) But the Jewish community, with a birth rate of 1.6 to 1.7, is below the necessary replacement birth rate level of 2.1. This distinctly measurable decline in the size of the Jewish community, Sarna emphasized, contrasts with the equally distinct rise in the size of the Evangelical and Roman Catholic communities.

• *Intermarriage*. Irrespective of the fact that the community has not reached a consensus on the subject of intermarriage – potentially catastrophic or potentially remedial of the ongoing decline in Jewish numbers, it is indisputable that "a vast number of Americans today are related to Jews." Sarna believes "It is important for the community to reach them."

• *Disjunction between the image of the Diaspora and the reality*. "The Diaspora has shrunk enormously," Sarna told us. The Jewish world is highly concentrated geographically: 95 percent of the world's Jews live in 14 countries; in only 39 countries are there communities of 5,000 Jews or more.

• *The self-image of American Jews*. For the first time, more Jews live in greater Tel Aviv than in greater New York. What are the implications, Sarna challenged, for American Jewry on fund-raising and political relationships, to name but two important areas, of the diminishing role the community will inevitably play in international Jewish affairs as a result?

• *The mission of American Jews*. "The relationship of the Jews of America to Israel today," Sarna said, "is not the same as it was on the eve of the Six Day War." He implied the relationship is weaker; he also implied that the key causes that inspired American Jews in the latter half of the 20th century – the persecution of Jews, anti-Semitism, the Shoah and the survival of Israel – will not be as inspiring for American Jewry in the 21st century.

"American Jews," Sarna said, "are looking for some renewed sense of Jewish mission. We should not be timid. Historically, Jewish newspapers have always played a great role in educating, inspiring and helping formulate the mission of Jewish communities as our watchdogs, teachers and even prophets."

Sarna's prescription was written for the American Jewish body politic. But it is medicine that applies to the Canadian condition as well.

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BIALIK LOVES ISRAEL: Bialik Hebrew Day School recently held its annual I Love Israel contest for students from grades 5 to 8. Students were tested on their knowledge of Israeli government, geography, history and major events. The finals of the contest took the form of JeopardIsrael. The winners were, from left: Rachel Bayefsky-Anand, Grade 8; Marlon Danilewitz, Grade 7; Shany Klachook, Grade 6; and Rafael Krichevsky, Grade 5.

Greater Toronto Area

New chumash dedicated at RA convention

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Conservative rabbis kicked off the 101st annual Rabbinical Assembly (RA) convention, held here last week, with a celebratory dedication of a new Chumash.

The Chumash is expected to become the movement's standard for the 21st century, replacing the 65-year-old Pentateuch and Haftorahs, commonly known as the Hertz Chumash.

"Even as we worry about Israel in crisis, we come here to recognize the eternity of our teachings, of our Torah, of our tradition and of our heritage," said RA president Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, a Toronto native who now serves North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, Ill. He proclaimed the evening a "time for rejoicing," and highlighted the responsibility of today's generation to understand and enact the teachings of the Torah.

The publication of the new Chumash was connected to the theme of the convention, Teaching Torah in a New Century. Several sessions, including the dedication, were open to the public.

Tuesday evening, scholars taught at five different locations, from the downtown Bloor JCC, north to Associated Hebrew Schools' Kamin branch in Thornhill, as the RA's "gift to the Toronto Jewish community," said organizers.In addition to study opportunities for the 350 rabbis in attendance, the five-day meeting, which was co-chaired by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation and Rabbi Lionel Moses of Shaare Zion Congregation in Montreal, addressed a variety of practical concerns including fund-raising, involving congregants in tikkun olam, and outreach to teens.

Keynote speaker Rabbi Harold Kushner of Natick, Mass., best known as the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, discussed A Conservative Torah Commentary for the 21st Century, at the opening evening session held June 3 at the Inn on the Park Hotel.

As the spokesperson for approximately 50 colleagues who were involved in the Chumash project (the other high-profile editor being novelist and ordained Conservative Rabbi Chaim Potok), Rabbi Kushner called the publication of 1,588-page text "a watershed moment."

Providing historical context, *Etz Hayim*'s senior editor Rabbi David Lieber noted that the Hertz Chumash, composed by Rabbi Joseph Hertz, then chief rabbi of the British Empire, with a team of assistants, met the needs of the time, demonstrating "that the Torah offered a way of life compatible with the new world… that was in no way inferior to that offered by the church."

That text was addressed to first or second-generation British Jews with modest Jewish and general educations, who faced "the prevalent genteel anti-Semitism and the growing influence of Nazism."

Modern-day Bible commentators are the latest in a long line dating back to the pre-Christian era, Rabbi Lieber noted, each reflecting the needs, interests and circumstances of their respective eras.

By the 1960s, he said, it was apparent that a new, more current, commentary was needed to "meet the needs of a growing, college-educated population which was secure enough in its Jewishness not to require the apologetics that characterized the Hertz commentary."

It wasn't until almost a decade ago, however, that the project, which was a joint partnership of the Jewish Publication Society, the Rabbinical Assembly and United Synagogue, got under way.

Among the attributes that make *Etz Hayim* unique, said Rabbi Kushner, it draws on multi-denominational sources and is "quite self-consciously a post-Holocaust commentary." He cited, for instance, the recognition of Shifra and Puah, the midwives who refused to carry out Pharaoh's order to kill male Israelite babies, as "early precursors of the righteous gentiles who risked their lives to save Jews."

The Chumash, 100,000 copies of which will be printed this summer, also breaks new ground with input from the first generation of Conservative women rabbis, co-ordinated by Rabbi Susan Grossman. "It is a much better and richer commentary for it," said Rabbi Kushner.

He referred specifically to sections on family purity as one example that has benefited from the input of women scholars.

At least in the midrashic commentary, he noted, all references to God are gender-neutral. The announcement was greeted with applause by a substantial proportion of the 350-member audience.

The text also acknowledges the "accession of thousands of Jews by choice and the degree to which they have changed the character of the Jewish people."

As well, readers can expect to find acknowledgment of troubling passages in lieu of apologetics. "Even when we are troubled by the passage we are confronting, we put it in a context that it is only because our consciences are shaped by the Torah that we are bothered by this passage."

"I think it's been an excellent convention," said Rabbi Kurtz as the conference drew to a close. "I think that colleagues have been able to share a great deal – Torah, life experiences, professional skills and a collegial sense of being together."

Although RA members include 144 women, and, generally speaking, rabbis whose positions span a wide range from pulpit rabbis to academicians, there are more commonalities than differences, said Rabbi Kurtz.

He believes the opportunity to share personal and professional issues at a forum like the convention gives the rabbis strength that they will take back to their congregations and other places of work.

According to Rabbi Frydman-Kohl and Rabbi Moses, the convention – the RA's first in Canada since 1966 – also introduced a number of rabbis from outside Canada to the level of Jewish cultural literacy and Jewish community involvement in Canada.

"I believe that over time," said Rabbi Frydman-Kohl, "that has an impact on the perception people will have and the willingness they'll have to consider the possibility of coming to serve the community in Canada."

In fact, said Rabbi Moses, some convention participants spoke to him about the viability of moving across the border.

In addition to the positive effect the new Chumash is expected to have on Torah study, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl added that "whenever rabbis study new material, they find ways to bring it back in classes, in sermons and seminars to their congregations."

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'Means' test met with opposition

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish groups have rejected government suggestions that private school tax credits should be subjected to an income test.

Funding is an act of tolerance
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Limiting tax credits to those earning under $60,000 a year, as was suggested last week by some Tory MPPs, would unfairly penalize the middle class, Jewish organizations say.

"We're very opposed to any means test," said Robert Samery, president of Jewish Parents for Equality in Education Funding (JPEEF). "There's no basis on which any means test should be applied to the public good, especially in education. It's not done anywhere else in Canada."

The latest controversy over the government's proposed tax credit for parents of children in independent and private, faith-based schools was triggered by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty when he said Queen's Park will entertain any idea made during public hearings into the measure, including applying a means test to restrict credits to lower-income families.

Later, Flaherty made clear he doesn't support means testing, saying, "as finance minister, I would be reluctant to do that."

Two Conservative backbenchers, Bill Murdoch and Ted Arnott, proposed an income test so parents earning more than $60,000 a year won't qualify for the tex credit.

In a statement, Ed Morgan, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario region, said CJC is "completely opposed" to an income cutoff, saying there is "no basis whatsoever" for it. "Education is an essential public service and must continue to be supported on a universal basis." Congress also pointed out there is no means testing for health care, another universal right.

CJC said imposing income tests "would dramatically compromise the ability of middle class families" to benefit from the initiative.

Toni Silberman, chair of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights (Ontario region) said it would be "disheartening if the government now chose to compound the inequality of funding public and Roman Catholic schools only by imposing a means test on those who, by reason of religious imperative, have no choice but to send their children to a denominational school."

Jewish groups will have their say when public hearings into the tax credit take place later this month.

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The CJN takes centre stage in debates on proposed tax credits

TORONTO — *The Canadian Jewish News* was front and centre in last week's debates in the provincial legislature over the government's proposed private school tax credits.

Two government ministers and a backbench MPP cited *The CJN* during question period, in response to attacks on the credit by Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty, who is vehemently opposed to the measure.

Education Minister Janet Ecker responded to McGuinty by noting that Greg Sorbara, the Liberals' own candidate in the June 28 byelection in the riding of Vaughan-King-Aurora, "has gone on record" as supporting public funding of Jewish day schools. Ecker was referring to a 1992 *CJN* story in which Sorbara, a former Liberal cabinet minister, predicted that Ontario's Jewish day schools would be publicly funded by the year 2000.

It was at the 1992 ground-breaking ceremony of Associated Hebrew Schools' Kamin campus that Sorbara declared, to applause: "If we don't get it [funding] by a court decision, we'll get it by way of political decision."

Later, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty cited the same article, saying, "I guess [Sorbara] says something different today if he's going to listen to his leader, who apparently believes that he would repeal those tax credits."

Flaherty also referred to a 1994 *CJN* interview with Sorbara, in which Sorbara predicted that Jewish day schools would be funded, whether by government decree or court order. Sorbara also took his party to task for waffling on the issue while it was in power from 1985 to 1990.

As well, Thornhill Tory MPP Tina Molinari directly cited a 1998 *CJN* story, in which McGuinty was quoted as telling a meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario region executive that he has no ideological opposition to public funding of Jewish day schools.

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'Peoplehood' now at a crucible

The lying, the cowardice and finally, the renewed violence that Yasser Arafat has visited upon Israel have harmed his own suffering people – yet again – more than they have harmed the Jewish State. But ironically, in the way that history, not human beings, forces the hour of significant decision upon mankind, the Palestinians' rejection last summer of a peace treaty with Israel and the ensuing intifadah have forced the Jewish people to our own crucible of choice.

Our generation of Jews born after May 1945 now confronts the issue of Jewish peoplehood. What does it mean for us? How do we prove with our deeds the axioms that inspire our hearts?

The question begs now to be asked because of the very public pronouncement last week by Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, that the Reform Movement in the United States had cancelled all the summer tours of its youth movement in Israel. Rabbi Yoffie's decision evoked immediate condemnation and scorn from a great many quarters, including from within the Reform Movement in Israel and the United States. For example, Rabbi Mark Gellman of New York was reported in the press last week as having said, "Today I am ashamed to be part of this movement."

The most strident response to Rabbi Yoffie's pronouncement came from Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, who said he was severing all ties with the Reform Movement.

But it has been a series of Diaspora Jewry pronouncements and decisions that now call into question our notion of peoplehood, our idea of responsibility, our understanding of Jewish history and our determination to affect the course of Jewish destiny. As of this writing, the Maccabi games, scheduled for July 16, are a question mark due to the number of cancellations by athletes; Jewish tourists have decidedly stayed away from Israel since Rosh Hashanah, the start of Arafat's campaign against Israel.

What do we really mean when we read aloud at rallies: "We are *am echad*, one people," or when we proclaim: "*Kol Yisrael arevim zeh l'zeh*; All Israel are guarantors one for the other"?

No single human being gainsays or takes lightly in any way the legitimate worries for our own, or especially, our children's safety. But is the risk to our own and our children's safety so profound, so pronounced, so certain, that it means shredding into pieces of sterile, empty, and ultimately, meaningless slogans the values and millennial aspirations that sustained prior generations of Jews through their dark times and guided their own difficult decisions at their crucibles of choice?

Are we not summoned by history and by conscience to prove to the world, to ourselves, indeed to God, that our sense of "peoplehood" is true and forever lasting and means something far more significant and stronger than any terrorist, hater of Jews could ever understand, let alone destroy?

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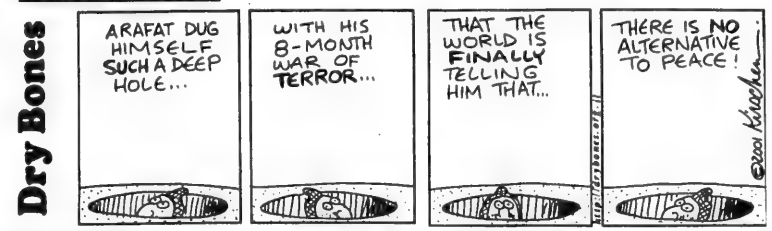
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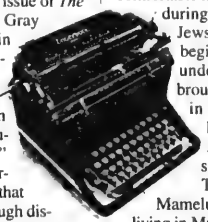
No need to justify Israel's actions

In his letter to the editor in the May 31 issue of *The CJN* called "Israel has strayed," Yaacov Gray is disappointed that *The CJN* and Jews in Canada as a whole show "blind unqualified support for Israel" and its actions. On the contary, he claims, the fact that Jews murder, abuse human rights and demolish homes should be discussed in the community at large to "broaden the perspective."



I, for one, don't want to broaden my perspective in this way. As a Jew who feels that he and his ancestors have put up with enough discrimination over the past thousands of years, I do not feel the need to justify the actions of Israel to the world, and especially not to members within my own Jewish community. If you don't like it and wish to broaden your horizons, pick up any one of the many newspapers out there that share your belief about Israel's excessive behaviour. There you'll find plenty of articles to support your viewpoint.

Yoel Farkas
Toronto

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Is all-out war what Israel is about?

Yasher koach to Yaacov Gray for his forthright letter ("Israel has strayed," *CJN*, May 31). After I read the interview of Israel Danziger in the same issue, Gray's views helped calm me down.

Danziger describes problem after serious problem faced by him and his chevre in Ma'ale Adam, which is about 25 kilometres south of Bethlehem. He ends by saying that "the only solution" is "all-out war" against the PA throughout the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. I believe he's serious. This is a prime example of what Yaacov Gray means when he castigates Israel and some Israelis for "straying from the righteous path."

If Danziger and his like are facing such hardship by living outside the Green Line, why doesn't he simply go back to live in Israel? Instead, he presents us with the terrible horrors of yet another war, still greater bloodshed and endlessly ongoing violence. Is this what Israel should be all about?

Bernard Katz
Toronto

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Life in Muslim lands hardly peaceful

I take exception to the introduction in Avner Meiri's article "60 Years since Shavuot pogrom in Baghdad" in *The CJN* May 24. Meiri depicts the living conditions of Jews in Iraq, presumably over the last millennium, as being "peaceful, enjoying the freedom to practise their religion and their culture."

In her well-researched book, *From Time Immemorial: A history of the Arab/Jewish conflict over Palestine*, Joan Peters dispels many myths, including the myth of comfortable living conditions for Jews in Muslim lands during the last 1,400 years. About the lives of Jews in Iraq during the last 1,000 years, she begins: "Capricious and extreme oppression under some Arab caliphs and Mamelukes brought taxation amounting to expropriation in AD 1000." She goes on to describe horrible events such as the pillage of Jewish synagogues in Baghdad and the slaughter of the Jews of Basra in 1776.

The troubles caused by Muslim Arabs, Mamelukes and Turks for Jews (and Christians) living in Muslim lands did not begin with the creation of Israel, nor did they begin when the first Zionist congress convened in Europe.

Mark Sidloi
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Seeking family info

Over the past months, I have become involved in researching my husband's family who originated in the mid-1850s in Leeds and Manchester, England.

I need to find two members of his family who I believe emigrated to Toronto in the mid 1900s, but I don't know where they settled. Their names are Esther Marcus, née Cohen, and Rudy Marcus, and their son is, I believe, Mark Marcus.

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We must support Israel

I am writing this letter sitting on the plane after a wonderful two-week trip to Israel with my daughter in honour of her bat mitzvah. On the trip, which we made on her special request, we spent time with relatives and toured on our own at all times of the day in Tel Aviv, Jaffa and Jerusalem. My initial apprehensions melted very quickly upon our arrival. At no time did we feel threatened or unsafe. We comfortably walked the streets in the dark, something I cannot do in Toronto.

The joy of our trip – my daughter's first time in the Jewish State – was undermined by the lack of tourists. The museums and shops felt like ghost towns; we were sometimes the only customers. The only tours we did see were Christian ones. When I asked several Christian tourists if they were afraid to come, they said, emphatically, "No." One woman from South Carolina told me, "Now is really the time to come and show our support for Israel."

If they can show their support in this way, we – as fellow Jews – must do so, too.

Debra Anthony
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Perspectives

We are like dreamers

By RABBI BARUCH FRYDMAN-KOHL

I dream of Jerusalem. I see the streets of Katamon where I have walked and the small park in Baka where my son skinned his knee. I remember carrying the watermelon home in one arm and my little son in the other. I can see the moon above the Old City and the kite floating from the Haas-Sherover Promenade over the Kidron Valley. I can feel the cold waters of Hizkiyahu's Tunnel and the heat of the Kotel plaza on Tisha b'Av. Under Robinson's Arch, I touch the stones which fell in 70 CE and at Ammunition Hill I walk through the trenches of 1967. Jerusalem is my past, my present and my future.

War, destruction and the passage of time have left little of biblical Jerusalem. There are no palaces in the city of the great sovereign. There are few buildings of great magnificence and beauty. For many centuries, it was poor and neglected. By the year 1800, only 9,000 people lived there. Herman Melville called it a "barbarous city." Mark Twain described it as "mournful, dreary and lifeless." Years ago, the prophet Jeremiah told us, "Place Jerusalem near your heart" (51:3). We continued to dream of her, like lovers separated by time, recalling our past encounters and hoping for the moment when we might embrace again.

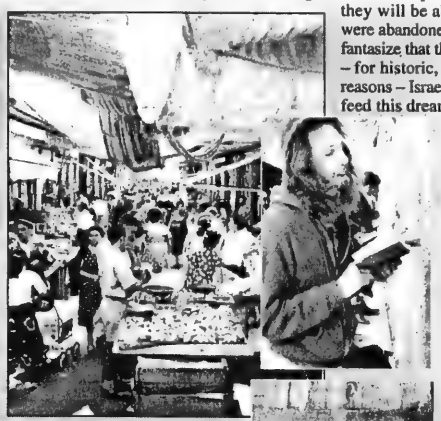
Isaiah prophesied, "Your eyes will see Jerusalem (32:20)." Jerusalem is not only a shrine. It is a living city, a real place with real people, an urban centre whose traffic jams are annoying, whose pollution is choking and whose litter is filthy. While most tourists recognize its wealthy neighbourhoods and high rises, Jerusalem also has slums and swindlers. Today we still love her, and dream of her, despite the problems and challenges we see, just as we treasure our own home and family.

Jerusalem is not large, as cities go. In 1869, Twain wrote that "a fast walker could go outside the walls of [the Old City of] Jerusalem and walk entirely around the city in one hour." Yet it looms large in our history, its streets reflecting a 3,000-year heritage. I have lived on Rechov Dan and Rechov Menashe, near the other tribes of ancient Israel. I have eaten in restaurants on Rechov Hanevi'im, and attended receptions on Rechov Miryam Hahashmanait, a name reflective of the Hasmonean dynasty. I have waited for buses on Rechov Binyamin miTudela, named from the Spanish period, and attended synagogue on Rechov Yehudah Halevi. I have shopped on streets named for great rabbis and others which remind me of Christian and Muslim holy teachers. I have met friends on Rechov Hamelech George, its name taken from the British Mandate period, and danced on Rechov Hapalmach, a name which tells of Jewish return, renewal and triumph. As Rav Nachman of Breslav once said, "Wherever I go, I am going to Jerusalem."

On June 7, 1967, Colonel Motta Gur announced, "Har habayit beyadeinu (The Temple Mount is ours)." Yet we were not like other conquerors. We also understood our obligation to share it. Three hours later, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan removed the Israeli flag from the Dome of the Rock and withdrew paratroopers from the area of the Haram al-Sharif. On June 17, Dayan returned functional control of the Temple Mount to the Muslim Wakf. Under Israeli control, the sacred sites of all religions have been respected and preserved.

Years ago, the Latin patriarch told me that he envisioned an international administration. I reminded him that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre could not be repaired because the Christians could not agree on how to proceed. The only reason the Old City functioned was because the Israelis protected the rights of all parties. Because Israel sets the rules, all are able to share in the life of this city.

With the exception of periods of the intifadah, the unified city has been a place of safety and security for residents and tourists. The markets of the Old City have flourished. Arab children have played with mine in Gan Hapaamon and on the Haas-Sherover Promenade. Arab mothers have received medical treatment at Hadassah Hospital. Palestinian and Jew have shopped together in malls. I have been guided by Arab youth in Silwan and have offered older Arab women assistance on Derech Bet Lehem. On a functional level, on the common sense level of its inhabitants, the city has worked. A central administration has made this possible. A fragmented city would be an administrative and security nightmare.



Scenes from the Western Wall and streets of Jerusalem.

The Psalms remind us, "What we once heard, we now have witnessed. In the city of the Eternal, in the city of our God, May God preserve it forever." But it is not only God who must preserve Jerusalem. The same psalm charges us: "Walk all about Zion. Encircle her. Count her towers. Review her ramparts. Scan her citadels. Then tell her story to later generations. Tell of our God who will guide us forever." To live up to this charge, we must be both faithful and strong. There have been efforts made by Arab leaders to deny that we have a history on the Temple Mount, to dispute the existence of the first and second Temples. We must remain faithful to our biblical memories and to our ultimate hopes. We must sustain with strength our place in the history of Jerusalem. We must be willing to make sacrifices to maintain our role in her future.

One of the great challenges of life in Israel is how to learn from our dreams, to keep them part of us and carry them forward, yet also to temper them. In our personal lives, we differentiate between our dream world and the world in which we awaken. If we fail to do so, we can endanger ourselves and those around us. Israelis have made a great effort to control their dreams as they try to create normal lives for themselves and their children. But the Palestinians have not made a serious effort to differentiate their dreams from the real world. For many of them, the fantastic still seems possible. They still imagine that they will be able to return to homes which were abandoned over 50 years ago. They still fantasize that they will control territory which – for historic, cultural, religious or security reasons – Israel will never cede. Their leaders feed this dream and make no effort to teach the masses of Palestinian Arabs to reconcile their dreams with the necessary realities of compromise.

There are those among us who have dreamt of a peaceful relationship, a shared coexistence between Israel and the Palestinian people. Some actually hoped that the peace negotiations would bring about a new Middle East. But the Palestinians have a different dream which denies our history and our place in Jerusalem and which is of a piecemeal disruption and dissolution of the State of Israel. The riots during the past six months have made it clear that their dreams have become our nightmares. Even peaceniks have had their eyes opened.

While the Palestinians are not strong enough to realize their hopes, nonetheless, Israelis will be compelled to re-imagine the form of any future relationship. Dreams – even nightmares – must be examined carefully and integrated into our waking lives. In the meantime, here in the Diaspora, we must support Israel, particularly at this difficult time. As we mark the reunification of Jerusalem in the Six Day War, may our dreams sustain us. Let us resolve as Jews have done throughout history, next year – and every year – to be in, and part of, Jerusalem.

A prayer from the Talmud (Brachot 55b) says, "Sovereign of the Universe, I am Yours and my dreams are Yours. I have dreamt a dream and do not know what it means. May it be Your will, Eternal my God and God of my ancestors, to enable all my dreams for myself and the people of Israel to be fulfilled for good ends. Strengthen and confirm my good dreams… If they require healing, heal them… Sweeten them. Turn them into a blessing… May You bring all my dreams and the dreams of the entire people of Israel to good ends. Protect me. Be gracious to us. Favour those we love with peace. Amen."

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Money grabbers?

At the recent Congress plenary, it was my privilege to chair a session on Holocaust restitution issues. I am sure most of my readers will be aware that there are people out there who look askance at a survivor's desire to get back what is owed him or her – be it property or pay for slave labour, or for loss of whatever the Nazis took away.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

But the voices of those who dislike us are becoming more raucous. "Money grabbers!" they call us, as if the survivors' main objective is to get money rather than justice. Neal Sher and Elan Steinberg, our two panellists, dealt in part with this nasty problem. They dealt with the right that survivors have to obtain what is due to them, which is both material and moral restitution, the latter being a way to get history right so that all of us have an honourable future.

Steinberg made one memorable point: If the Nazis had only taken away our jobs, our possessions or anything material, no one would ever question our desire to get back what we have lost. But the fact they also murdered us seems to have obscured this right, and suddenly the whole picture is distorted.

The bottom line is that, though we may not be able to silence our critics, we will continue to ask for what is owed us. The real question is, why did we wait so long to ask for it?

Our panellists suggested that the answer lies largely in the availability of heretofore classified documents. Not until the United States opened its archives did we begin to find out what had been stashed away, and not until the Swiss made themselves subject to public enquiry did their banks begin to comply with the legitimate needs of the survivors.

In addition, our speakers averred that the movie *Schindler's List* and the opening of the Holocaust Museum in Washington and the publicity that attended it are also largely responsible for stimulating survivors to look at the opportunities for recovering what is owed to them.

The panellists discharged their obligation with clarity and aplomb, and the large audience was appreciative. Their questions were answered promptly and forthrightly. They made reference to the unhappy fact that the number of survivors decreases rapidly year by year, and that the time will not be far off when no one will be alive to claim what is his or her due.

But that will leave our community with a special responsibility, not because the heirs or the communities will want the money, but because justice has to be done. Restitution is something that is owed for moral as well as material reasons; history demands it and whatever our enemies will say about it should not in any fashion deter us from pursuing what is right. For if not now, when?

Maybe all you need is love

The Vancouver Jewish Film Festival has brought a wide selection of films on Jewish subjects to our fair city for 13 years. (Mazel tov on your bar mitzvah!) This year was no exception.

Two in particular struck a deep chord: a Polish film of Solomon (Shloime) Ansky's *The Dybbuk*, and a German-language story based on true characters Aimee and Jaguar.

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

Both were love stories. Both ended tragically. Both spoke about the redeeming power of love, albeit in very different ways. And, if readers recall last month's column regarding Ruth Wisse's book *The Modern Jewish Canon*, both were made in languages that she accused of being inherently anti-Semitic and death-dealing to those who chose them.

Ansky wrote *The Dybbuk* in 1916 in Yiddish, and later turned his story about demonic possession into a play. The film version I saw was performed in Polish with a magnificent cast of actors. Indeed, we asked ourselves sitting in the darkened theatre, where did they get so many Jewish-looking actors?

The story hinges on the love of a young couple whose parents had agreed that their children should marry. The girl's father, however, ignores (or forgets) his original promise and although the two children grow up to be soulmates, the girl is promised to another man. Broken-hearted, her true love dies and his embittered soul comes back and possesses the girl's body. Her father takes her to a wonder-working rebbe to have the threatening spirit exorcised.

The exorcism is a powerful scene, and ultimately, it is a futile gesture because the girl dies as the boy's soul leaves her. The false groom her father chose does not arrive in time for the wedding ceremony.

"Too late," the rebbe sighs, "too late." We are left only with the implication that after death, the true lovers will be reunited in the world of spirits.

We all know what happened to the Jews of Poland two centuries after the story is supposed to have taken place. So why make a film in Polish about Jews, after their community has been destroyed? Is it too late?

The story is about broken promises and the deadly results of treachery. Yet the performance itself is a testimony to memory, and just maybe, the tentative beginnings of a people's ability to explore its past – in this case, the Polish people and the Polish past, a past inhabited by ghosts of a vital and thriving community, now dead at the hands of their neighbours.

Where is love? Maybe not possible. But just maybe, the beginnings of forgiveness.

Aimee and Jaguar fall in love in a place far away from the shtetl. It is Berlin in 1944 and Allied planes are bombing it to rubble. The Nazis are still rounding up and killing Jews. The story is true: a Jewish lesbian and the wife of a Nazi soldier fall in love.

The Jewish girl and her friends hide in plain sight in the clubs and bars of a decaying Reich. She herself is hiding her family and helping others to escape. But rather than leave, she remains with her lover. Ultimately she is found out and dies in Theresienstadt. Today her former lover, now 85, lives in Berlin, and still mourns "Jaguar."

The language is German, the love story lesbian, the impact – incredible. The women walk through the bombed city immune to the fires and destruction. In fact no one seems to notice that the Germans are losing the war. In the midst of it all, they have carved out a quiet place where they can love, while all around them is hatred.

So why was this film made?

First of all, it is a true story. Second, Germany and the Jews continue to struggle to find their way back to each other, like Aimee and Jaguar seeing each other across a chasm of death.

The country that once seemed poised to give its Jewish citizens true equality instead looked into the dark corners of its soul and destroyed them. How to get back?

Unlike Poland, Germany has Jews returning to its cities. True, most are Russian Jews rather than those of German-Jewish descent. But perhaps that is how reconciliation begins. Maybe there is a place where the chasm can be bridged. And why not use love to build it? We've tried hate.

A personal reflection on joy, sadness

Jewish life – communal and personal – is punctuated by times of great joy and periods of immense sadness. We celebrate the exodus from Egypt (Pesach) and the giving of the Torah (Shavuot); shortly thereafter, we mourn the destruction of the Temple (Tisha b'Av). We sing Hatikvah proudly on Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'atzmaut); yet we chant the El Malei Rachamim fervently on Yom Hashoah. We celebrate weddings, births and bar and bat mitzvahs, yet with almost equal effort, we mourn the death of a loved one or observe the yahrzeit of a family member.

Bruce Elman in Windsor

Joy and sadness, sadness and joy – in our tradition, these two emotions are often interwoven. Each of the three joyous pilgrimage festivals – Sukkot, Pesach, and Shavuot – sets aside one day on which to recite the Yizkor service for the departed. Yom Hazikaron – the day on which we remember those who have given their lives for the State of Israel – directly precedes Yom Ha'atzmaut. Effectively, the observance of these two occasions blends into one long moment of happiness and sorrow.

This Jewish tradition is also found, of course, in the breaking of the glass by the groom at the conclusion of the wedding ceremony. The glass is broken to symbolize that, even at a time of such supreme joy, we remember the times of suffering of the Jewish people. For the same reason, at bar and bat mitzvahs in my shul in Edmonton, we often do a reading about martyrdom in the Warsaw Ghetto or recite a prayer for all the unfortunate children in the world today.

I will always remember this year's 1st of June as a day of great joy and immense sadness. On this day, my daughter Gail's one year term as n'siah (president) of the North West Canada Region of B'nai B'rith Girls came to an end. To mark the conclusion of her term, Gail, as is the tradition of the organization, delivered a "State of the Region" address to the girls from Saskatchewan and Alberta who attended spring convention at Camp BB-Riback outside of Red Deer. The parents of the n'siah are invited (or, as in our case, commanded) to attend.

Originally, I thought that Gail would deliver a 10 – 15 minute speech and we would be out of there in no time. This was not the case, however. With great force and presence, Gail delivered a 45 minute speech that was objective yet visionary, personal yet institutional, humorous yet serious. She even said lovely things about her brothers and her parents.

But there was another part to the evening: an elaborate (and quite meaningful) ceremony (about which we were sworn to secrecy) – complete with video and slide show – during which the young women of BBG paid tribute to their outgoing president. (The adult community could learn something from these youngsters!)

When it came time for the parents to speak, I had great difficulty controlling my emotions. Although this event did not match the euphoria of Gail's birth 18 years ago, I nevertheless felt great happiness and nachas from knowing that she had become such an accomplished and mature young woman. I also felt some comfort in the knowledge that these young women of BBG were destined to be the Jewish leaders of the future.

As you well know, however, June 1st was also a day of unspeakable sorrow. Twenty young people, just like Gail, had their lives cut short by a fanatical Islamic extremist who, caring nothing for human life – either his own or others' – blew himself up in front of a nightclub on the beach in Tel Aviv. Dozens more were maimed and injured, their lives undeniably altered by a terrorist's act of cowardice.

We lived in Jerusalem during the year of the bus bombings. It was difficult, but I never felt the sense of outrage and despair I experienced on June 1st while watching the television reports. It seems to me that Israel is no longer involved in a peace process; there is apparently no partner for peace. Rather, Israel is involved in a war – a war in which the enemy plays by none of the accepted rules of warfare and where soldiers and citizens are indistinguishable, a war which will apparently be fought not at the borders of the State but in the heart of its cities.

One must feel immense sorrow, not just at what occurred on June 1st, but also at what lies ahead.

American Jews in the Southern states

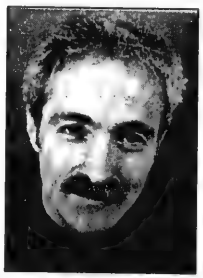
During the Jim Crow era, when segregation was the disgraceful norm in the American South, this region typified everything socially and politically retrogressive about the United States. One wonders how Jews, history's perennial scapegoat, could have lived in, much less accommodated themselves to, such a mean, backward, humiliating system.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

I was mindful of these currents as I read *The Peddler's Son: Growing up Jewish in Mississippi* by Edward Cohen, *The Jewish Confederates* by Robert Rosen, and volume two of *Southern Jewish History*, an academic journal from Georgia.

The Peddler's Son (University Press of Mississippi) is a perceptive, elegantly-written memoir of a second-generation Southern Jew coming to terms with his dual identity.

Formerly head writer of Mississippi Educational Television, Cohen was born in Jackson – a town "utterly segregated" by race – in 1948.



Edward Cohen

Cohen's paternal grandfather, a Romanian Jew, settled in Mississippi in the late 19th century. He and his brother operated a clothing store near Jackson frequented mainly by African Americans.

"Until I was six," he confesses, "I lived sheltered from [the] South in an almost entirely Jewish universe." As the only Jew in his classroom, he quickly realized that he was seen as an outsider. "The farther I ventured into adolescence, the more isolated I felt from my peers."

Ambivalence was his lot. "I didn't want to be a Christian... but at the same time... I didn't want to be different."

This attitude suffused the local Jewish community. "Our pasteurized, homogenized Judaism, with as much exoticism as possible pared away, was thoroughly attuned to the unvoiced desires of Southern Jews to fit in."

In line with this imperative, Cohen and some of his contemporaries took an assimilationist route. He married non-Jewish women, and regarded kashruth as a bizarre, antiquated practice. And yet, he acknowledges, there was still a distance between Jews and non-Jews in Jackson. "... we remained unbreachably separate," he observes, adding that anti-Semitism was not really much of a problem.

As caucasians, Jews were privileged. "We wern't Christian, but that wasn't determinative. All that mattered was that we weren't black."

In order to get along, Jews accepted segregation as a given, but were probably "more liberal" than their Christian counterparts.

As he puts it: "We didn't say 'nigger,' unless by much-regretted accident. We didn't require, or expect, Blacks to step aside on the sidewalk. We said hello to Blacks on the street." And in Jackson, Cohen Brothers was the only white-owned business with an integrated rest room and water fountain.

During the civil rights struggle, Cohen was torn by conflicting feelings: He was deeply ashamed of Mississippi's race-mired image. But when he read "pious articles" in the Northern press condemning Mississippi, he recoiled in horror.

Cohen left Jackson to attend college in Florida, but returned after graduation. Today, he resides in California. Mississippi, though, has had a marked influence on him. "... I'm hard put to say where the Southern leaves off and the Jewish begins."

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Having read Cohen's memoir, I was curious to dip into Robert Rosen's *The Jewish Confederates*, an intriguing work published by the University of South Carolina Press.

A third-generation Southerner born and reared in Charleston, South Carolina, Rosen deals with the American Civil War through the prism of the South's Jewish community. Although not a professional historian, he is a keen researcher, a competent writer and, one might add, a member of the South Carolina Historical Society.

Amply illustrated with photographs and maps, *The Jewish Confederates* focuses on the Jewish soldiers and civilians who served the doomed Confederacy from 1861 to 1865. In passing, the book glosses over the history of Jews in Dixie.

The first known Jew to reach the South was Elias Legardo, who arrived in Virgina in 1621. The first confirmed documentation of a Jew living in the Carolinas was in 1695. By 1820, Charleston, home to 700 Jews, was the foremost Jewish community in the United States.

Southern Jews, Rosen suggests, accepted slavery as part of everyday life and embraced the antebellum South's notions of race and states' rights.

Judah Philip Benjamin

Probably the most prominent Jew in the Confederacy was Judah Philip Benjamin, a Sephardi raised in the South. He was the first attorney-general, the second secretary of war and the third secretary of state of the Confederate States of America.

Two of the highest ranking officers in the Confederacy were Col. Leon Dawson Marks and Col. Abraham Charles Myers.

Marks, a Shreveport lawyer, was wounded during the 1863 Union siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and died shortly afterward. Myers, a West Point graduate, was the quartermaster general of the Confederacy. He was responsible for supplying the army with clothing, supplies and transportation. Fort Myers, Florida, is named after him.

Colonel Abraham Myers

The Jewish Confederates, with more than 60 pages of footnotes, is a valuable addition to American Jewish historiography.

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Southern Jewish History, edited by Mark Bauman and Rachel Heimovics, is published by the Southern Jewish Historical Society.

The first essay to pique my attention was "Jewish Merchants and Black Customers in the Age of Jim Crow" by Clive Webb.

According to Webb, Jews were a significant economic force in the South, and by the 20th century, Jewish department stores could be found in almost every major Southern city.

Since they were dependent on white customers, the Jewish owners of such stores were bound by local laws and customs. Water fountains, restrooms and restaurants were rigidly segregated, and partly as a result of these loathsome practices, the relationship between Jewish merchants and blacks was ambiguous, to say the least.

The proprietors of small stores, though, were in a better position to treat black customers equally, he notes.

In another essay, Marci Cohen Ferris traces the development of Southern Jewish cuisine. Early Jewish settlers were faced by the challenge of respecting Jewish dietary laws in a place where the consumption of pork, bacon, ham, lard and chitterlings was extremely common. German Jews adjusted their palates accordingly, but Eastern European Jews clung to traditional foods.

More often than not, she discloses, Jewish women relied on black maids to "cook Jewish" on the Sabbath and holidays.

Deborah Weiner, in a weak piece titled "The Jews of Keystone," describes a small Jewish community in the coalfields of West Virginia. Stacy Harris, in a similarly unsatisfactory essay, draws a pen portrait of the participation of Jews in Nashville's country music scene. Her conclusion? Jews have been actively involved in the business, but have had to cope with racial stereotyping and downright anti-Semitism.

Sounds familiar.

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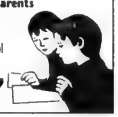

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Jewish Life

A riveting journey

***Walking The Bible, A Journey By Land Through The Five Books of Moses,* by Bruce Feiler, HarperCollins Publishers.**

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This book is armchair travel with a spiritual bent. When Bruce Feiler visited Israel he was struck "like a bolt of Cecil B. Demille lightning," by the idea that in and around the land he was enjoying were the actual places visited by biblical personalities. How better to understand the book that connected him to his ancestors than to stand, in person, on those very sites?

The author confesses that, "It had never occurred to me that the biblical story was so concrete, so connected to the ground. To here. To now."

Enlisting the aid of renowned Israeli archaeologist Avner Goren, the pair retraced chronologically the Five Books of Moses, travelling 10,000 miles, with stops in Turkey, Israel, Egypt, the Sinai, the Palestinian territories and Jordan.

They saw the mountain where Noah's Ark was thought to have landed, climbed Mount Sinai, visited the site of the burning bush and many other places referred to in the text, based on the latest archaeological research.

Most of the trip took place in 1998 during a "bubble of peace." Many of the holy places would be difficult to examine today in the midst of strife.

At each sacred spot, Feiler and Goren whip out their Bibles to explore both its history and geography and debate its authenticity.

Most often their conclusions are uncertain. But does it really matter? The author writes, "When I first came up with the idea of retracing the Bible, I was fascinated by questions of archaeology and identification: the precise place where Abraham went to sacrifice Isaac; the specific valley where Jacob had his dream; the exact mountain where Moses met God.

"Now, more than a year later, I was shifting my objectives. I still found these questions fascinating, but more in an academic, recreational sort of way. Instead, the questions that were drawing me more were those of symbolism, character and metaphor. I was reading the text less as a Baedeker now, and more as a Bible. I was reading it for meaning."

On lake Timsah in Egypt – perhaps the Red Sea area mentioned in the Bible – the authors, in a boat about the size of a bathtub, made out of eucalyptus, together with four other anxious passengers, are rowed by a 16-year-old to the opposite shore. Understandably, the author imagines the ancient Israelites miraculously walking through the parted waters in their flight for freedom.

On foot, jeep, rowboat or camel, the tireless author – his curiosity prodigious, his intellect sharp, his legs willing and able to climb – makes his way through three continents, five countries and four war zones.

Along the way he interviews a variety of persons on what the Bible means to them.

"And everybody had an answer. Every single person had a way to relate to the story, whether it was a Kurdish freedom fighter in Dogubayazit, a Jewish settler on the West Bank, a Muslim archaeologist in Cairo, a Bedouin shepherd in the Sinai, a Palestinian ambassador in Amman. In all of our travels, I never entered a room in which someone didn't have a story, a theory, or a question about the text."

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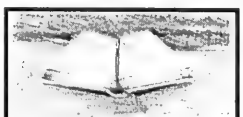
What's in a name?

By RABBI RONALD WEISS



Rabbinic Reflections

Names are among our most personal characteristics. They identify us to others and serve to distinguish who we are from everyone else. In Judaism, however, a name is not merely a term of reference by which a person is known. In our tradition, a name also defines the essence of an individual.

In Parshat Shelach we hear of how a name is bestowed upon an individual in a most unusual fashion. Before sending the Meraglim on their mission to scout the land, we are told that Moshe changes the name of Hoshea bin Nun to Yehoshua (Numbers 13:16). Our Sages, of blessed memory, offer many explanations for this change. Yet rabbinic thought is clearly of one mind in stating that it was meant to protect Yehoshua from the spies' plan.

One of the most intriguing comments in this discussion is the statement that the *yud* which was added to Yehoshua's name was the same *yud* that was removed from Sarah's name when it was changed from Sarai to Sarah.

The obvious question here is, why do our Sages speak of Sarah in this context? What was it about her that could afford Yehoshua protection and safety even in the midst of a most hostile environment?

Rav Nissan Alpert, of blessed memory, responds to these questions. In Limudai Nissan, he begins his discussion by noting another difficulty in the text. When Moshe dispatched the Meraglim, he gave them many directions. He told them to make a military assessment of the people and the cities in which the inhabitants dwelled. This, after all, was their primary task – to scout the land, ostensibly to facilitate the conquest in which they would soon be engaged. But Moshe also gave the Meraglim another instruction. He told them to appraise the land itself – to examine it carefully and report back on its qualities – whether it was good for agriculture, whether it itself was inherently good.

Rav Alpert observes that, in general, when spies are sent out on a mission, they are expected to complete a military report. Therefore, to request a description of the people and the fortifications of their cities was perfectly appropriate. However, he asks, what was the purpose of requiring the Meraglim to pay attention to the quality of the land? How did a description of the land's indigenous fruit further the goal at hand (which was to enter the land and take possession of it as the Almighty had promised)?

Rav Alpert states that Moshe was not sending them on this mission for the single purpose of determining the strength of the defences throughout the land. The spies were not to function as spies exclusively. There was a dual purpose to their mission. First they were to assess the military readiness of the inhabitants. But Moshe was also eager to hear what the Meraglim would say when they saw their new land. Thus, he instructed them to look at the land – their land – and see how good it was. Moshe was trying to instill a sense of pride and wonder in these princes of Israel, so that they should be overwhelmed at God's graciousness to the Jewish people in giving them such good land.

But what is the connection to Sarah, and why did Moshe change Hoshea's name to Yehoshua using the "yud" that had been removed from her name? With this background, Rav Alpert explains that of all the patriarchs and matriarchs of our people, Sarah was the one who had the most strength to zealously guard Jewish inheritance and its attachment to the land. Sarah was the one who, when faced with a threat to her son's inheritance, told her husband to send Hagar and Yishmael away. Sarah says clearly that Yishmael will not inherit with Yitzchak (Genesis 21:10). Thus, at her insistence, Hagar and Yishmael are banished.

This was the lesson Moshe wanted Yehoshua to learn so that he would be saved from the plans of the Meraglim. He would have to be strong in his love and devotion to the land in order to survive the Meraglim's onslaught. Moshe took the "yud" from Sarah's earlier name and gave it to Yehoshua to teach him that when one enters the land, one must have Sarah's attitude.

Rabbi Weiss is director of chaplaincy services at Jewish Family & Child Service.

Jewish Life

Jewish singles & the Internet

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

It's the largest Jewish Singles Club in the world. Actually, it's dozens of clubs. And for Jewish singles, the Internet can be an excellent way to look for a date, a partner or a lifelong partner.

Today, I begin my look at Jewish dating resources on the Internet.

But first a warning. Since there are so many services out there, it is impossible to rate them or vouch for their effectiveness. Mention in this column should *not* be seen as an endorsement. As with anything else on the Internet, do not give out your name or other personal identification until you have thoroughly checked out a service.

Let the dater beware.

A good place to start is with the article Maximizing Dot-Com Dating **[aish.com/dating/wisdom/Maximizing_Dot-Com_Dating.asp]** by Rosie Einhorn and Sherry Zimmerman. Their first piece of advice: Use the Internet as a tool for introduction rather than as a medium for conducting an extended online relationship. "Otherwise, you may begin to build an emotionally intimate friendship with someone whose printed words are charming – only to later discover that his/her personality, character or appearance are not what you bargained for." Be careful how much personal information you reveal and don't hesitate to ask for references. And when you do meet in person, keep your contact short and don't feel pressured simply because you've spent so much time, effort and money.

Aish HaTorah devotes a huge Web site to dating advice **[aish.com/dating/]**. There are more than 100 articles dealing with everything from Jekyll and Hyde Relationships to How to Survive Getting Dumped to Forging the Relationship Bond. The article titled 14 Things to Talk about on a Date has some suggestions for people who want to try something other than "Do you like Woody Allen?" Here are some of their suggestions for ice-breakers:

- What has been the most satisfying achievement of your life?
- Tell me about your family? How would you have changed the way you were raised?
- Is there something you've dreamed of doing for a long time? Why haven't you done it?

A great feature is that each article is accompanied by a discussion where others can comment on the advice and share your perspective.

Since so much of Judaism is centred on the family, that can put added pressure on singles. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations understands that and has put together a list of "18 Little Things You Can Do to Welcome our Singles" **[uahc.org/family/U18Singl.htm]**. Some suggestions:

- Honour a single friend by asking her/him to be the *kvatterin/kvatter* at your child's brit or baby-naming.
- Encourage recently single congregants to feel that they still have a place in your "couples" chavurah.
- Imagine being a single who booked a cruise on Noah's ark.

When all is said and done, one of the classic ways to advertise for love is to take out a classified ad. Although he's not on the market, Rabbi Bob Alper is always on the lookout for someone who would be the perfect match for one of his friends. So he has gathered some of his favourite ads in (the always interesting) *JewishWorldReview* **[www.jewishworldreview.com/bob/alper1.asp]**. In one, a "physically active, world-travelled semi-retired physician" was looking for an "attractive, natural, unburdened, minimal shopper." Here's one from the *Forward*: "Striking, sophisticated, slender redhead, former model from the midwest. Looking to meet charming, intelligent, fun loving, self-sufficient gentleman, 50-65, for mature relationship. Must have positive cash flow, a substantial amount of stocks and bonds, and have a terminal disease with no known heirs." And this appeared in Boston's alternative paper, the Phoenix: "Single Jewish woman seeks single Jewish man with dead mother."

So do these ads kindle a flame in you? These personal ads have apparently appeared in Israeli and Jewish papers **[www.mazornet.com/jewishcl/dating.htm]**.

- Couch potato latke, in search of the right applesauce. Let's try it for eight days. Who knows?
- Yeshiva bochur, Torah scholar, long beard, payos. Seeks same in woman.
- Desperately seeking shmoozing! Retired senior citizen desires female companion 70 for kvetching, kvelling, and krechtzing.
- Shul gabbai, 36. I take out the Torah Saturday morning. Would like to take you out Saturday night.

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Caravan's Jerusalem pavilion is back in business

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's back! The Jerusalem pavilion at Caravan, Toronto's annual multicultural festival, will be open this year, as in many past years, at the Bloor JCC.

Last year there was no Jerusalem pavilion because planned renovations at the longtime Bloor Street and Spadina Avenue site meant the building would not be available, said Arieh Rosenblum, Ontario regional director of B'nai Brith Canada and co-ordinator of the pavilion.

Although he noted that Caravan is a non-political venue, people who are looking to reflect solidarity with Israel or Jerusalem may be interested in attending the pavilion, Rosenblum said.

Staples of previous years' pavilions that will be familiar to former visitors include the selection of kosher Israeli foods, and the Jerusalem Singers and Dancers, whose show will reflect the multicultural nature of Jerusalem as an important city for three faiths, said Rosenblum.

360-degree projected views of the city

What is new this year is the use of technology to "try and bring Jerusalem right into the pavilion" with live shots of the Western Wall plaza via the Internet and with 360-degree projected views of the city.

Visitors will also be able to access Web sites offering news from Israel, such as the Jerusalem Post online.

"The goal, as always, is to project the positive and encouraging image of Jerusalem," said Rosenblum. "We hope everyone can come and have a good time, and learn something about Israel and Jerusalem in a positive way."

The pavilion, staffed and organized by almost 100 volunteers, will be open Sunday, June 17, from 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (last show is at 9 p.m.), and through Thursday, June 21 from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. David Grader will serve as pavilion mayor, Michelle Hart as pavilion princess.

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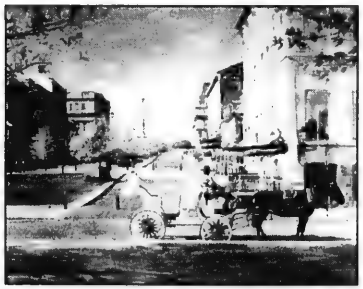

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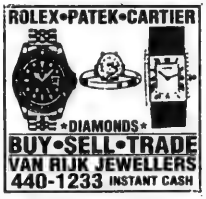

Funding religious schools is an act of tolerance

BY ED MORGAN

Guest Voice

Several extraordinary weeks have now gone by since the minister of finance read his budget speech in the Ontario legislature. The budget contained a measure of financial relief in the form of tax credits for families who send their children to private schools, including those denominational schools whose adherents were not yet in Canada in sufficient numbers in 1867 to benefit from the constitution's protection of the education rights of religious minorities.

During that time, Ontarians have been assured that religious education will lead to intolerance of secular lifestyles, and this by a Citytv talk-show host who openly calls Orthodox religious practices of any kind a distinct form of evil. Apparently he forgot that religious tolerance might be a two-way street.

Further, a representative of a public school teachers' union referred to religious schools as "segregationist" on a recently televised debate. Apparently he forgot that in 1999 it was the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation that defended the freedom of speech of one of this province's more notorious white supremacist teachers who had been fired by the Board of Education in Peel Region for his neo-Nazi affiliations.

Public school trustees in Toronto have suggested that they no longer will lease unused school buildings to private schools, which presumably would include those several Jewish day schools that pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in rent to the public school system. Apparently in their moment of spite, the trustees forgot their constant cries of underfunding, not to mention their own rhetoric about the public school system being the province's sole bastion of open-mindedness and pluralism.

Religious communities have been lectured by politicians and others who in good faith support a strong public school system, on the fundamentally private nature of religious educational choices. Apparently they forgot that they send their own children to publicly funded Roman Catholic separate schools.

If the much-bandied value of tolerance means anything in our society, it means that each religious group in Ontario must have the benefit of equal respect and equal support. Just as public school advocates correctly state that it is in the classroom and schoolyard that the social ethic of a tolerant society is played out, religious school advocates know that it is in the education of children that valued cultural knowledge and traditions are passed down.

There is room in Ontario for both the public school and the religious school visions of education. Indeed, we have 150 years of experience with Roman Catholic schools turning out well-educated citizens that are every bit as valued and productive as their public school counterparts.

This is certainly one way to read the constitutional pact of 1867. When Quebec promised that it would publicly support Protestant schools and Ontario reciprocated with a promise to support Roman Catholic schools, the fathers of confederation (and there were only fathers in the legislature at the time) put into place a nascent form of Canadian multiculturalism. Now that we have had the wisdom to expand our political representatives to include mothers, we can also afford to expand our embrace of other, more newly arrived faiths.

Publicly supported religious schools have the potential to vastly enrich the province's cultural landscape. We are blessed in Ontario with a well-functioning multicultural society, and the existing religious schools – whether publicly run by the separate school boards or privately run by other religious denominations – reflect the society around them in their adherence to the ethic of tolerance. We would expect and demand nothing less.

Critics have asserted that it is only in the mixing of communities in the public school environment that continued social tolerance can be learned. Ontario's public schools no doubt produce a socially benevolent educational message, but it is not simply because they are public schools. It is because they reflect an already cosmopolitan and tolerant society.

If it were otherwise, we would all have to admire the educational system in the United States, where there are no Catholic separate schools and no public support for any denominational education. But America's urban public schools are not exactly a model of social tolerance; sadly, they reflect a dysfunctional society. Haven't our pundits ever heard Woody Allen's line about winning two weeks at New York City's inter-faith camp, where he was sadistically beaten by boys of all creeds?

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Our teachers have taught us to prefer Hillel over Shamai. His arguments may not be better in every case, but his approach is one of openness and respect for the other point of view. Speaking for Ontario's Jewish day schools, it is in this spirit that we embrace the current proposals for public support. We would ask everyone who advocates for an improved educational environment in this province to do the same.

Ed Morgan is the chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

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School funding debate continues

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — While some groups oppose publicly financed support of private schools, others argue that the proposed provincial tax rebate is simply an extension of Canada's long-standing commitment towards multiculturalism.

Consisting of approximately 50 families, Oraynu, a Congregation for Humanistic Judaism, is based on a secular approach towards the cultural, creative and spiritual aspects of Jewish history and heritage.

In a press release, Oraynu stated that they are "opposed to the financial support of private schools, including the Catholic Separate School system, by direct or indirect government funding."

Yet Michael Brown, director of York University's Centre for Jewish Studies, argued that Catholics have been financially supported for well over a century in Canada.

Historically, Brown said, there has always been federal and provincial encouragement to develop, fortify and strengthen ethnic identities.

Before the implementation of the Multiculturalism Act in 1971, Brown said, Canada was officially a binational country and gave support to two languages, two religions and two regions.

"We gave each other a large measure of respect, even when we collided."

After 1971, "there has been an official undertaking in our country away from two groups to a federation of groups with the understanding that Canada would be stronger as their ethnic groups strengthened."

According to Oraynu, "The proposed Ontario government tax rebate for students... would divert public funds [taxes not collected] to private educational institutions."

Some groups argue that this would weaken the public school system.

However, Brown notes that "in all the other provinces which fund day schools, there has been no indication that their public schools are any worse than those in Ontario."

In the rest of Canada, Brown said, with regard to education, Catholic schools are generally supported and the commitment to multiculturalism is strong, real and a "very Canadian kind of thing."

However, Brown said, "the current debate around the rebate being offered by the government in Ontario shows that the dedication towards multiculturalism here may not be one that everyone shares – at least so far as it would require that the government put up some money for independent schools."

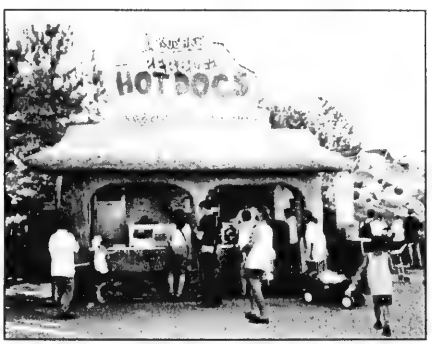
Pebble's is back at Wonderland

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – For the third year, Paramount Canada's Wonderland has kosher food, thanks to Len Libman.

Kosher Pebble's Hot Dogs, a permanent site in Hanna-Barbera Land, located beside the entrance to Bedrock Aquarium, has hot dogs, veggie dogs, french fries and a variety of drinks.

Libman, of Libman Food Services, which owns and operates the kosher facility, told *The CJN* that last year, Pebble's "beat all our expectations, and we expect to do the same this year."



The Kosher Pebble's Hot Dogs facility at Canada's Wonderland.

He estimates that more than 25,000 people came to Pebble's last season. "Last year we even had camp groups and others from across the country and from the United States.

"We are constantly upgrading," says Libman. "We now have a new barbecue grill, [so] we can continue to accommodate shul events and other large groups."

Arrangements for these events must be made in advance.

Although Pebble's has to operate under a price schedule set at Wonderland, Libman says, "I believe that our French fries are the lowest price in the park."

While he says he is "pleased to provide a service to the [Jewish] community," he notes that many non-Jews patronize Pebble's because they say they like the products.

As well, vegetarians, those with dietary restrictions, and members of religious groups purchase food from Pebble's.

Libman, who is a partner in Pre-Lock Security Services Inc., got into the food business in 1998. When he visited Wonderland with his family, they could not find any kosher food. When his wife complained to the administration, the staff member asked if she knew anyone who would operate a kosher business. Her husband decided that he would do it.

Libman says he hopes Wonderland "will let us add some new menu items in the future."

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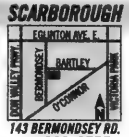

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Torah donated for youth minyan

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sidney and Pearl Woolf, longtime supporters of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) are donating a sefer Torah to be used at the NCSY youth minyan at Beth Avraham Yoseph synagogue (BAYT) in Thornhill.

The sefer Torah is being donated in memory of their parents Yitzchak Tzvi and Tova Feiga Cannon and Yitzchak Gershon and Chaya Woolf, and in memory of their machuten Rabbi Moshe Refoel Kaplan, a longtime teacher.

It will be dedicated on June 17. A procession from the corner of Hilda and Clarke avenues will form at 11 a.m., arriving at BAYT for a ceremony at 11:45.

While it is traditional for those dedicating a sefer Torah to give the community the opportunity to share the mitzvah by dedicating a letter or verse, the Woolfs wanted to encourage youngsters to participate as well. They have therefore started a Toonie for Torah campaign, which allows young people who send in $2 to dedicate a letter.

"Everyone who sends in a toonie will get a certificate and a chance to win a CD player; they will be put on the NCSY mailing list and get a fact sheet called *Secrets of Torah*," said NCSY regional director Rabbi Glenn Black.

NCSY events co-ordinator Barbara Meyer told *The CJN* that response has been excellent. "There is a lot of interest, and donations are coming in every day," she said.

Monies raised through the Toonies for Torah campaign will be channelled into the Teaching Kids to Care Fund, a new fund established by NCSY in honour of the Woolfs. It will be used to support and expand the organization's scholarship and outreach programs.

Sidney and Pearl Woolf have been active in the Toronto Jewish community since they arrived here from England in 1950. A number of their family members have been active in NCSY, including David Woolf, currently president of the board of directors; Mordie Shields (a grandson-in-law) is on the board; and granddaughter-in-law Guila Woolf is an employee of the organization, doing outreach and serving as director of Camp NCSY Guila, an overnight camp program for teenage girls.

NCSY is the youth education and outreach arm of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations. In Toronto, its programs include Torah High, an afternoon Hebrew school for high school students; NCSUS, a new program for university students; the Drop-In Zone, a drop-in centre for high school students at the organization's headquarters at the Main Exchange Plaza at Bathurst Street and Steeles Avenue; and Jewish Culture Club, which meets at various high schools around the GTA. It also sponsors tours to Israel.

For more information, call NCSY at 905-761-6279, e-mail ncsy@ncsy.ca, or go to its Web site, www.ncsy.ca.

Kids for Israel Bazaar, Carnival set

TORONTO — The Kids for Israel Bazaar and Carnival, to be held June 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Westmount Collegiate in Thornhill, will be a great chance for kids to participate in a number of activities, including arts and crafts, face-painting and sports.

At the same time, according to Gail Michalowicz of Aish Hatorah, which is sponsoring the program, they will have a chance to feel connected to the children of Israel.

Aish Hatorah wants to convey the message that "we [Jews in Canada and those in Israel] are linked – we are all one family," Michalowicz, director of special programming and one of the event's organizers, said.

The bazaar, she said, aims to show the fun connected with Israel, but also the reality, that "children there can't just go to the mall – they have to keep looking over their shoulders."

Proceeds from the event are going to the Israel Emergency Fund. The event will include a raffle, the sale of coffee, the sale of Israeli flags and a clothing sale, Michalowicz said.

Youngsters can make their own tzedakah boxes and can create notes that will go on a "kotel wall" and will later be taken to Israel and put into the Western Wall. They can also dip their hands in paint and put their handprints on a "solidarity mural" called Join Hands for Israel that will be sent to an Israeli daycare centre.

Another special activity the children can take part in is the Rosh Hashanah Card Program, Michalowicz said. Part of a project by the Jewish Dream Network, children who are 21 and younger in schools, camps and participating in programs around the world will send a card to children in Israel that says, "You aren't alone. We are with you and wish you a happy and safe New Year."

The cards will be collected and mounted on huge pieces of cardboard and shipped to Israel. After being displayed in Jerusalem, the display will be broken up and sent to different areas around the country.

Everyone attending will be given a loot bag that will include two Shabbat candles.

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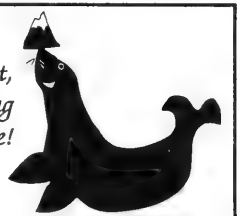

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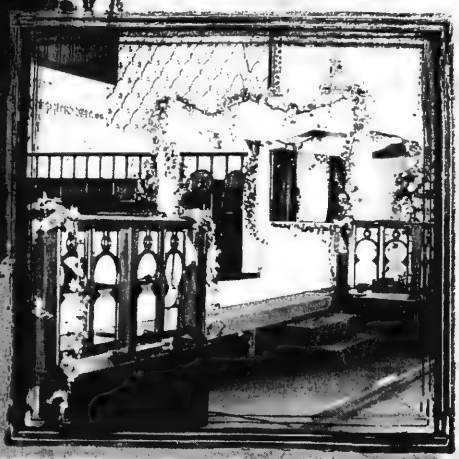

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Race relations committee member under fire

Distributed controversial material at a workshop on teaching the Holocaust

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress wants further action to be taken against a volunteer member of York Region's Race Relations Advisory Committee for distributing controversial material at a workshop on teaching the Holocaust.

Congress has written to the York Region District School Board, which oversees the committee, saying further action is "required" against Bader Abu-Zahra.

Last month, Abu-Zahra survived a vote on whether to remove him from the race relations committee. The vote, which was not recorded, was close, and there were several abstentions, according to committee co-ordinator Jose Fernandes.

Congress refused to provide *The CJN* with a copy of its letter to the school board. Len Rudner, CJC Ontario region's community relations director (and also a volunteer member of the York Region Race Relations Committee) said the letter claimed the committee "made the wrong decision" in voting to retain Abu-Zahra, and that more investigation is needed. Rudner would not say whether CJC is seeking Abu-Zahra's removal.

The matter goes back to April, during a board-sponsored professional development program for teachers on anti-racism. At a workshop on teaching the Holocaust, Abu-Zahra distributed a review of *The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering* by the notorious U.S. writer Norman Finkelstein, known for his belief that the Holocaust is used by Jewish organizations to extort political power and financial gain, and as an ideological weapon to further Zionist objectives.

In an April 23 letter to Abu-Zahra, Alan Shefman, chair of the Race Relations Advisory Committee, called the review of Finkelstein's book "anti-Semitic and therefore contrary to the ethos of the board of education and especially of this committee."

Shefman said that a member of the race relations committee distributing "hateful and disrespectful" material is "totally unacceptable," and he asked for Abu-Zahra's "immediate resignation."

Abu-Zahra responded by saying that "special focus" on the Holocaust is "exclusive and marginalizes the suffering of other people... the belief that there is a hierarchy of human suffering is in itself profoundly racist and deeply offensive."

He pointed to other examples of 20th century genocide.

"In trying to silence me," Abu-Zahra wrote Shefman, "you have only confirmed Prof. Finkelstein's point that politically powerful interests have exploited the suffering of Jews during the Second World War and that the spectre of anti-Semitism to silence opinions with which they disagree. Next, will you accuse Professor Finkelstein, the devoted son of Holocaust survivors, of being anti-Semitic?"

Shefman described the May 10 vote to keep Abu-Zahra "appalling," saying members probably just wanted to avoid a confrontation.

He said the school board has the power to remove Abu-Zahra.

Abu-Zahra told *The CJN* his life was "turned upside down" by the controversy.

"I'm not an anti-Semite or Holocaust denier. These are very serious allegations. What [Shefman] did to me was terrible. I couldn't sleep. I suffered. My family suffered," he said.

He said his intention in distributing the review of Finkelstein's book was to draw educators' attention to other examples of genocide. "This was a huge misunderstanding."

Abu-Zahra, who is in his first year on the race relations committee, said he apologized to the board for having offended anyone.

"It was not my intention to hurt anyone. I'm just here to help and this is what I get.

"My best friends are Jews."

He said he hopes the matter is over.

Bill Crothers, chair of the York Region District School Board, told *The CJN* the board would be "very reluctant" to do anything without input from the race relations committee.

"It's not likely. It would be contrary to the philosophy behind the committee."

Birthright trip departs with smaller group

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Shoshana Weinberg, director of summer programming for NCSY, said the Orthodox youth group has seen its program participation plummet this summer. The five programs generally attract as many as 150 teenagers. This year, only 15 applied.

Rabbi Dan Rand, a spokesman for Aish Hatorah in Toronto, said their Israel program numbers, though modest at the best of times, are down substantially from previous years. Organizers were hoping to recruit 40 participants for an August fellowship trip to Israel, but as of last week, only two had registered.

Stephen Wolnek, president of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, told the Rabbinical Assembly Convention in Toronto last week that the organization's trips to Israel would continue and that "all security arrangements are in place to protect our precious children."

Meanwhile, as hundreds of 20-somethings milled around Pearson airport, Susan Jackson, a spokesman for UJA Federation, one of the sponsors of the Birthright program, said security in Israel for the mission has been beefed up and a number of changes to the group's itinerary have been made to make the trip safer.

Participants will be lodged in kibbutz guest houses and in rural areas outside Israel's main cities during most of the 10-day trip, she said. That differs from practice in previous years when hotels in Israel's main centres were booked. In addition, there will be less unsupervised free time and mission participants will not be free to wander on their own in Israeli cities, she said.

The changes were made after consultations with concerned parents in order to enhance their "comfort level" as well as those of the participants, Jackson said.

Two days before the first flight departed Pearson, the management committee of Canada Israel Experience, the group that organizes the Birthright Israel program, gave the trip a green light, said Maxyne Finkelstein, executive vice-president of UIA Federations Canada.

"After long discussions, we decided to go ahead... It was a 'yes' but with a lot of concern," she said.

Isaac Osiel, 24, who left on his second Birthright trip to Israel as a madrich (counsellor), said his "incredible passion for Israel" prompted his participation. "I trust the Birthright system. Everything will be okay," he said.

Rachel Lurie, 25, said her family was concerned about the situation in Israel, "but not enough to pull out."

Vancouver native Ian Goodman, 20, admitted he was "a little worried about security. I had some doubts, but I got over them. It's never going to be 100 percent safe. At least we know the situation there and it's not going to be a surprise."

Dov Dimant, 21, and also from Vancouver, said his parents were more worried than he. "I think we'll be safe. They're taking appropriate measures."

Miriam Shaposhnik, 19, felt it was important to show Israelis that "we Jews are sticking together."

Samantha Borden, 21, and her sister Lindsay, 20, felt it was important to go to see the child health-care centre dedicated in the name of their late father, Alan, a former president of B'nai Brith Canada.

"We figured they weighed the options and if they think it's safe, we'll trust them," Lindsay said.

- With files from Frances Kraft

ISRAEL DAY FESTIVAL:
Young and old braved the inclement weather on June 3 for the Israel Day Festival at Mel Lastman Square, sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation. The program included face painting, stage entertainment, arts and crafts, an Israeli marketplace, kosher food, a live auction and a Russian family circus.

Beth Tikvah's Cantor Sapir prepares to leave Toronto

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — He may be a traditional Conservative chazzan, but Cantor Efraim Sapir is not averse to the use of popular music in synagogue services.

"It's very effective, but you have to use it judiciously. You can't popularize it to the point where anything goes," he said recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, where he has served for 17 years.

Cantor Efraim Sapir

In fact, the use of popular music has a longstanding precedent, according to Sapir, whose father's background was chassidic.

"What did Chassidim do? They took popular peasant music, or popular music of the day, and put it into their services. Many of the chassidic niggunim are purported to be borrowed from shepherds and gypsies."

The 55-year-old cantor, who has introduced chassidic and other tunes to his congregation, will leave Beth Tikvah in mid-July to take a position at Temple Emeth, a Conservative congregation in Delray Beach, Fla. Next week, on June 19, he will be fêted at Beth Tikvah with a tribute dinner and concert.

A proponent of congregational participation, Sapir says, "If you want to listen to me, take my recordings. If you're with me in the synagogue, I want you to join me, participate with me. I will maybe light the fire, but you have to burn with me."

In his new position, Sapir is to introduce at least two new pieces every Shabbat. Among the tunes he has introduced here are niggunim commissioned from Beth Tikvah's composer-in-residence, Srul Irving Glick.

Rabbi Wayne Allen, the synagogue's spiritual leader, lauded Sapir in a recent column in the Beth Tikvah bulletin for his "mellifluous yet earthy tenor voice that can inspire his listeners, [and his] wonderful knack of making every service seem fresh and novel."

And despite Sapir's traditional bent, he is leaving the non-egalitarian Beth Tikvah for an egalitarian congregation. Part of the appeal for both the chazzan and his wife Dvora, he admitted, is the warm climate, but he has, he noted, "trained a few young ladies here in Toronto to serve as chazzaniot. I have no problem with that."

Repeating a comment he has made publicly, he said that "if egalitarianism would open the floodgates of the synagogue, and we'll have people here day in and day out, I would say, 'Do it.'" He noted, in the context of that view, that Temple Emeth is a "very active, very committed, extremely well-attended" congregation.

Raised in a traditional, modern Orthodox home, Sapir is the son of Holocaust survivors who met after the war and made aliyah after marrying in Europe.

Ardent religious Zionists, the couple were part of a core kibbutz group formed in Europe, who set up a kibbutz near Petach Tikvah in 1945. In 1949, the kibbutz disbanded and the family moved to nearby Moshav Nechalim, where Sapir's parents still live.

Although he is the first chazzan in his family, Sapir grew up in a music-filled home, with myriad zemirot sung by his family every Friday night, Shabbat lunch and Shabbat afternoon.

His route to a cantorial career was somewhat circuitous, with studies toward a BA in English and voice at Syracuse University and toward a master's degree in education administration at the University of Nebraska and the University of Wisconsin, following army service in Israel and a year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Served congregation for 17 years

It was in Milwaukee that he underwent an ideological transformation from Orthodox to Conservative, under the mentorship of Rabbi Herbert Panitch, who had undergone a similar transition.

At the same time he was pursuing his university education, Sapir held teaching and administrative educational positions and also served as a cantor. In 1978, he decided to devote himself to chazzanut, moving to Toronto with his first wife and three children to serve at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation from 1978 to 1982 and at Pride of Israel Congregation from 1982 to 1984 before taking the position at Beth Tikvah.

The immediate past president of the Toronto Council of Chazzanim, Sapir has a 1981 certificate of commission as Hazzan-Minister from the Cantors Assembly, the umbrella organization for Conservative cantors.

Although he loves what he does and has almost a dozen concert posters in his office (only the local ones, none from his performances in the States), he would not take the same indirect route to where he is now.

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War criminal dies before deportation hearing held

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Nazi war criminal Serge Kisluk died recently in St. Catharines while awaiting a date for a deportation hearing.

Kisluk, 78, was a former railway guard and a member of an auxiliary police force that collaborated with German forces in murdering Jews in Ukraine.

A Federal Court ruled in June 1999 that Kisluk knowingly concealed material facts about his wartime activities when he entered Canada in 1948, and that he obtained Canadian citizenship by fraud. In March 2000, Kisluk was informed he had lost his citizenship and was liable for deportation.

Kisluk maintained his innocence, and in his last testament, reported in the *Globe and Mail*, he stated: "I go to my death with a clean conscience, knowing that when I face God in heaven I will not be judged by the likes of those who crucified me here on this earth."

Kisluk's wife, Todosia, told the *Globe* her husband "was destroyed" by the immigration case, and that "our hearts were ripped out."

Friends and neighbours interviewed by the *Globe* were saddened by his death, and an Orthodox priest who ministered to Kisluk said he believed his claims of innocence.

Yet Justice Allan Lufty's 95-page judgment points out that in 1941 Kisluk volunteered for police service, even while he acknowledged he could have worked on a farm.

Kisluk was armed during his service under the Nazis, and the judge found that Kisluk "did not hesitate to use force in circumstances having nothing to do with minor police functions."

Kisluk "was involved in escorting the Jewish domestic worker for the Makovichi police station to her execution," Lufty stated.

Lufty's judgment also recounted the testimony of a witness in Ukraine who told the court he saw Kisluk and another policeman beat and kick a Jew, Moshko Goldschmidt. The witness testified that during the beating, Kisluk drew a gun and was about to shoot Goldschmidt when a neighbour pleaded with him not to do it in his house. Kisluk put his gun away and left.

Kisluk maintained that the evidence against him was part of a KGB plot, but Lufty rejected that suggestion. He also found Kisluk's version of events – including his description of the immigration screening process after the war – as not believable.

"Simply put, I do not believe [Kisluk's] testimony on any contentious issue," he stated.

Weizmann gala to honour Nortel chief

TORONTO — The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science will celebrate the Israeli institution's 50th anniversary at a gala dinner on June 20.

Proceeds will go toward research in laser technology, said Canadian Society president Brian Steck. "As we advance in terms of laser technology, what can be achieved in microsurgery, laser in the eyes, open heart surgery or less invasive surgery, is quite outstanding."

In addition to raising a hoped-for $15 million for the research as a belated anniversary project (the institute was established in November 1949), Steck would like to raise awareness about the institute's activities. These include 1,000 research projects to fight disease and hunger, protect the environment, harness alternative sources of energy and find technology solutions for the future.

Notable among previous Canadian projects is a solar energy tower, completed about 10 years ago.

Steck is impressed by the quality of research done at the Institute, located in Rehovot. "Unlike a lot of other organizations, Weizmann is pure research ... This was something that amazed me.

"It was when I went to Israel and met with a number of the professors that I became very enthusiastic about how unique the Weizmann Institute is."

At the upcoming dinner, to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel with 350 to 400 guests expected to attend, John Roth, president and CEO of Nortel Networks, will be honoured for his work.

"Mr. Roth is an ideal role model for the 2,500 scientists, graduate students and technicians at the Weizmann Institute," said Steck in a news release that cited the company's history of building communications networks.

Murray Koffler, who is to receive an award recognizing him as a founder of the Canadian Society, said that the 50th anniversary is "quite a milestone."

In light of all the "turmoil, trouble and wars that Israel has had to go through," the high calibre of the institute is all the more remarkable, he said.

In the past decade, under the leadership of institute president Haim Harari, the whole campus, with more than 50 major buildings, has undergone a restructuring with new buildings and new disciplines, said Koffler, who is a former chair of the institute's board of governors.

"The laser facility is at the forefront of its field," he noted, adding that clinical trials in laser-based photodynamic therapy (PDT) for prostate cancer will begin this fall at Princess Margaret Hospital, in affiliation with the Weizmann Institute.

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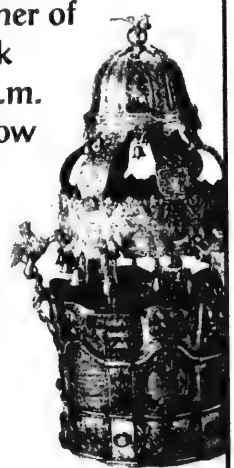

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Fair Funding for Education: What Politicians Are Saying ...

Premier Mike Harris with the CJC National President Keith Landy.

UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, have prepared this supplement – the 3rd in a series – to keep our community informed about the recent provincial tuition tax credit for independent schools

"I said I was opposed to vouchers and I'm still opposed to vouchers and I remain opposed to vouchers. What I am in favour of, though, is excellence in education. I'm in favour of choice, and I am in favour of particularly low- and modest-income Ontarians getting a very modest tax credit to encourage and support their choice. These are parents who can't afford the luxury private schools you're talking about. These are parents, many of whom have scrimped and saved to send their children to the school of their choice, in many cases religion-based schools. They do not have the same opportunities the Catholic religion-based schools have in our province. That's why many other provinces have supported, with some varying degree, tax credits, not to schools, not to individual schools — not vouchers — but to parents to help them, particularly low- and middle-income Ontarians, be able to afford that choice. We believe it's fair, we believe it's right."

— Premier Mike Harris, May 14

"In this party and in this government, parental choice, giving parents the information they need to make intelligent decisions about schools, is something we believe in. We respect that. We've brought forward initiatives to increase parental voices and choices in the public system. We are respecting those who want to go into Montessori schools, Jewish schools, Hindu schools, Christian schools."

— Education Minister Janet Ecker, May 9

"We have been clear in favour of choice. From 1993 to 1994, in the Blueprint for Learning, we talked about choice for parents, choice for parents and their children. We are fully committed to full funding for public education in Ontario, to honouring the funding formula, which includes not only the public schools but also the Catholic schools and the francophone schools. But in addition, the government proposes to show respect for the choices of parents for their families, for their children, for their educational choices by investing additional funds for a tax credit for those parents. We respect their choices."

— Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, May31

"We have a new voucher program in Ontario effective today. This is a voucher in all but name. I would scrap any plan that puts forward vouchers. The budget ... shifts money from public education for working families to private schools for a wealthy few. If you own a corporation, have kids in private school, and have a big income, you win — but not for long, because this budget also fails our future."

— Dalton McGuinty, as cited in the National Post, May 10

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Dear Mr. Harris and Mr. Flaherty,

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We acknowledge the necessity of a vital and vibrant public school system, while at the same time, we recognize the profound contributions a religiously educated citizenry can provide.

We support this bold endeavour and encourage the continued civil dialogue of people of good will around this initiative. We will be encouraging the rabbis of our organization to address this crucial topic from their pulpits on Saturday, June 16th, 2001 and to express their support to the Provincial government for the funding of religious parochial schools.

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Rabbi Elyse Goldstein President of the Toronto Board of Rabbis

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"Your plan [to extend tax credits to parents of children in independent schools] is a misguided and unacceptable attack on public education and it must be stopped."

— Howard Hampton (NDP), in a letter to Education Minister Janet Ecker, May 2001

UPDATE: Public hearings on the tax credit began on **Saturday, June 9** in St. Catharines and will continue until June 19. The bill is expected to see final reading by the end of June.

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צו שרײַבן וועגן דר. חיים זשיטלאָווסקי, איז פֿונקט ווי שעפּן וואַסער פֿון אַן אומאויסשעפּלעכן קוואַל. די צייט קען נישט פֿאַרמינערן די צאָל אַרטיקלען, עסייען אָן ביכער, וואָס זײַנען געשריבן געווארן פֿון אַז וועגן אים. אָן נישט בלײַבן אין דער ייִדישער ליטעראַטור. ער האָט אויך געשריבן אין דער רוסישער שפּראַך אָן זײַנע ווערק זײַנען אויבערגעזעצט געווארן אין אַנדערע שפּראַכן. מיר ווילן באַלד אין אָנהײב פֿעסטשטעלן, אָן אין דער הינ־זיכט וועלן אַלע מסכים זײַן, אַז חיים זשיטלאָווסקי איז געווען אַ זעלבסטן, אַן איינציקער אין זײַן דור.

עס איז פֿאַרשטענדלעך אוממעגלעך אין אײַן אַרטיקל אַריסצוברענגען די גאַנצע זשיטלאָווסקי־געשטאַלט, ווי אַ ייִד, מענטש, שרײַבער, דעקער, קאָמפּער, פֿילאָסאָף, סאָציאָלאָג, עקאָנאָמיסט, ליטעראַטור־קריטיקער, היס־טאָריקער, שוין אָפּגעזען פֿון לערער, וועגוויזער, פֿא־ליטישער עסיִיסט אין פּיעדיקער רעדנער. אָבער איבער אַלעם איז ער געווען דער אומדערמידלעכער קעמפער פֿאַר ייִדיש אין פֿאַר וועלטלעכקייט.

איז כדאי אָנצוווײַזן אויף זשיטלאָווסקיס ראָלע וויִ דער פֿאַטער פֿון מאָדערנעם ייִדישן סעקולאַריזם. זײַן גאַנץ לעבן האָט ער געקעמפּט פֿאַר די דאָזיקע אידעען לטובת דעם ייִדישן פֿאָלק. צוזאַמען מיטן פֿאַנאַדערפּאָלן פֿון די וועגט פֿון מיטלאָלטער אַרום דעם ייִדישן לעבן, איז שטאַרק געפֿאָלן די שליטה פֿון דער ייִדישער רעלי־גיע, וויִ דער איינציקער פֿארמיטלונג אויסדרוק פֿון נאַציאָנאַלער שיכות. עס האָבן זיך געפֿאָרעט ניע פע־דעם, וואָס זאָלן פֿארבינדן דעם יחוד מיטן פֿאָלק, כדי נישט צו דערלאָזן, אַז גרויסע טיילן זאָלן פֿארמשפּט ווערן צו נאַציאָנאַלער אַטראָפיע אין פֿאַרשטופּט ווערן אין תהום פֿון אַסימילאַציע.

זשיטלאָווסקי האָט געגעבן ענטפֿערס, וואָס האָבן געוואָרצלט אין דער געשיכטע אַן גלייכצייטיק אַריס־טויזן אויסנאַמלעכע וויִטזיכטיקייט פֿאַרן צוקונפֿטיקן גאַנג פֿון ייִדיש פֿאָלק. די השכלה האָט זיך נאָרמגלט קעגן דער אָפּגעשטאַנענער פֿאַנאַטישקייט. זשיטלאָוו־סקיס הויפּט־טעזע האָט רעדוצירט די ייִדישע רעליגיע צו, וויִ ער רופט עס אָן, „א צוויג פֿון ייִדישן בוים אַן ניט דער שטאַם". דאָס איז געווען אַן אָפּט פֿון באַסיטנ־דיקער היסטאָרישער דערקענטעניש. אָט איז דעם צוויג־שטאַם בילד באַגריף איז געלעגן דער פֿונדאַמענט פֿאַר די איינשטעלונגען פֿון ייִדישן סעקולאַריזם, אויף וועלכן עס איז געבויט דער וועלטלעך־פֿאָלקישער בגין ביזן היינטיקן טאָג.

דער געדאַנקעדיסיטעם האָלט זיך אויף צווי באַ־גריפֿן: פֿון איין זײַט אַנגעמען רעליגיע ווי א וויכטיקן לעבנס אויסדרוק אין פֿארם פֿאַר א באַשטימטן סעקטאָר פֿון ייִדישן פֿאָלק; פֿון דער אַנדערער זײַט, אַנערקענען אין פֿראָקלאַמירן דעם סעקולאַריזם ווי א גלייכבאַרעכ־טיקטער אין גלייכוערטיקער צוויג פֿון אַלטן שטאַם — אימגעטונקען איך טראַדיציע, אַן אויסדרוקס אין א נא־טירלעכע אָנטוויקלונג פֿון פֿאָלקס פֿארגאַנגענהייט.

מען קען אויסרעכענען א לאַנג צעטל פֿון פֿערזו־לעכקייטן צווישן די קעמפער פֿאַרן ייִדישן סעקולאַריזם, ווי האַראָס קאַלן, שמעון דובנאָוו, אחד העם, י. ל. פּרץ, שמואל ניגער אָן אַנדערע. מען מוז אָבער אונטער־שטרייַכן, אַז דר. חיים זשיטלאָווסקי איז געווען דער גרונטלייגער פֿון דער דאָזיקער עמאַנציפּאַציע באַוועגונג.

דר. חיים זשיטלאָווסקי איז געשטאַרבן אין 1943. ביזן היינטיקן טאָג ווערט זײַן נאָמען דערמאָנט מיט דרך־ארץ אָן כבוד, אפֿילו דורך די, וואָס האָבן זיך קעגנגעשטעלט זײַנע אידעען. דער וועלטלעכער ייִד, ווו ער זאָל ניט זײַן, מוז געדענקען אָן זײַן דאָנקבאַר צו אים פֿאַר דער דרושה, וואָס ער האָט איבערגעלאָזן. מיט יעדן יאָר נאָך זײַן טויט קענען מיר בעסער אפּשאַצן זײַן בייטראָג צום ייִדישן־וועלטלעכן לעבנס־שטייגער. ער וועט שטענדיק פֿאַרבליבן אין אונדזערע הערצער וויִ דער גרונטלייגער פֿון אָט דער באַוועגונג.

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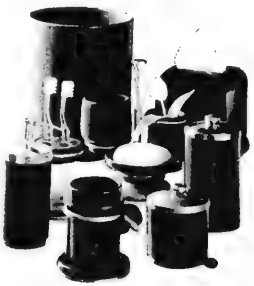

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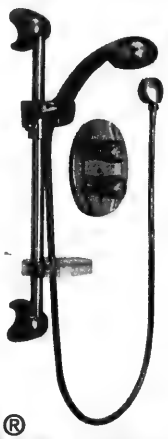

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On Campus

Learning from the past

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Ten future educators currently attending York University have been awarded the opportunity to travel overseas and participate in a unique three-week program, titled Learning from the Past, Teaching for the Future.

The program, which includes seminars and trips to historic sites in Germany and Poland, will enable these students, as well as participants from Germany and Poland, to teach future generations about anti-Semitism, racism and the Holocaust.

"It's important for kids to learn [about the Holocaust and racism] so that nothing like it should ever happen again," says head of the Centre for Jewish Studies at York University, Michael Brown, who, along with professor Mark Webber, the associate director of the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies, was the visionary behind Learning from the Past.

"The more we know and understand, the less likely it is to happen in the future," he adds.

Jaya Gosine, one of York's participants, says the program "offers a unique opportunity for educators to talk about the importance of integrating an anti-racist, anti-bias perspective into their curriculum."

Brown says students and educators have some knowledge about the Holocaust, but not a great deal.

While the Holocaust is taught in Canada and Germany, and is starting to be discussed in schools in Poland, "there's a lot of room for sensitizing people and bringing it into the curriculum," says Brown.

"When you've seen firsthand the sites where the Holocaust was planned and took place, it makes you ready to [challenge] Holocaust deniers and downplayers," says Brown on why it is important for educators to visit European landmark sites.

Participants will leave for Germany on July 29, and begin their tour in the city of Worms, a site associated with Martin Luther. Seminars will be held at such places as the museum and memorial at Auschwitz, the Wannsee Conference House, where the decision to implement the Final Solution was made, and the Ravensbruck concentration camp for women. As well, students will travel to Treblinka, Chelmno and Warsaw.

The group will also meet with representatives of the Jewish community and other minority groups in Germany and Poland.

"By looking to the past we prepare teachers to lead their students towards a better future," says Webber. "By looking at others we not only overcome stereotypes about them, but also get to know ourselves better."

In February, the German and Polish participants will come to York for a one-week follow-up seminar about racism and anti-semitism, which will, in part, be open to the public.

Each of the ten students received a scholarship of an undisclosed sum, that, Brown says, covers most of the cost of the trip.

Scholarships were awarded based on grades, program of study, plans for the future, and the results of personal inverviews, Brown notes.

"We tried to choose the best of the lot – the ones that would get the most out of the experience," he says.

The project is funded by many private individuals and public organizations, some of which include the Heinrich Boll Foundation of the Green Party of Germany, the Office for Democratic Education of Baden-Wurttemberg, the federal government's Department of Canadian Heritage, York University, Allan and Hinda Silber, Al Schrage, Gerda Friedberg and Joseph Lebovic.

Students will be returning to Canada on August 22.

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Sunday, June 17

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Rabbi Michael Skobac of Jews for Judaism, speaks on Satan: A Jewish Understanding, at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood meeting at 9:15 a.m. Breakfast served.

Monday, June 18

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Tuesday, June 19

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Wednesday, June 20

WEIZMANN JUBILEE GALA

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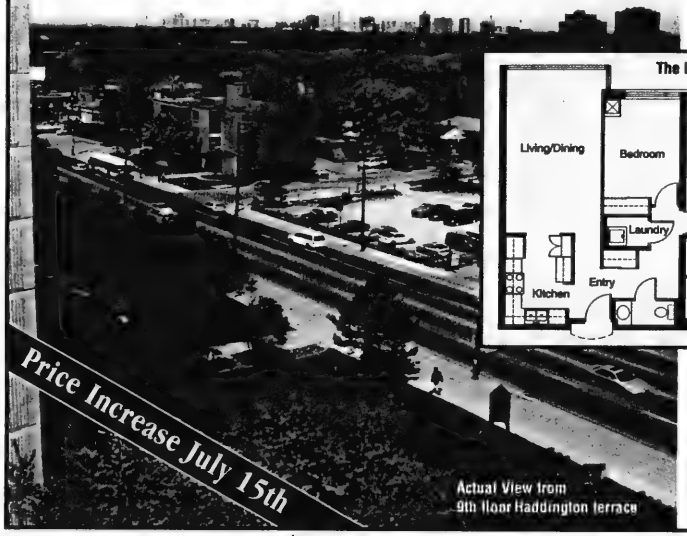

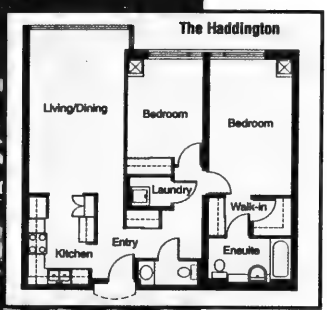

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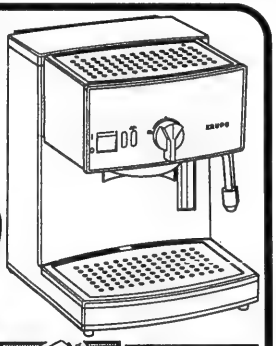

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Wallenberg Day proclaimed

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50,000 inhabitants. In all, Wallenberg is credited with saving the lives of some 100,000 Hungarian Jews.

But on Jan. 17, 1945, the invading Soviets arrested the hero as an American spy and took him into "protective custody." He was never seen again, save for alleged sightings by former prisoners of the Soviet gulag. For decades, Soviet officials said Wallenberg had died of a heart attack in 1945 while in prison.

"Of his subsequent fate," said Copps, "we know only that it could not have been good."

Raoul Wallenberg Day will coincide with the anniversary of his arrest.

The Department of Canadian Heritage is planning an educational program in all of Canada's schools, to teach about Wallenberg's heroism and to inspire students to follow in his footsteps.

"Every year, students will remember the courage and the ingenuity of one person and how one person changed the world," Copps said.

Montreal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, who in the early 1990s headed an international commission of inquiry into Wallenberg's fate, described the announcement as "a hope fulfilled, a dream realized," and paid tribute to MP Clifford Lincoln, chair of the standing committee on Canadian heritage, and Senator Sheila Finestone, who all worked on the initiative for years.

Cotler also recognized the efforts of Dr. Vera Parnes, founder and president of the Raoul Wallenberg International Movement for Humanity.

The following evening, nearly 300 people attended a screening at the National Archives of Canada of the Canadian-made, award-winning documentary *Raoul Wallenberg: Buried Alive*, which has been shown around the world.

The event also marked the establishment of a humanitarian award to be presented annually to honour local people who perform good deeds without thought of reward or accolades.

"The reason that this award is different from others," explained Fisher, "is that the purpose is to recognize people on the front lines of working with people, people whose efforts have not been recognized to date."

To be known as the Lending Hand Award, the honour will be marked by a special sculpture commissioned from sculptor Bruce Garner, and will be accompanied by a $1,000 donation to the individual's chosen cause or charity.

Nominations are being solicited, and the first award will be presented Oct. 21.

"We would like to challenge other major cities to also initiate a Lending Hand Award," Fisher said. He has spoken to Cotler about the possibility of the local committee assisting the government in spreading the message.

Also last week, Cotler rose in the House of Commons to praise the proclamation, saying it is "an historic initiative that will have enduring resonance."

Rabbi Lau addresses memorial service

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel's Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Israel Meir Lau has a message for would-be Palestinian terrorists.

"[Your leaders] lie to you. They cheat you," he declared in an impassioned address at a memorial service held here Sunday evening for the victims of the June 1 suicide bomb outside a Tel Aviv disco. Of the 20 who died and more than 120 who were wounded, many were recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

"[Your leaders] are sitting in the mosques, in the houses, in the palaces, and they send you young, stupid boys, telling you that you will become *shaheed* – holy – and you will inherit paradise. I tell you very open[ly], very frankly, someone who is doing [time] in Hell for the other can never inherit paradise.

"If you destroy families, if you kill innocent people, this means shaheed? This means paradise?"

Rabbi Lau, in town to speak that night at an event organized by Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital, joined Offer Isseroff, regional director, the Jewish Agency for Israel; Israeli consul Zehavit Ben Hillel, and Rabbi Yosef Zaltzman, executive director of the Jewish Russian Community Centre, on the podium as the main speakers. Members of local Zionist youth movements lit yizkor candles in memory of the 20 victims who were killed.

The chief rabbi expressed his sorrow over the killing of 12-year-old Mohammed al-Durra early in the nine-month-old intifadah.

The Palestinian youngster was seen crouching near his father in a photo that sparked controversy internationally. "He was in a crossfire,"said Rabbi Lau. "I swear we didn't see there was a child there. There was a crossfire, and it is not sure whose bullet killed that child."

In contrast, the chief rabbi spoke of five-month-old Yehuda Shoham, now in a coma after being hit by "just a stone in the midst of a ceasefire" and 10-month-old Shalhevet Pass, whose killing in Hebron was deliberate, he emphasized. "[The killer used] a telescopic gun. He didn't send the bullet unless the cross of the telescope was exactly on the face of a baby of 10 months."

Rabbi Lau's voice reverberated across Mel Lastman Square at the open-air service co-sponsored by six Jewish organizations – B'nai Brith Canada, Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Canadian Zionist Federation, the Jewish Agency for Israel and UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto – as he articulated the Jewish definition of holiness: "To bring life, to save a life, not to kill!"

The Jewish people will never give up and will never leave Israel, he vowed, as the English-, Russian- and Hebrew-speaking audience of about 600 people broke into applause.

Ben Hillel memorialized the youngsters who died as an inspiration. "In the midst of the current turmoil, they did not cower into the shadow. They lived. They… were not about to be held hostage to any fears or intimidation."

She called on the audience to show support by going to Israel. "Your solidarity is more important now than ever."

Rabbi Zaltzman suggested countering the recent terrorism with daily acts of goodness and kindness. "That is at least partially to fill the void, because our young people, brothers and sisters, cannot do it any more."

Hamiltonians take to the streets to help Kiev Jews

By JULIA KOLLEK
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON – On the first Sunday in June, more than 300 people of all ages walked or biked from Hamilton to Kiev – symbolically at least.

The 10-kilometre walkathon from the JCC has become an annual event, and was inspired three years ago by community members who returned from a UJA mission to the former Soviet Union.

Money raised goes toward providing food and medical aid to Jews living in Ukraine, and serves to heighten community awareness about their difficulties.

With the help of local businesses and a large donation from Apotex, a pharmaceutical company, the event raised more than $18,000.

Organizers Susan Roth and Lester Krames, who is chair of Hamilton's Kosher Food Bank Committee, were members of a mission to Kiev in the winter of 1999.

"We wanted to bring attention internationally to what is happening there," said Krames.

Elderly woman outside the house in which she lives. Inside she shares a small room with only a bed and a table as furniture.

Roth also felt moved to help when she saw for herself the conditions in which people live.

"There is economic decline and political havoc, which is terrible for everyone. There are about 500,000 Jews in Ukraine, and they still suffer discrimination. They have 'Jew' stamped in their passports, and it is hard for the young people to get into schools and universities.

"Under the Soviet regime, when religion was banned, many Jews inter-married, and religious knowledge was lost."

With help from Jewish organizations, the young people are leaving, mostly immigrating to Israel, leaving behind the elderly – many of whom lived through the Holocaust and now receive a government pension of $15 per month on which they cannot survive.

Lorne Gaffe and Andrea Cutler saw for themselves the squalid living conditions endured by Jews in Kiev. They recently went on a five-day federation mission to Kiev, after being invited by Hamilton's new Young Adult Division.

Lorne Gaffe (standing) sees a computer lab for youngsters training for jobs once they make aliyah to Israel.

They travelled in a group with 20 others from North America and Israel. They were driven straight from the Kiev airport to Babi Yar, the wooded ravine where, during the Holocaust, more than 33,000 Jews were taken and shot in a two-day massacre. More than half of the Jews living in Ukraine were murdered by the Nazis and collaborators in the Holocaust.

Today, Ukraine is still home to the third largest Jewish community in Europe.

As Cutler and Gaffe discovered, many of those left are elderly, sick, and in need of food and other necessities.

Cutler was taken outside the city to meet one elderly woman. Through an interpreter, she told Cutler that her parents had fled to Siberia during the war. She had somehow survived alone, and now lives in a tiny one-room apartment with a sick daughter.

There was a small ring burner on during their visit. While she learned that gas is still supplied free to homes, Cutler asked why the burner was kept on all the time. The old lady replied that she had to do this because she had nothing with which to re-light it.

"There was no toilet, so I asked her where that was, and she pointed outside." With no outhouse in sight, the visitors realized the woman's toilet was literally outside.

There are Jewish organizations working to help those in the area. The group was taken to the Jewish Agency Education Centre in Kiev, set up by Israelis who came in the 1960s. The plain-looking building offers a daily soup kitchen, social programs, a clinic for those needing medical help, a library, a computer lab – even a hairdresser.

A small workshop created jobs for those with skills to repair TVs, irons and other household items.

On Sundays, the rooms are used as classrooms where some children travel eight hours by train or bus to spend the day learning Hebrew, dancing and socializing. Parents stay to study Hebrew in their own ulpan.

Those who are eligible can apply to make aliyah there, and the office has an open satellite phone line to Jerusalem, enabling family members to speak to relatives already there.

A chesed mobile takes hot meals and care packages of food, soap and medical supplies to those in outlying areas on a daily basis. Some of the volunteers are social workers from Israel who come to help for several years at a time.

"Jews help Jews," said Gaffe. "Whenever we talk about giving money to Israel, we tend to forget that Israel helps Jews all over the world."

Gaffe was also impressed by the young people from Kiev in the Hillel who were helping the elderly. "How many university students do you know who would give up their time to do this?"

Cutler said she came back from her trip with a new perspective on life.

"This trip made me value everything we have here – even the paper and pen you're holding, or that we have toothbrushes to brush our teeth. For the $25 a month that many of us might leave as a tip at a restaurant, you can feed a family in Kiev for a month.

"I learned not just about what was happening there, but [also] about our own Jewish community. Most people are passive, [but] I want to be involved, and we need others to feel the same [way]."

Gaffe agreed. "I want to build a strong community here for our kids and families. Although we couldn't communicate with the people we met in Kiev, the Havdalah we shared was warm – we were singing arm-in-arm. I want our kids to be able to go anywhere else in the world and have a sense of tradition and values."

Andrea Cutler meets child at Jewish Agency program in Kiev.
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Some end of parliamentary session thoughts

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

By the time you read this, MPs will be busy cleaning out their desks for the summer recess – which will last until the leaves, just now budding on the Ottawa maples, begin to turn colour in the autumn.

So what kind of parliamentary session was it? Not a whole lot was accomplished on the legislative side, but boy did the House rock on the political front! No one exits this session unscathed, although some have only to tend to superficial cuts while others have yet to staunch the flow from deep, career-threatening wounds.

Jane Stewart was hard-pressed to believe her boss 18 months ago when he re-assured her that if she could just tough it out, the storm would pass. Well, her storm did pass, and, obviously, so did his. The "Affaire Grand Mère" that dominated the news for much of the Parliamentary session fizzled, and was overtaken by more exciting developments.

The prime minister's instincts and determination to "hang tough" demonstrate again why he has survived all the "knife wounds in his back" over the years. It would be a grave mistake for anyone – friend or foe – to underestimate his capacity to withstand punishment and still remain on top.

Stockwell Day did not fare as well. Either the cabal aligned against him is so sophisticated or he is just not up to the task of protecting his turf and consolidating his leadership. Whatever the case, there is virtually no chance that he can endure the systematic erosion of his personal support and the damage his presence is doing to the fortunes of the Canadian Alliance. Chuck Strahl and company win no points for deserting the caucus in so destructive a fashion; their mischief will return to haunt them. However, many in the small "c" conservative ranks are relieved that at least the mutiny served as a catalyst to jettison the "Sea-Do Wonder."

The Bloc Québécois has actually used the last session of Parliament to strengthen itself, mostly due to the widespread anticipation of an election call in Quebec that will see the Charest Liberals replace the Landry PQ. It proves Quebec really does belong in Canada because historically, the Bloc has always ensured a strong pro-Quebec nationalist presence in Ottawa whenever there is a federalist government in power provincially. It's that Canadian balance thing. Gilles Duceppe has done a good job improving the overall Bloc performance in Ottawa (by diminishing his personal role), and it has not gone unnoticed back home. That should allow the Bloc MPs to raise enough cash over the next few months to keep them in focus when the House returns.

As for Joe Clark and Alexa McDonough, their respective assessments are so complicated, we will have to devote future columns to each of them…stay tuned.

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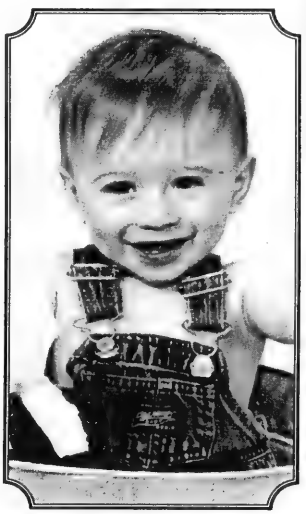

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Israel accepts Tenet truce plan, but PA holds back

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Last Sunday, Israel welcomed CIA chief George Tenet's blueprint for a lasting truce, but the Palestinians expressed reservations about the plan.

As a result of the Palestinian reservations, the Israeli-Palestinian meeting of security chiefs due to be held under Tenet's auspices Sunday was postponed to Monday, when the Palestinians were slated to submit their official response. (At press time, this response was unavailable.)

The "kitchen cabinet" decided to accept the Tenet plan on one condition: that the Palestinian Authority completely stop the violence – including stone-throwing, which it has said in the past is not covered by the ceasefire – and fully implement all other elements of the plan, including arresting wanted terrorists, ending media incitement and collecting illegal weapons. Only once this has occurred is Israel willing to fulfil its obligations under the plan, such as ending the closure, withdrawing its forces to the positions they occupied before the intifadah began and freezing settlement construction.

Defence officials worried about supervisory mechanisms

"Mr. Tenet suggested the best thing, if not the most perfect, to both sides in order to enter into an actual ceasefire," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told reporters.

But defence officials said they were worried about the lack of effective supervisory mechanisms in the plan. Since PA Chairman Yasser Arafat declared his ceasefire last week, there have been over 200 Palestinian attacks on Israelis, IDF Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz said.

The Palestinians, for their part, are adamantly opposed to the demand that they arrest Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists. They also want to shorten the cooling-off period before diplomatic negotiations resume, and they want definite dates for Israeli obligations.

Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat insisted Sunday that the PA remains committed to the Mitchell report, on which Tenet's plan is based. Asked how this accords with the PA's objection to arresting terrorists – one of the key elements of the report – he responded: "If you find the words 'Hamas' and 'Islamic Jihad' in the Mitchell report, let me know."

The European Union, meanwhile, held top-level talks Sunday with Arafat and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Arafat told reporters after his talks with Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana that EU observers were helping to oversee the truce as part of an agreement the EU brokered with Israel.

"Where the EU security teams are operating, things are on the right track," Arafat said. Western diplomats said Israel had privately agreed to the initiative, which involves four EU observers in the West Bank and Gaza.

But Sharon told Persson, whose country currently holds the EU presidency, that the EU's unbalanced policy toward the current conflict makes it impossible for Israel to grant Europe a greater role in resolving it. Persson said after meeting Arafat in Ramallah that he hoped the IDF's accidental killing of three Palestinian women in Gaza Sunday would not destroy the truce.

U.S. Middle East envoy William Burns, who has been holding talks on a timetable for implementing the Mitchell report, issued a statement Sunday criticizing both Israel and the Palestinians over the women's deaths.

"We believe the IDF should ensure that the response to any gunfire emanating from Palestinian populated areas minimizes the danger to the lives and property of Palestinian civilians," the statement said. "At the same time, the continued shooting attacks and other violence that have resulted in several Israeli casualties over the past few days must stop."

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EU tries to boost presence

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

The European Union (EU) is trying to set up a network of observers whose job would be to supervise any ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. This is being done in co-ordination with the Palestinians, without Israel's approval.

Comment

The EU even set up an "operations room" in Bethlehem which it later closed after pressure was applied by Israel. EU envoys have asked that observers also be deployed to the Rafiah and Netzarim areas. Israel sees such moves as especially serious since they were not co-ordinated with or approved by the government.

If a ceasefire agreement had been concluded between the two sides, some here might have supported the idea of allowing EU representatives to supervise such an agreement. However, the defence establishment is adamantly opposed to the EU's moves since it means its representatives enter areas where terrorist attacks and military operations are frequent. Critics say the volunteer observers are being put at risk by those who approve such a project.

Some see the EU initiative as another of the recent attempts to increase international involvement in the territories without Israel's approval. In sending its people into Bethlehem, the EU is deemed to have taken advantage of the fact that it has a permanent defence technical team stationed in Israel.

An apartment was rented in Bethlehem and maps of the area were hung on the walls. The Palestinians were told the envoys intended to monitor the ceasefire in and around Beit Jala, Bethlehem and Beit Sahour. A British man with a background in intelligence was placed at the helm.

The EU's request to place observers in Rafiah and Netzarim, where clashes with Palestinians are frequent, was shot down by the defence establishment, and the government objected to the EU's political and military involvement in the area. Mounting pressure from Israel forced the closure of the Bethlehem "operations room" and the EU has been prohibited from deploying observers to other trouble spots.

Some Western European countries are believed to still be transferring money to the PA to pay the wages of Palestinian security officers. The British are financing the Palestinians' security negotiating team as well as advising them how to negotiate with Israel on military matters.

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Decision on Maccabiah Games pending

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Nancy Rubin, national executive director of Maccabi Canada, said that as of late Sunday, no decision had been made on whether to proceed with the Games.

Canadian athletes had been told to expect a definitive announcement by Wednesday of this week, but late reports out of Israel stated that the MWU agreed to requests from Vilna'i to wait one week before making a final decision.

Vilna'i persuaded the international delegates to hold off on a definite "no" until they report back to their respective countries to hear opinions "on the ground" there.

A sports ministry source said after the meeting that agreement to postpone a decision was made more from politeness than from a genuine intention to review the situation. The delegates had already made up their minds to postpone, the source said, and that was why a meeting with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had been cancelled.

The international delegates said they would rather wait for the situation to calm and then have a "bigger and better" Games rather than to have only a small number of participants take part.

Roy Salomon, president of Maccabi Canada and a member of the international executive, was present at the Israel meetings.

"I'm coming to these meetings expecting anything," Salomon said, prior to his departure for Israel. "We'll meet to put these rumours [of cancellation] to rest. We want to have everyone around the world express their reasons for postponing or not postponing."

Postponement "is certainly a very strong consideration. It's an option to consider."

The American contingent, which started out with 600 athletes, has shrunk to 300. The American delegation was reported to have suggested postponing the Games until next summer.

Other delegations also expressed reservations about holding the Games in the midst of a Palestinian uprising that has seen bloody terrorist attacks in the heart of Israeli cities. The *Manchester Jewish Telegraph* reported last week that the British team was seriously considering pulling out of the Games while other reports suggested Germany was considering the same course of action.

Held in Israel every four years, the Maccabiah Games attract around 4,000 athletes, coaches and officials. Canada's delegation is usually one of the largest foreign contingents in Israel.

Salomon acknowledged that about 20 percent of the Canadian team had pulled out of the Games, although he suggested those numbers could be supplemented with alternate athletes.

Maccabi Canada did not formulate a specific position prior to the weekend meetings. Rather, it was taking a wait and see approach and wanted to hear the views of all other participants. "Safety of the athletes really has to be on the table," Salomon said.

One of the teams that could be seriously affected by athlete withdrawals is the junior boys baseball team, aged 14-16, coached by Mark Bendahan. Four of his 17 athletes have given notice they won't be travelling to Israel.

"Most of the players would love to go, but because it's a junior team, it's the parents who feel the pressure, especially those not coming along," he said. "I can't argue with parents who feel their kids won't be safe."

George Shermer, coach of the 11-man volleyball team, said he has had no defections yet, although "a couple of parents of younger players asked me if it's safe to go."

Brian Revin, coach of the 15-man softball team, said it's likely he'll lose one player for sure, perhaps three or four others, if the games go ahead as planned.

Bob Bregman, coach of the tennis team, said one of his four athletes has withdrawn. The others "have concerns, but they're not jumping off the ship. Any reasonable individual would have concerns."

Neil Rothenberg, coach of the junior girls basketball team, said he hasn't yet lost any of his 10 players. "However, I'm very concerned whether we can field a team if the Games go on.

The mass defections are being felt in Israel as well. "We're in a bad situation," admitted MWU honorary secretary Amir Peled. "It doesn't appear that we have enough competitors to hold serious competitions. But if the overseas delegations come back to us in a few days and say there's an improvement in their registration figures, we're ready to hold the games."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Sunday it would be a "serious mistake" to cancel the Games, even if only a small number of participants ultimately turned up. "We cannot allow fear to force us to surrender to the threat of terror," he said.

With files from Ha'aretz

My son's fish is broken

BY SHLOMIT LUCICH
Special to The CJN

Feature

Every morning on the way to nursery school, my kids and I drive past a fish. Not a real fish, mind you, and actually not really a fish at all, but rather a paper/plaster mock- up of a shark's head that sticks out of a wall. It's one of the high points of my four-year-old son's day, and definitely the high point of his morning ride. If we're lucky, we stop at a red light and get a good look, and if not, I slow down as my little boy smiles and shouts with glee, "Fish! Fish!" After a few rounds of "Fish, fish," his two-year-old sister joins in, and I feel like I'm either in an aquarium or on my way to the fish market. Yet that silly fish without a doubt brightens their day.

Well, it's now broken. The logo above the entrance to the Dolphi Discotheque at Tel Aviv's Dolphinarium, my son's fish was blown up Friday, June 1, along with 20 innocent souls. When my children and I went to the site to light a memorial candle, we saw that the fish was only half of what it had been. But my son was more concerned about our real reason for being there. In the most non-threatening way I could find, I had explained to my children that children bigger than them had died there and we had come to pray for their souls. With a quizzical look on his face, my son asked why somebody had "died" those children. I gave him the only answer I knew: I really didn't know.

When we arrived at the Dolphinarium, the kids ran to look at all the flowers that had been left in remembrance and returned to me when I tried to light the memorial candle. The wind, as well as my emotions, were out of control, and one kind soul finally lit the candle for us. My son asked me why I couldn't light the candle, but I couldn't answer.

As we bent down to place the candle on the ground, my son took one of my hands and my little girl the other. We kneeled down, said the Shema, and then asked God to protect the souls of everyone who had died there. My son then did what too many children have been doing lately – he comforted a parent.

"Don't cry, Mommy," my son said. "It's okay."

We rose and left to go to my son's nursery school. This time, however, it was my little girl who started the fish chant. And this time, the lyrics were changed. In a singsong voice, she chanted, "Fish broken, fish broken," until finally her brother joined in. At nursery school, my son hurried to tell his teacher about where he had been. All he said was, "Fish broken, BOOM!" I hadn't ever said, "Boom," and he never heard "Boom," but he knew. He knew.

My son's fish is broken. And, like everyone else who lives here, Jew and Arab alike, so is my heart.

Shlomit Lucich, an Israeli, works at the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Reporting should not be editorializing

According to Reports

Ordinarily, when innocent civilians become victims of particularly gruesome acts of violence, it is not difficult for journalists to report the facts in a straightforward manner.

However, when it comes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, some of the media who hold strong personal views may have to make a special effort to keep them in abeyance. When these efforts fail the results can be troubling.

Reporting on the Tel Aviv nightclub bombing the morning after the attack, Paul Koring, the *Globe and Mail*'s Washington correspondent, had no sooner announced the death toll and President George W. Bush's "demand" for Yasser Arafat's condemnation then he added: "Mr. Bush's statement made no mention of the Israeli role in the cycle of violence over the past eight months."

This gratuitous comment was particularly offensive given the horrific slaughter of Israeli innocents. There is no moral equivalence, as Koring's remark implies, between the deliberate murder of civilians and efforts by Israel to act in self-defence. Moreover, only later did Koring even acknowledge that, for the preceding week, Israel had been abiding by a unilateral ceasefire. Unmentioned was the restraint Israel showed during a significant upsurge in Palestinian terror which claimed the lives of scores of Israelis.

The Tel Aviv bombing itself became a relatively minor "bookend" item in Koring's report. He placed far more emphasis on trying to shield Arafat from implied U.S. criticism that Koring seemed to find irksome. The attack, Koring asserted, "bore the hallmarks of Hamas, which has rejected Mr. Arafat's peace efforts… The militant Islamic group's cells operate in clear defiance of the Palestinian Authority's shaky control over the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

Arafat's "peace efforts"? Hamas operating in "clear defiance" of Arafat? Does Koring really need to be reminded that it was Arafat who rejected a negotiated peace in favour of violence and that it was Arafat himself who released from jail the same Islamic extremists who now carry out terrorist attacks against Israelis, evidently in frequent co-ordination with elements of his own security forces? It is particularly galling that Koring portrays Arafat as a "peacenik" trying to rein in extremists while he characterizes Sharon only as "the hawkish right-winger."

One could continue dissecting Koring's article, but the point must be made: It is one thing for journalists to try to provide the broader political context to the immediacy of events, but it is quite another to use this context to drive particular political views. Reporting is not editorializing. Subsequent *Globe* reports from Israel describing the aftermath of the Tel Aviv attack were far more fair-minded, it must be noted.

Prepared by Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Sharansky says Arafat must put halt to violence

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO – The ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will break down unless the PA decides to stem the current wave of violence, Israel's deputy prime minister warned last week.

In a conference call from New York City with journalists from the North American Jewish press, Sharansky urged PA President Yasser Arafat to immediately arrest Palestinians implicated in attacks against Israelis since the start of the intifadah eight months ago.

Natan Sharansky

Asked whether Arafat has the power to stop the violence, Sharansky replied, "Absolutely yes. He's inspiring, inciting and orchestrating terrorist activities."

Charging that Arafat is cleverly feigning weakness by claiming that he has less than full control of the situation on the ground, Sharansky demanded a crackdown on terrorist forces in Palestinian autonomous areas of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"If Arafat can't deliver, he's not our partner," he declared, adding that the Palestinian leader ceased being a partner after the eruption of the uprising.

Sharansky, who is also minister of housing and construction, said that Israel's patience is wearing thin.

"We can't continue like this. He has to stop [the violence] immediately, and start cooperating with stopping terrorism."

Deputy PM speaks to North American Jewish press

Sharansky predicted that the Israeli army will enter Area A, under full Palestinian civil and security control, should Arafat refuse to deal with terrorism.

Two weeks ago, Sharansky said that if the truce collapses, Israel would invade Area A to "destroy the military and terrorist infrastructure in the PA."

He urged Arafat to return to the negotiating table, but suggested that his real goal is Israel's destruction.

Turning to Israel's settlements in the terrritories, Sharansky denied reports that Israel and the U.S. have worked out a plan for an Israeli settlement freeze.

He declared that Israel will not pay a price in concessions to persuade Arafat to end the violence.

Israel, however, has accepted the recommendations of the recent Mitchell report, he noted.

The report, which has also been embraced by the PA, calls for an immediate ceasefire and a cooling off period, followed by mutual confidence-building measures, and a resumption of bilateral negotiations.

Settlements can be discussed during the confidence-building period, after a truce takes hold, Sharansky said.

He claimed that the present Israeli government's policy on settlements is no different than that of the late Yitzhak Rabin's policy.

Elaborating, Sharansky said that the government channels funds only to settlements within the national consensus.

Sharansky acknowledged that there are serious differences of opinion in the national unity government on security matters.

But on these broad issues, a consensus nevertheless exists.

The recent suicide bombing at a Tel Aviv disco that claimed the lives of 20 Israelis, notably Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union, may have a chilling effect on Jewish aliyah from Russia, he conceded.

But Sharansky said that the proportion of Russian Jews leaving Israel is no higher than from any other group.

Russian Jews already living in Israel will not leave solely because of this incident.

Sharansky made these comments against the backdrop of several developments:

• PA leaders said that they do not intend to arrest members of such organizations as Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which took responsibility for the disco blast.

• Gen. Amos Malka, chief of Israeli military intelligence, believes that the ceasefire is temporary.

• Dan Naveh, a minister in the Israeli cabinet, charged that Arafat has not taken "substantive measures" against terrorists,.

• In a Jerusalem demonstration organized by Jewish settlers, thousands of Israelis called on Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to end his policy of restraint and fight the PA in an all-out war.

• Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies released a report saying that 58 percent of Israelis support the Oslo peace process.

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Research group monitors Palestinian media

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yitzhak Sokoloff has been analyzing the Palestinian media for about five years – well before the latest round of violence flared up – and what he's seen bears little resemblance to the face of Palestinian nationalism seen here in the West.

The erudite arguments of Hanan Ashrawi and Saeb Erakat, with their references to rights, resolutions and and dignity, rarely appear on Palestinian TV or radio, he said.

Instead, Palestinian consumers of mass media are subjected to a daily diet of officially sanctioned propaganda in which peace with Israel is deligitimized, Jews dehumanized, violence extolled and children urged to martyr themselves for Palestine. Religious leaders are shown preaching to their flocks to "kill the Jews."

"It echoes the ferocity of the propaganda intended to incite Germans to kills Jews in the 1930s, coupled with the impact of television and the dehumanization of Jews," Sokoloff said.

A native of Boston who made aliyah 25 years ago, Sokoloff is senior analyst and assistant director of Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), an independent, privately funded research institute established in 1996 to monitor the Palestinian media and school curricula.

Religious leaders are shown preaching to their flocks to 'kill the Jews'

With a team of six Arabic language translators who formerly served in Israeli army intelligence, the PMW scans three Palestinian newspapers, several radio stations and a single television network every day. The team translates what they see and distributes their findings to the Israeli and foreign media. PMW's findings have been cited in papers of record such as the *New York Times*, several Israeli dailies, and in publications in Hungary, Romania, Egypt and Sweden.

PMW has been asked by Israel's Office of the Prime Minister to prepare detailed studies of the Palestinian media, and PMW founder and director Itamar Marcus has briefed members of the U.S. Congress on the group's research.

"What we're trying to do is expose the true face of the Palestinians, because this face speaks Arabic, not English," Sokoloff said.

Sokoloff, who was in Toronto recently for several speaking engagements, said the Palestinian media operates under the control of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

They are "educating their own people that the true purpose [of negotiations] is not peace with Israel, but to tilt the balance of power so that the original goal of liberating Palestine from Israel can be reached," Sokoloff stated.

He pointed to a sermon broadcast from a Gaza mosque that explicitly stated that "all agreements with Israel are temporary."

The Palestinian media reinforces the belief that it is not possible to compromise on the claim to all of the territory from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea and it repeatedly dehumanizes Jews through such devices as a dramatized rape scene by Israeli soldiers, while also claiming that Israelis are poisoning Palestinian water, he said.

Children are being incited to violence in a horrifying way, he continued. In a video broadcast repeatedly, Muhammed al-Dura, the Palestinian youth killed in a crossfire in Gaza as his father attempted to shield him, is seen speaking to Palestinian children from heaven, where he is seen flying a kite in sunny, pastoral fields.

With a popular entertainer singing in the background, al-Dura invites children to join him in paradise.

"It's a romanticization of heaven, making it attractive for 11-year-olds to kill themselves," Sokoloff said.

That fits in with the current Palestinian plan ,which is "to kill as many Israelis to weaken our resolve, and kill as many children as possible to get international sympathy...The Palestinian Authority is manipulating the children of their community in a horrendous fashion," Sokoloff maintained.

Sokoloff acknowledges that accepting that conclusion is difficult for people from Western cultural backgrounds.

"It's difficult for people in the West to confront the possibility that the Palestinians really mean what they say. There is a tremendous cultural arrogance in certain circles in Israel and abroad that assumes the Palestinian goals are the same as ours."

The PMW attempts to present to a wider audience the exact words being used by the Palestinian media. It is the PMW's belief that "the first step to being able to move to peace is to understand the true nature of the situation and the true nature of the Palestinians."

As part of his North American visit, Sokoloff met with legislators on Capitol Hill, where he is pushing for a Senate hearing on the Palestinian media's encouragement of children to commit suicide.

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D'Amico brings to the table an extensive background in both banking and volunteer work. And as someone who has lived and worked in the East Toronto area for a number of years, he is well-positioned to turn CIBC's strong presence in the area (19 branches) to good account.

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D'Amico's approachability, easygoing manner and work ethic have endeared him to East Toronto business people and members of the general community, and he relishes the opportunity to serve. The sense that he is helping to make a difference gives him "all the gratification I need. Giving back to the community isn't something that's nice to do, it's something we *have* to do."

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Klezmer and beyond

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

TORONTO — No matter how talented you are, virtually every artist will tell you sometimes all you need is a break.

Eric Stein and his klezmer band Beyond the Pale got this break on a train ride from Montreal to Toronto.

Beyond the Pale had recorded their debut CD and were set to release it independently when trouble with the artwork pushed back its scheduled release date by at least two months. It was during this time Stein, 28, was returning home from Montreal.

"By coincidence I was sitting next to the owner of Borealis Records," Stein, the band's mandolin and tsimbl player says. "He saw me with a mandolin case and we started talking and I gave him a copy of our demo."

The next day Stein got a phonecall and a deal with Borealis was struck.

"[Having a record deal] is a really sweet thing; it really helps having a national distribution, support and promotion campaign," Stein says.

Routes, the band's recently released debut CD, is a collection of contemporary and traditional klezmer songs with a bit of reggae and acoustic funk. Seven of the 12 songs are original compositions.

Just because it's klezmer doesn't mean it has to sound like something played in a shtetl a hundred years ago, Stein stresses.

"Klezmer music should not be a museum piece, it should evolve. What I do now is progressive, unique and marketable."

On the CD, traditional klezmer songs are given new life and the original songs were composed in klezmer form and style.

"We compose original music using traditional forms and we reinterpret traditional songs in different ways," Stein says. "For example, I use the tsimbl (a hammered dulcimer) as a lead instrument. I also transcribe solos originally written for clarinet for the tsimbl, which is rather unique."

In fact, he says, the original klezmer bands didn't use the tsimbl or the mandolin. "Original klezmer music used only a violin and clarinet. The mandolin is not considered a klezmer instrument."

Being a progressive klezmer band can be a double-edged sword. "For us playing klezmer is not about nostalgia and this is an issue I'm faced with a lot," he says, referring to audiences requesting traditional klezmer songs. "It's a really fine line to walk, keeping our audience happy and getting them to listen to our original songs.

"I accept that we're going to lose some people, but to cling to something that is only rooted in the past is counter- productive."

That's not to say *Routes* isn't a klezmer CD. The violin (played by Anne Lindsay) and clarinet (Martin Van de Ven) are a huge part of the band's sound, and Sasha Luminsky's accordion is on the forefront of songs like *Agnia* – a Romanian-style dance song. Bert Higgins on bass rounds off the lineup.

"There's a huge cult of authenticity in klezmer – people saying, 'You don't play that note right,' or 'You don't sound Jewish' – in fact, I find myself doing the same thing to other bands," Stein admits.

"The songs on our CD are written in the style of klezmer forms. There are a few songs on it that aren't klezmer that show the width of our palette. Some academics may have trouble with us calling it klezmer – but so be it.

"Today Yiddish folk music and Yiddish theatre music – which to academics are apart from klezmer – are all absorbed into the reality of what's become the klezmer revival."

Stein started playing mandolin after playing bass in a rock band for 10 years.

"I picked up the mandolin primarily to play bluegrass and then the klezmer revival swept me up in that direction. Klezmer felt more natural than bluegrass; it's something I can feel."

Beyond the Pale

His background – he's got a master's degree in history – was a natural segue into klezmer. "There's a cult of academia in the klezmer world. There's a lot of research in this music, so playing klezmer is tied into something I did scholastically."

Klezmer is defined as the instrumental folk music of Eastern European Jews.

"In reality, it's a fusion of styles influenced by Hungarian, Polish, Gypsy and other such cultures."

Beyond the Pale will be turning one of its songs from the CD – *ChasenJah*– into a short film for BravoTV. "It's about a Jewish man who marries a Jamaican woman."

The film – to be shot in September – has a dance scene choreographed by Allen Kaeja and is to feature a huge wedding scene. If you want to be a guest in this wedding scene, give Stein a call at 416-482-2699.

In the meantime, you can catch the band live at a *CJN* co-sponsored event July 1 at the Canada Day celebrations at Downsview Park with headliners Tom Cochrane and Kim Mitchell. Beyond the Pale is scheduled to play at 3 p.m. You can also hear them June 30 at Harbourfront, July 4 at the Yiddish Festival at Mel Lastman Square, and in British Columbia later that month.

Routes is available in major record stores or by calling 1-877-530-4288. You can also visit the record company's Web site, www.borealisrecords.com.

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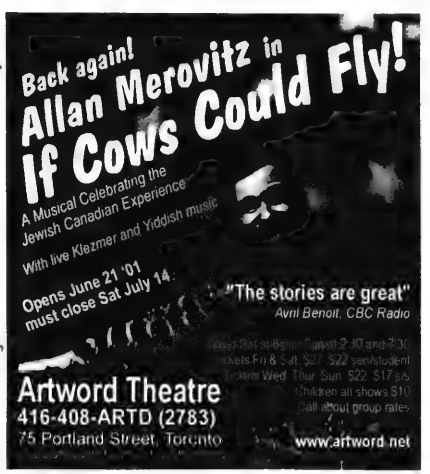

Across Oceans brings artists and performers to Toronto

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Maxine Heppner, a Toronto-based choreographer, performer and teacher, is the visionary behind Across Oceans, The At Home Festival, an interdisciplinary three-week pilot project that brings together artists, dancers, musicians and performers from around the world and from across Canada to Toronto.

As Heppner explains, the word "across" is particularly revealing. "It works across geographical boundaries, across arts boundaries, across generational boundaries, and across the divide between artists and the audience."

The festival, which runs from May 28 to June 17, provides a forum for artists from Canada, Europe, India, Indonesia, New Zealand and the United States to exchange, discover and discuss ideas on how they can collaborate with each other to further creative development.

Workshops, master classes and performances will be open to the public, providing audiences with the rare opportunity to catch a glimpse of the act of creation that is often concealed in a final production.

After 14 years of performing, teaching and collaborating abroad, Heppner said, she felt it was time to bring international and other Canadian artists to her home.

"I had been working with artists abroad, and after being in their home, they wanted to come visit me in mine. The festival is a way to bring them here," Heppner said.

"When you're in another country, the pressure to create something fast is extreme. We're constrained by time, money and also by culture and perspective, because the artists are working on a different frame of reference."

Heppner says she wanted counterparts from far away to come and create in a Canadian environment, from a perspective familiar to her and to other local artists.

"Toronto is my home. These are the streets I walk up and down every day, these are the artists in my circle. It was an obvious location for the pilot."

Born and raised in Montreal, Heppner began ballet lessons as a child. As a teenager, she took dance lessons with Elsie Solomons, who became her mentor.

"Elsie came from a tradition of modern dance and expressionism. She taught me that movement is not just about lines, shape and form, but that movement should express the human experience; that dance is a non-verbal expression of who we are and what we are feeling. This was crucial in my development, and my work ever since has been an extension of that."

Heppner says that being Jewish gave her a spiritual base upon which to develop her world view, and that her parents were also important influences in her life.

"My parents, Dodo and Lyone Heppner, have been leaders in the Jewish community in Montreal since I can remember," said Heppner, who recalls having people over at her house every Friday night for Shabbat dinner.

"My mom would play the piano, and I would sing and dance for our guests," Heppner said, adding that her siblings accompanied them.

"My parents taught me to have a sense of responsibility for the greater community, and to share things that are precious to me with others."

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Toronto's foremost Yiddish diva to make New York debut

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Local actor-singer Theresa Tova, who has has become known over the past decade for her jazzy, emotional interpretations of classic Yiddish songs, has been invited to perform with several leading Yiddish divas at a June 24 outdoor concert in Damrosch Park beside New York's Lincoln Center.

Tova, whose first CD, *Telling Stories*, appeared last year, says the concert organizers invited her to participate soon after hearing the CD, which features about a dozen Yiddish tunes.

"I believe I'm the only Canadian on the bill," she says. "The idea is that the modern Yiddish divas are supposed to be honouring the real Yiddish divas from the great age of Yiddish music and vaudeville."

Born in Paris to Holocaust-survivor parents in the mid-1950s, Tova grew up in Calgary, and spoke Yiddish as her first tongue. After establishing her acting credentials with a few movie parts and a choice role on the 1990s TV series *E.N.G.*, she ventured to sing publicly in her mameloshen, and audiences loved it.

"Yiddish touches my soul and enriches my life tremendously," she says. "It's in my blood, and I'm delighted to see it has universal appeal."

When it comes to singable Yiddish music, Tova is both an aficionado and an activist. Once, when asked to join a Christmas benefit show on CBC radio, hosted by Shelagh Rogers, she sang a snappy Yiddish version of *Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow* after racking her brains in vain for a half-decent Chanukah song. "There are no good Chanukah tunes," she laments.

Tova has hardly stood still since her two-woman musical *Still the Night*, which dramatized her mother's Holocaust experiences, won four Dora awards and was nominated for a Governor General's Award. To her amazement, the printed version of the play has gone into a second printing.

Actor-singer Theresa Tova

"That's incredible for a play! Who buys plays?"

And she hints that the work is in development "for another medium."

Tova toured the United States with the Broadway production of Livent's *Ragtime*, playing the brassy Jewish anarchist Emma Goldman (which she performed before then-president Bill Clinton).

At last year's Stratford Festival, she took on another Jewish role – that of Yenta, in *Fiddler on the Roof* – alternating it with the part of Lady Jane in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Patience*.

Soon after she returns from New York, she's booked to sing Yiddish and jazz numbers at the Top of the Senator in Toronto on July 7 and 8. She's also booked at Stratford's Church Restaurant on July 28 (for an evening of Irving Berlin tunes), and at the Montreal Yiddish Festival on Aug. 16.

Nunsense closes Encore's season

By JOYCE SINGER-D'APRILE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Merle Garbe is the heart and soul of Encore Entertainment.

The non-profit community theatre company, which Garbe founded five years ago, has produced such crowd-pleasers as *Beau Jest*, *The Fantastics*, *Anne of Green Gables* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Their 2000-2001 season just ended with *Nunsense*, a farcical musical about an imaginary order of nuns. The book, music and lyrics are by Dan Goggin, direction is by Mario D'Alimonte and choreography is by D'Alimonte and Shari Robinson-Coulter.

In addition to Garbe, the show's producer, two of the musical's actresses, Liz Best (Sister Mary Robert Anne) and Bonnie Gold (Sister Mary Hubert), are also Jewish.

I figured it would be appropriate if I invited my Catholic friend Ellen to accompany me to the show. She told me, through tears of laughter, that the nuns who had taught her at Niagara Falls' Loretto Academy were never this much fun. She couldn't imagine the "ladies of Loretto" ever being as "jolly" as the Little Sisters of Hoboken!

At the start of this uproarious comedy, we learn that the cook has unintentionally poisoned most of the nuns at The Order of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, and that it was up to the handful that were left to raise enough money to bury them all. If only the mother superior hadn't purchased a fancy CD player – then they would have had enough money left in the fund.

Out of desperation, they decide to hold a variety show to raise the money. That's where all the zany shtick comes into play. The nuns continuously mingle with the audience, giving the feel of a real fund-raising event, with oodles of risqué humour coming from the madcap sisters and their irreverent reverend mother. No wonder their motto is that *Nunsense* is "habit forming"!

Garbe attributes her love of theatre to her father.

"My late father, Jerry Simmons, was very involved in Temple Sinai's Stage 210 group, about 30 years ago," she says. "He loved to perform and sing. He was a ham. He got me into a production of *Guys and Dolls* there in 1971. So I did a few shows with them. But then I didn't do anything in the theatre for a very long time.

"My dad was actually one of the founders of the Mel Lastman Variety Players in North York. They are a seniors group who go around putting on shows at Baycrest and other senior facilities."

Garbe's commitment to community theatre began in 1993 when she wrote and produced a musical review called *Love and Other Stresses*, which was performed in 1995 at the Ramada Dinner Theatre, where Encore Entertainment was born.

"Dinner theatre was fun, but it was too much organization," she says. "We really wanted to focus on theatre, rather than getting into the other aspects of it. So a year or so later my daughter Lea produced and directed *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* at the little Solar Stage theatre.

"When the Vaughan City Playhouse was built, we [produced] *The Diary of Anne Frank*. We started our subscription series there," she says.

"In the fall of 1999, we moved to the Toronto Centre for the Arts, where the attendance has been better. We have a larger talent pool to draw from, not just for the performers, but with the designers and directors, etc., as well."

Watch for the 2001-2002 season's lineup, which will feature *On Golden Pond*, *Les Belles Soeurs* and Neil Simon's *The Prisoner of Second Avenue*.

Across Oceans brings performers to Toronto

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Heppner took this idea of contributing to the good of the greater community with her when she moved to Toronto in 1973 to attend York University. After earning an honours BA in dance therapy and composition, Heppner began teaching at the Koffler Dance Studio, and established a production company with some of her university classmates. She also founded the dance department at Claude Watson High School for the Performing Arts.

Heppner began her company, Across Oceans, which focuses on collaboration in contemporary art , about seven years ago, and acts as its director.

Just as her career thus far has been intense, this next year promises to be no exception.

Heppner's goals include making the At Home Festival an annual event, establishing a centre for international collaboration in Toronto, which would house a library of audios and written documents for study and exchange of information.

She will be teaching in Athens for five weeks this summer, and she is then travelling to Singapore to create a new performance for a festival in September.

"The biggest difficulty for any performing artist is surviving – physically, emotionally and economically – because it's an engaging, demanding career," says Heppner. "But the belief that my work [sharing, creating and collaborating] is an important endeavour keeps me going."

For information on festival events call the Across Oceans administration line at 416-967-0151.

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471 Lawrence Ave. W. Sunday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. 416-787-2081.

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What's Happening at Israel's: Meet **Srul Irving Glick** – composer-in-residence of Beth Tikvah Synagogue and winner of the Ateret Kavod 2001 award – listen to his music and hear about his life. Thursday, June 21, 7:30 p.m.

And on Sunday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., author **Shlomo Wexler** discusses his novel, *The Daughters Victorious*, which tells the Torah story of the daughters of Zelaphchad who advanced the cause of women's rights; based on Talmudic and Midrashic sources.

Refreshments, free admission. Israel's Judaica, 897 Eglinton Ave. W.

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Killam Prizes: Three outstanding Canadian scientists are due to receive Killam Prizes, administered by The Canada Council for the Arts, at a June 19 awards dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto. Each prize is worth $100,000.

The recipients are: **Dr. Ronald Melzack**, a McGill University psychologist who pioneered the study of pain; **Dr. Norbert R. Morgenstern**, a University of Alberta professor who is one of the world's pre-eminent civil engineers; and **Dr. Werner Kalow**, a University of Toronto pharmacologist whose work brings together pharmacology and genetics.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Nat King Cole Tribute: The Kory Livingstone Trio, consisting of piano-singer **Kory Livingstone**, guitarist **John Farrell** and bassist **Abby Sholzberg**, presents a musical tribute to the **Nat King Cole Trio**. "We're doing a side of Nat King Cole that a lot of people don't know about – his trio days were before he became popular as a balladeer," Livingstone says.

McMichael Gallery, Kleinberg, Ont. $20. Thursday, June 14, 8 p.m. 905-669-0728.

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Honour Thy Parents: The Soulpepper Theatre Company of Toronto is urging anyone 19 years or younger to "Bring a Parent to the Theatre." According to this recently launched promotion, students who purchase a student ticket for $25 will receive an additional adult ticket (worth $43.50) for free.

Soulpepper's summer season consists of **Noel Coward's** *Present Laughter,* **Arthur Schnitzler's** *La Ronde*, **Anton Chekhov's** *Uncle Vanya*, **Rick Miller's** *Machomer*, **Patricia O'Callaghan** in concert, and **Eugene Ionesco's** *The Bald Soprano* and *The Lesson.* For details, call the Harbourfront Box Office, 416-973-4000.

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Arts Briefs

•The Royal Ontario Museum presents *The Light in Winnie's Window: The War Bride Musical,* written and directed by **Tom Kneebone**, with music and lyrics by **Dinah Christie**. The story is based on the World War II-era experiences of **Winnie Fields**, a partly-Jewish lady from London who married a partly-Métis soldier from Manitoba; she currently lives in Brandon. June 22 to 24. Adults $12. 416-593-4225.

• Dynamic pop singer **Amy Sky** is scheduled to give a special gala performance at the World's Best Club Competition Koop Cup 2001, a gymnastics event in support of Toronto's Olympic bid. Gala ticket, $100. John Bassett Theatre, Metro Convention Centre. June 22 and 23. 416-870-8000. www.geocities.com/koopcup/

• The second annual Buskerfest street performers' festival takes place at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto City Hall. June 14 to 17. Admission free; donations to Epilepsy Toronto invited.

• The National Gallery, Ottawa, is showing a **Gustave Klimt** Retrospective, June 15 to Sept. 16. This is an exclusive North American engagement. 613-990-1985. Web site, http://national.gallery.ca.

• Billed as "the largest Jewish cultural festival in the world," the Ashkenaz Festival of New Yiddish Culture has announced its 2002 dates – Aug. 26 to Sept. 2 – at the usual venue, Toronto's Harbourfront Centre.

Keep us informed! E-mail worthy items to Eye on Arts at info@cjnews.com. Please be concise. Deadline is 10 a.m. on the Tuesday of the week before the issue date.

Learning art gives kids confidence

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Maya Vinokurov, artist and art teacher, says seeing her students' work on display at the second annual Antibes Art Exhibition, held recently at the Antibes community centre, makes her very proud.

"I'm very happy for them," she said as she welcomed visitors into the display room.

Though she has been an artist for decades, Vinokurov began teaching out of her own studio, called Art Studio 2000, and with North York Parks and Recreation three years ago after a neighbour asked Vinokurov to teach her how to paint with watercolour.

Now Vinokurov has over 60 students ages six and up and teaches every medium from sketching and pastels to oil and acrylic.

While Vinokurov says many of her students take art lessons to gain confidence in their abilities, to develop a hobby, or just to relax, some of her students are particularly talented.

My Hoang has been working on her portfolio with Vinokurov for five months and will be taking Design Foundation at Humber College.

"It's relaxing," Hoang says of taking art classes. "You get to apply your creativity and see it all come together. It takes your mind off everything else."

Laura Diaz is Vinokurov's most talented student. With Vinokurov's help she was able to put together a portfolio that got her accepted to Sheridan College's Art Fundamentals, one of Canada's foremost art programs.

"I've been drawing since I was little," says Diaz, whose family turned out to see some of her oil and acrylic paintings on display.

"Maya is a terriffic teacher. She helped me put together a portfolio and prepare for my interviews. She gave me pointers on how to improve my technique, and she helped me develop my own style," which Diaz describes as "realistic."

"I don't think any other person could have prepared me in such a short time. And I never thought I'd be good enough to get into Sheridan, which was my first choice, but Maya always believed in me."

Vinokurov was born in Latvia and lived in Israel before moving to Toronto in 1970. She studied graphic art at George Brown College, and says she mainly uses oil paint and works in the art deco style.

Some of her work has been bought for private collections, and before she began teaching she says she was always busy producing work for exhibits. Vinokurov says she has become so preoccupied with her students in the last year that she has not had enough time to complete enough pieces to display at art shows this year.

Maya Vinokurov and students at the Antibes show.

Bal Harbour resort a great getaway spot

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

The luxurious Sheraton Bal Harbour Beach Resort in Florida is a great getaway destination, catering to families and even those requiring kosher food.

This spacious 10-acre beachfront resort overlooking the Atlantic Ocean was the setting for the 1999 film *Analyze This,* starring Billy Crystal and Robert De Niro . The Sheraton Bal Harbour Beach Resort is located approximately 30-40 minutes from both the Miami and Fort Lauderdale airports.

Sheraton ITT purchased the property, formerly known as the Americana Hotel, in 1989. Now part of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, the 642-room resort underwent a $60-million (US) renovation, and boasts of a $12-million water fantasy pool considered one of the 10 best swimming locales by American Airlines.

There are 26 garden villas with walkout terraces surrounding the pool area, perfect for families wanting a quick dip in the pool. The penthouse level and the presidential suites – where former president Bill Clinton has stayed – offers butler service.

Kids from five through 12 years of age can check into the Harbour Kids Club while their parents work out at the Lifestyle & Fitness Club. There are a host of poolside activities offered daily, including an early morning stretch and beach run, a water aerobics class, a billiards tournament and live poolside entertainment provided by Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways.

At the public beach, located across a boardwalk by the hotel, you can rent equipment for water activities from a private operator and have the charges billed directly to your room.

The spa attracts tourists and locals alike with its inviting and calm environment. The spa's extensive services include facials, aromatherapy, pedicures, manicures, massages and hairstyling.

Right across the street from the Sheraton are the ritzy Bal Harbour Shops, all part of the exclusive Bal Harbour Village.

This outdoor mall is a magnet for the rich and famous. On any given day, watch out for the who's who of shoppers, such as Oprah, Will Smith, and Elizabeth and Bob Dole, who reside in the village.

The Bal Harbour Shops house renowned merchants, including Escada, Maxmara, Bulgari, Tiffany & Co., Piaget, Giorgio Armani, Prada, Gianni Versace, and high end department stores, such as Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus. The exotic mall's focal point is an artistic sculpture garden with reflective ponds and waterfalls.

Sights to see include the Jewish Museum of Florida

If you can pull yourself away from Bal Harbour's beach, spa or shops, there is lots to see in Miami. The trendy Art Deco district of South Beach is only seven miles away.

Sights to see in Miami include the Miami Museum of Science & Space Transit Planetarium, the Wolfsonian, and the Jewish Museum of Florida. Also popular is the Lincoln Theater, where internationally renowned conductor Michael Tilson Thomas conducts his New World Symphony, made up of young talents from all over the world including Canada.

At night, the Sheraton can arrange in-room babysitting for parents wanting to board an Island Queen Cruise, where they can dance the night away. The homes of Rosie O'Donnell, Sylvester Stallone and the late Al Capone can be seen while on the cruise.

The Sheraton enables their kosher guests to eat kosher foods by supplying the names of a number of good restaurants that will deliver food to the hotel.

With advance notice, the Sheraton hosts large family reunions and group get-togethers, and kosher food can be supplied for these as well.

The Florida Department of State offers a publication called the *Florida Jewish Heritage Trail,* which is available by calling 1-800-847-7278 or by visiting their Web site at www.flheritage.com/magazine/jht. The booklet is full of interesting facts about the Floridian Jewish history.

For more information contact the Sheraton Bal Harbour Beach Resort at 305-865-7511 or go on the Web at www.balharbourflorida.com.

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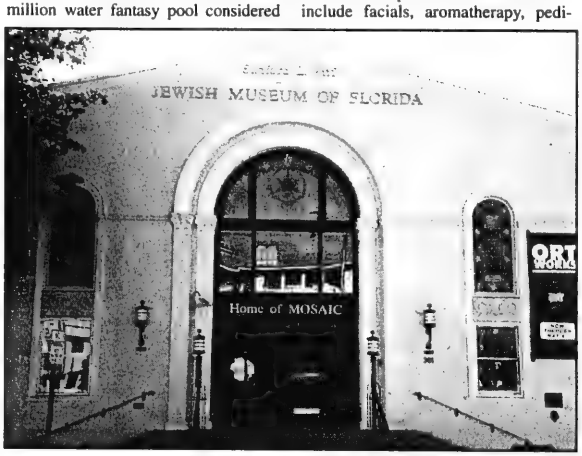
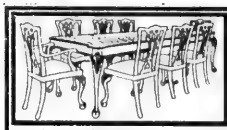


The entrance to the Jewish Museum of Florida. [Kathryn Kates photo]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Last month, I addressed a question from John, whose mother died last November. Since then, John's father has lost interest in many activities, especially his passion for the stock market; he is not caring for his own personal needs or the cleanliness of his home; and he has been missing medical appointments. John felt that his father is still grieving but is denying this. Today, I continue to respond with some other suggestions.

Dear John,

As I concluded earlier, a comprehensive assessment can help determine the reasons for your father's presentation and develop a plan. Grief and depression may certainly have precipitated his decline; however, when difficulties extend to multiple areas of intellectual functioning, other diagnoses must also be considered.

A spouse will often unwittingly compensate for her partner's deficits, and when she dies, his memory dies with her. It is important to clarify whether your father is missing appointments because he does not care or because he forgets having made them in the first place. His excuses may represent sincere attempts to try and make sense of the confusion he feels – not deliberate attempts to manipulate or hide the truth from you.

Similarly, his lack of interest in following the stock market may underlie a more pervasive apathy and loss of skills in this area. While depression may explain some of his symptoms, a diagnosis of dementia must also be considered. The two often coexist, and both may respond to treatment.

Just as depression may mimic dementia, the reverse is also true. And just as antidepressant therapy may provide relief for the mood disorder, it may thereby, at least temporarily, relieve some of the associated memory disturbance. Close monitoring is critical to detect changes over time, to confirm the diagnosis, and to intervene accordingly.

There are many ways we can maximise the function and independence of our loved ones with dementia. In addition to home supports and recreational programs, medications are now available for treating mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease, and studies are ongoing to evaluate their efficacy in other dementia syndromes.

Drug therapy is also important in the treatment of stroke, which may also contribute to, and/or cause, dementia. By identifying and co-ordinating the necessary interventions, a comprehensive evaluation can help you and your father not feel so alone.

Dr. Shelley Veinish is a geriatrician at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and assistant professor in the faculty of medicine at the University of Toronto.

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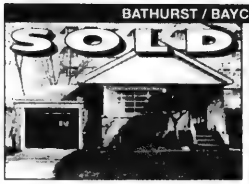

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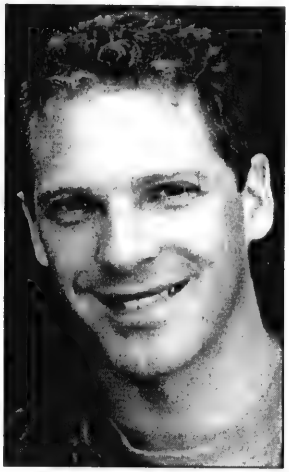
Jordan Merkur: Directing *Night Mother* and *Life After God* at the same time

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jewish theatre director Jordan Merkur, 39, is the first to direct two plays at the same time in the Fringe Festival (104 companies) July 5-15.

The festival plays run in six different locations in the Annex area, and two in the downtown core.

Merkur is directing a 90-minute production by Eclectic Theatre of *Night Mother* by Marsha Norman, another first for the Fringe which usually restricts plays to a 60-minute limit, and *Life After God*, a world premiere of an adaptation by his company and TBH Theatre of a Douglas Coupland short story by Jewish Toronto playwright and performer David Chaim Eden.



Jordan Merkur

Coupland is the Canadian author of *Generation X* – an expression which has become a fixture of our language.

Both plays will open July 6 at Tarragon Theatre, *Night Mother* on the Extra Stage and *Life After God* on the mainstage. (Call the Fringe hotline, 416 966-1062.)

Life After God, which is Eden's first venture here, is a one-man show about an ordinary man comparing his life choices to those of other people.

"We all wish at one time or another that we had made other choices," he says in the play in which he plays a total of nine characters.

The Fringe production of *Life After God* will go on to other fringe festivals in Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton before the summer is over, and Merkur will join it in Vancouver, which is Coupland's home city.

Merkur has been in professional theatre for 21 years, since he graduated from the fine arts program at York University in 1985, when his company, Eclectic Theatre, was born.

"It hasn't been easy, but I've been pretty lucky, with teaching and coaching jobs to help my income, and as a waiter for a very good caterer," he said.

Among those he's coached is comedian David Broadfoot.

Merkur is best known in the theatre world for *Assassins*, the story of six men who tried to kill U.S. presidents, which won five Dora awards, and *Passion*, the glitzy Stephen Sondheim musical.

"You either like Sondheim or you hate him," Merkur said.

Perhaps in the Jewish community he is best remembered for directing the original *Chutzpah a go go*, based on tales of Jews in western Canada, which has had a total of 10 productions, seven in Toronto, and one each in Winnipeg, Montreal and New York.

"I'd love to direct *Chutzpah 2*, and I'm encouraging writers and stars David Gale and Randy Vancourt to do it, but they're very busy."

The Toronto director has been attracted to social issue plays, such as *Creeps*, *Bent*, *Fortune and Men's Eyes*, *Walking the Dead* and *My Mother Said I never Should*. "I have always felt that theatre should have a voice in making the world a better place," he said. "But there is a resonance in these plays of something more subtle."

For example, in *Creeps* and *Fortune and Men's Eyes*, there are characters triumphing over adversaries. In *Walking the Dead*, sex change is the central issue, but we learn that though people may change their behaviour, they don't change their core personality.

My Mother Said I Never Should, which is set in Liverpool, is about four generations of women, but "Canadians identified with it through their own moms," he said.

At Leah Posluns Theatre, Merkur directed *Bitter Memories* in 1991, about American spy Jonathan Pollard, who is still in a U.S. jail, a play based on Pollard's assumptions coming true.

"There was great tension in the theatre that night because it was Jan. 17, the same night the Gulf War began."

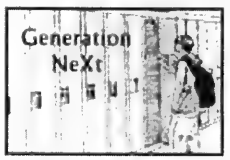
Greater Toronto Area

The Jewish freshman – part 2

By GILA ASHTOR

We are small but we are many
We are young but we unite,
To the candle of continuity
You are the flame, and we're the light

If the world of media, with its talk shows and heated debates, has taught us anything about ourselves, it is perhaps that to argue is to answer what simple questioning will not. Although the forum for finding ourselves may seen limited to the self-help bookshelves at Indigo, the quest to identify our academic careers and our relationship to our spiritual missions is within our reach, even closer than the nearest bookstore.



Having prefaced my last column with an introduction on the adolescent search for a spiritual curriculum, it seems almost fitting to recount a discussion recently held between a student and a teacher of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) at last week's graduation trip to Washington. Arguing the many ways students should strive to maintain their Jewishness, Shauna Hencowitz, an OAC student, was quick to claim that we must go where Jews go; that any other destination is a threat to an identity we cannot afford to endanger. Claiming that the best way to stay Jewish is to stay with Jews was how Shauna promised to nurture the spirit she has worked so hard to build.

"I can't challenge my religion yet – it's too shaky, too fragile, too weak," she said, almost determined to secure her heritage in the only way she knows how.

A teacher of Tanach and rabbinics, Rabbi Shlomo Vilk, thought differently. "What good is your religion, if you cannot challenge it?" he argued. For Vilk, young people's search for meaning must first come at the expense of personal ambivalence, private analysis and internal debate. Until we fight for our identity, we cannot be sure what it is we're protecting. Vilk went even further to defend his position, by explaining the paradox of our collective plight: that people must be willing to fight with the world in order to taste inner peace, that people must challenge their values in order to enjoy their decisions.

In the words of Pirkei Avot, the wisdom of Our Sages, let us remind ourselves of one truth. "If we are not for ourselves, who will be for us? If we are only for ourselves, what does that make us? And if not now, then when?" As the year draws to a close, let us imagine that if we are to preserve our education, our process can endure no delays.

Whether we accept that our Jewish identity is safer in the comfort of our own familiar surroundings, or admit that only challenge can develop our spiritual growth, we must unite in the understanding that our time is limited and our resources will change.

As Rami Friedman of Vaughan Secondary School said, "The question is not whether we are moving on, but what we do with where we're moving." If we have discovered anything, let it be that the search for answers will not end until we have found more questions; that a Jewish identity is too special to quantify; and above all else, that Jewish youth have too much potential to forfeit a history we are constantly helping to shape. More than anything let us remember that it is never too late to learn or too early to teach, especially when our heritage is on the line. After all, the past has no mercy and the future has no patience. We must acquire wisdom from both and courage from each.

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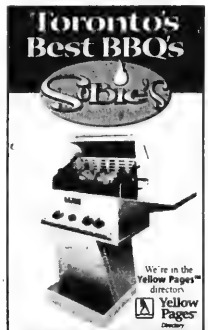

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Single female, 41 yrs, long red hair, green eyes, seeks male, older, retired or widowed, kind loving, likes to travel, from the Forest Hill-Bridalpath area, age/looks not important, for companionship **AD#1322**

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SHARE MY DREAM
Single female, pretty, petite, passionate, distinguished male, 65-75 yrs, for companionship and more. **AD#1738**

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Single female, attractive, 5' 7", auburn hair, green eyes, medium build, fit, kind, sincere, wide variety of interests, seeks Jewish male, over 5' 11", full head of dark hair, handsome, good sense of humour. **AD#1133**

LOOKING TO SETTLE DOWN
Late 40's, in the education field, bright, good hearted, considered, good looking and ready to settle down. He is looking for someone who is honest, nice, normal, stable, and with a good sense of humour. **AD#1241**

LOVING & CARING
Single male, kind, generous, handsome, hardworking, self employed, well travelled, seeks female, nice, kind trustworthy, respectful, loyal, to share life's adventures. **AD#1565**

FRIENDS 1ST
Single male, 48 yrs, professional, 5' 9", handsome, non smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, travel, the theatre, music, seeks female, warm and caring, with similar qualities, for friends first relationship. **AD#1604**

COOKING & FUN
Young looking, self employed, 48 yrs with brown hair and eyes, medium build and no children, asks if he is what you are looking for! He is honest, loyal, clean shaven, down to earth and a gourmet cook. **AD#1151**

SEEKING SOULMATE
Single male, non smoker, 6', wears glasses and has a beard, witty, bald, educated, down to earth, very friendly, enjoys literature, has one teenage daughter, seeks female, for friends first relationship. **AD#1076**

SEEKING SOULMATE
Single Jewish male, 52 yrs, non smoker, 5'2", enjoys working out, quiet romantic evenings, outdoor activities, seeks female, 40-50 yrs, for serious relationship. **AD#1449**

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
Single Jewish male, 54 yrs, real estate agent, and writer, handsome, healthy, intelligent, seeks female, young attractive, and ready to start a family. **AD#1209**

NO FLAKEY
35 year old Jewish man with brown hair, and eyes, has come back from a long stay in Los Angeles and would like to meet someone. He is unconventional and artistic but not flakey. **AD#1598**

SINGLE MOM
Single mom, 40 yrs, employed, honest, sincere, romantic, enjoys movies, music, sports, seeks male, handsome, honest, employed, good sense of humour, good conversationalist. **AD#1457**

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
Single Jewish female, 48 yrs, caring, warm, intelligent, down to earth, enjoys dining and dancing, the theatre, movies, travel, long walks, enjoys life, seeks male, established, with similar qualities, and interests, for companionship, leading to a lasting relationship **AD#1077**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Single female, 52 yrs, enjoys dining and dancing, sports, art, long walks, good conversation, seeks Jewish male, 50-60 yrs, handsome, down to earth, for long term relationship. **AD#1481**

DOWN TO EARTH
Very attractive, artistic, professional, spiritual, but down to earth, lady in her 40's, - seeks someone who is legally available with integrity, strong intellect, and a generous heart. She is creative with a great sense of humour **AD#1663**

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LOVES LIFE
Single female, 49 yrs, red hair, sensuous, spontaneous, compassionate, affectionate, enjoys holding hands, cuddling, good listener, seeks male, 55 plus, gentle, kind, spiritual, looks not an issue, its what's inside that counts. **AD#1221**

BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES
Single Jewish female, 38 yrs, 5' 4", blue eyes, brunette, adventurous, affectionate, enjoys sailing, outdoor activities, good conversation, seeks male, Jewish, 34-46 yrs, non smoker, intelligent, good sense of humour, positive attitude, handsome, with a zest for life. **AD#1392**

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A single male, 32 yrs, Scorpio, 6' 2", 180 lbs, slim, muscular, build, seeks female, spontaneous, not into head games, leave name and best time to reach you **AD#1072**

FUN TO BE WITH
40 yrs, single Jewish male, professional, fun, easy going, enjoys outdoors, baseball, roller blading, volleyball and basketball, in the winter, active, seeks Jewish female, 27-37 yrs, caring, fun to be with share same Jewish values, and eventually build a life together **AD#1347**

NO HEAD GAMES
50 yrs young, 5' 10½", 175 lbs, good shape, attractive, passionate, active, works out, keeps busy, outgoing, open to new and different things, no head games, likes walks in the park, movies, seeks someone with similar qualities and interests, can connect one to one, passion is important. **AD#1634**

LOVING & CARING
Single male, 6' 1", 210 lbs, 39 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, handsome, clean shaven, kind, gentle, loves children, wide variety of interests, seeks female, 21-41 yrs, baby faced, soft milky skin, attractive, medium build, race not important, please be sure to leave your number **AD#1303**

CALL ME
Single male, Scorpio, 6' 2", 180 lbs, seeks female, sensual, spontaneous, no head games, enjoys talking on the phone, quiet romantic evenings. **AD#1294**

LET'S GO SURFING
Single male, 6' 3", 220 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, glasses, enjoys playing sports, golf, surfing the internet, watching TV, seeks female, 27-40 yrs, who enjoys golf, spending time with family, and having a good time **AD#1050**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Single male, 48 yrs, humourous, employed, in the stocks trade, enjoys singing, dining and dancing, old movie seeks female, nice, kind, considerate, good natured, status, not an issue. **AD#1067**

LOVE, HUGS & CUDDLES
Single Jewish male, 40+, grey blue eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, good sense of humour, enjoy the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, seeks female, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, orthodox preferred, intelligent, with similar interests **AD#1168**

CALL ME
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue eyes, warm sincere, gentle, compassionate,good communicator, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking cooking, seeks female, orthodox, preferred, 35-45 yrs, intelligent, with similar qualities and interests **AD#1600**

FRIEND 1ST
Separated Jewish male, 63 yrs, 5' 11", self employed, new to Toronto enjoys, long walks, skating music, good sense of humour, seeks female, 45-55 yrs, professional, with similar qualities and interests **AD#1298**

LOVING AND CARING
Single male, 67 yrs, active, professional, semi-retired, caring, down to earth, enjoys fishing, cottage life, cooking, travel, seeks female, attractive, petite, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1401**

LOOKING FOR HONESTY
Young looking, good looking, self-employed, 48 yrs, old Jewish man, with brown hair, and eyes, and a great sense of humour, seeks someone who is, honest, Jewish, good looking, and who know when to speak up. **AD#1443**

LIFE FILLED WITH FUN
Traditional Jewish male, 64 yrs, 5' 9", 168 lbs, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, slightly tanned, divorced, doctor, compassionate, fun, upbeat, youthful, spiritual, resides in Florida, enjoys cooking, working out, travel, music, dancing, theatre, seeks, youthful, Jewish female, 49-56 yrs, easy going, slim, sensuous, unencumbered, willing to move, Florida, and is ready for a quality lifestyle filled with fun. **AD#1632**

GIVE ME A CALL
Divorced white male, retired, financially, secure, good sense of humour, enjoys dining and dancing, movies, travel, seeks female, 65 plus, slim, pretty, for loving relationship. **AD#1712**

LIFE IS A JOY
Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, mature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with **AD#1296**

WANTS SOMEONE WHO IS EVOLVED
A fit, handsome, warm, creative, compassionate, 43 year old, Jewish male, seeks someone who is very evolved, loving, witty, determined, honest and somewhat intense He is an independent thinker. **AD#1631**

DON'T OVERLOOK ME!
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LIFE IS A JOY
Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, mature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with. **AD#1296**

HERE I AM
Single male, Jewish, 55 yrs, professional, fit, handsome, sincere, sensitive, intelligent, enjoys sports, travel, good conservation, seeks female, 40's, attractive, bright, warm, open, kind, thoughtful, emotionally, stable, for playful, loving relationship. **AD#1467**

TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE
Single male, 47 yrs, with sense of humour, enjoys dancing, old movies, (especially Orson Welles) drives in the country, and auctions. Seeks female, who's good natured, kind, and single mom's are okay. **AD#1504**

WARM & LOVING
Single Jewish male, late 40's, 5' 10", grey-blue eyes, warm, compassionate, sincere, good sense of humour, enjoys hugging and cuddling, the theatre, long walks, bowling, cooking, seeks female, 35-47 yrs, single or widowed, orthodox, preferred, intelligent, with similar interests **AD#1066**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Single Jewish male, professional, handsome, fit, well mannered, good sense of humour, enjoys skiing, sailing Latin and Ballroom dancing, cooking, the theatre, outdoor activities, seeks female, 36-48 yrs, over 5' 2", with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1107**

COMPANION AND MORE
Jewish professional male, 57 yrs, 5' 10", 165 lbs, recently retired, handsome, lot of integrity, warm and caring. Seeking Jewish female, 50-60 yrs, non-smoker, traditional values, good sense of humour, enjoys theatre, dining, with similar qualities, for companionship, leading to long-term relationship. **AD#1027**

LOOKING FOR YOU
Single male, 53 yrs, professional, fit, active, 2 university aged children, enjoys politics, the arts, adventure, travel, seeks Jewish female for a mature relationship **AD#1506**

LIKES TO COOK
A single man who stands 5' 8", weighs 180 lbs, and has dark brown hair, seeks someone for a long relationship. He enjoys movies, long walks, cooking television and sports. **AD#1365**

FRIENDS 1ST
Single Jewish male, 33 yrs, professional, educated, slim, intelligent, handsome, enjoys reading, bridge, going to synagogue, exercising, strong family, family values, seeks female, Jewish sensitive, mid to late 20's, with similar qualities and interests **AD#1357**

LET'S CONNECT
Professional, Jewish male, 33 yrs, Israeli born, introverted, somewhat traditional, employed with IT/IBM, enjoys synagogue, lectures on Jewish subjects, shabots, friends, exercising, playing bridge Seeks straight white Jewish female, mid-late 20's, honest, intelligent, with similar qualities, except more extroverted **AD#1173**

JEWISH HEART
Conservative Jewish male, 47 yrs, enjoys company and talking to people, seeks a gentle, kind, and easy going, female, who has a Jewish heart **AD#1181**

MUST LIKE CHILDREN
Divorced father of 2, shared custody, 49 yrs, 5' 7", a physician, slim, fit, muscular, sensual, energetic, enjoys philosophy, fashion, art, innovation, food/films, ballroom dancing. Seeks female, 30-39 yrs, attractive, slim, intelligent, energetic, sincere, giving, sensual, emotionally/financially secure, likes children. **AD#1387**

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Teen gymnast takes top spot in tourney

NEIL BECKER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Sacrifice and hard work paid off for Jennifer Horowitz as the Thornhill teen captured the all-round title at the recent Provincial Gymnastic Championships.

Competing in a hockey rink before approximately 1,000 spectators, Horowitz relied on strong motivation and years of experience to withstand the immense pressures of the competition.

"This is my fifth year at the Academy of Sport and Fitness Club. Ever since I started, I just wanted to compete and win," she said.

A gifted athlete who trains 22 hours a week, Horowitz, 13, specializes in four events – parallel bars, vault, beam and floor exercise.

"My favorite is the beam because I'm good at it," Horowitz said.

Prior to participating in the provincial championships, Horowitz had to get by "three qualifiers. It spreads out into a year long process running from November until May," said co-coach Kim Thompson.

Despite her success, Horowitz, who also takes dance lessons (jazz and ballet) twice a week, has no desire to remain in this field in which she excels.

"I want to be a chef," was her reply, when asked if she would want to make gymnastics a career.

She first became fascinated with the sport as a three year-old, when she saw it demonstrated in a mall. Even at that early age, she knew that it was something that she wanted to try.

A couple of years later, she got her wish; it was the beginning of the path that would bring her travel, tournaments and numerous medals.

"I have medals from the qualifiers and the Provincials. I've been to Washington, Chicago, New York and Florida," Horowitz said.

Competing abroad, with her head coach and club owner Paula Johnson, is also a way for Horowitz and other club athletes to broaden their knowledge; they are able to see and experience firsthand some of the sights that most people their age just learn about from schoolbooks.

The tournaments also foster longstanding friendships with athletes from other countries, friendships which are maintained thanks to the wonders of modern technology.

"They make friends and talk on the chat line or e-mail each other," Thompson said.

According to Thompson, Horowitz is a role model for the younger girls who are just starting at the gymnastics school.

Whenever she is practicing, some of the young ones stop what they're doing to watch and admire her talents.

"They sit there watching and are totally mesmerized," Thompson said.

Next year, Horowitz will move up to level three, an advancement in her craft that will naturally require more intensive training.

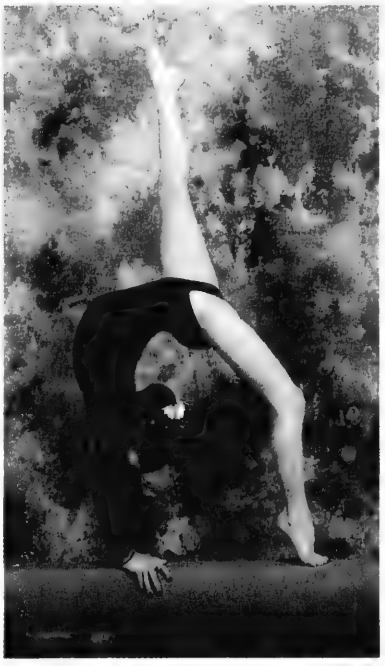
Johnson believes the sky is the limit for this gifted gymnast.

"She is talented enough. She has the skills. She can coach or judge if she wants to," she said.

Horowitz had been slated to compete this summer at the Maccabiah Games in Israel, but those plans were cancelled due to the security situation.

"I was on the team to go. I wanted to go and kind of didn't because of what was happening," she said.

For now, Horowitz is just happy to be training at The Academy Of Sports and Fitness. She is looking forward to next year's tournaments, including qualifying and defending in the Provincials.



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Israel, Spain tie in key soccer qualifier

Ha'aretz Sports Staff

JERUSALEM — The Israeli national team played European giants Spain to a 1-1 tie in their Group 7 qualifying match for the 2002 World Cup last week. The tie gives Israel an all-important point in the struggle to qualify for next year's World Cup finals.

Israel is now in third place in the group behind Spain and Austria, with two games left to play. The team finishing first in the five-nation group qualifies automatically for the finals in Japan and South Korea. The second-placed team goes to a playoff for the coveted ticket.

In front of a meagre 25,000 fans at the national stadium in Ramat Gan, Israel got off to a dream start. With just four minutes on the clock, Eyal Berkovic powered his way into the Spanish penalty area and, with the outside of his foot, sent a perfect cross into the center for Haim Revivo. Revivo, with all the confidence of a player who has just lifted the league championship with Turkish team Fenerbahce, sent an acrobatic diving header past the Spanish goalkeeper to give the home team a shock lead.

Israel continued to dominate the game, with the visiting team looking distinctly second-best. After 20 minutes of play, the Spaniards woke up and created several excellent scoring opportunities. They were thwarted, however, by Israeli keeper Nir Davidovich, who made a string of heroic saves, denying Raul, Luis Enrique and Ruben Baraja.

Despite being pinned down for long periods, Israel managed to create several chances of its own, the best of which fell to Berkovic. His curving free-kick left Canizares totally at sea, but the ball hit the post.

Just before the half-time interval, Israel lost Davidovich, after a bizarre incident in which the keeper injured his knee and could not continue. Davidovich was replaced by Duda Awat, making his third appearance for Israel.

The second half was played at a much slower pace, as Spain attempted to find a way through to goal. Eventually, and almost inevitably, the Spaniards equalized, when Raul scored from close range in the 63rd minute.

Thereafter, both teams tired visibly. A series of tactical substitutions by both managers, bringing on midfielders in place of attackers, ensured that the result remained level at the final whistle, which was greeted with rapturous applause from a home crowd that clearly could not have expected Israel to get even a draw.

Despite the positive result, there was a restrained atmosphere in the Israeli camp after the game. On their way home, the players looked disappointed with the outcome, and there was a feeling they had missed a golden opportunity.

Berkovic said: "It's about time Israel – and Berkovic – were in the World Cup finals. This is a great chance for us. Personally I was pleased to have put on a good performance against one of the best teams in the world – but not the best. We have to learn from them about possession soccer."

Israel's coach, Richard Nielsen, sounded pleased with the result and the Israeli performance, but could not hide his disappointment as, once again, his charges had failed to keep a grip on a lead.

"I wanted to win very much. It's a great shame that we cannot win games after we take the lead, and after we also create so many chances to score. But I have to say one thing: the players deserve a lot of credit for deciding not to disappoint the Israeli people and the fans. I am sure the fans will be pleased, and will be able to smile despite the difficult period we are all going through."

Spain's coach Jose Antonio Camacho said his team's relaxed attitude at the start of the game was responsible for the result. "Israel took advantage of our poor start. They began strongly, and made the most of the first 10 minutes with a fine goal. After that we got back into the match and dominated," Camacho said. "After the first 10 minutes, there was only one team trying to play football, and that was us."

With help like this...

As I was saying...

By RON CSILLAG

Cursed with the knack to see both sides of a story, I am of two minds when it comes to former U.S. President Bill Clinton's impending visit to Toronto to raise funds for a Holocaust monument. Clinton's profile will practically guarantee that the Wall of Remembrance will be built in Earl Bales Park, a worthwhile project if ever there was one, but at what moral cost?

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, which is planning to build the black, polished granite walls to be engraved with the names of Holocaust victims, surely had good intentions when it invited Clinton. What a draw! A former president, no less; a friend of Israel on whose front lawn Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat shook hands (with disastrous results, but that's another story); a successful, two-term leader under whose stewardship the economy roared, crime dropped and there was a chicken in every pot. And a charismatic guy to boot.

Who wouldn't want to go hear him? A lot of people, as it turns out. While ticket prices are reasonable (between $150 and $250 each), the June 25 event at the Hummingbird Centre isn't even close to sold out. As of this writing, the 3,000 or so tickets were between one-half and three-quarters sold. (A corporate dinner beforehand, however, is sold out.)

So maybe Clinton isn't that big a draw. Or maybe people realize he's the wrong person to speak about anything to do with the Holocaust.

For it was on his watch that the greatest mass murder since the Third Reich took place: the 1994 slaughter – in the span of just 100 days – of 800,000 Tutsi and moderate Hutus, women and children included, by Hutu extremists in Rwanda.

Early in his presidency, Clinton visited Yad Vashem and vowed, "Never again." Then he allowed the Rwanda massacre to proceed.

According to a summary of *Rwanda: The Preventable Genocide*, the report of an international panel that investigated the genocide, the United States had the unequalled influence within the United Nations to ensure the deployment of a military mission that could have prevented the nightmare before it began. Even after it started, the report states, a serious military mission "could dramatically have reduced the magnitude of the slaughter."

Why didn't Clinton act? It took a former (and Jewish) American Secretary of State to answer that a few years later, when U.S. forces joined NATO to bomb Serbia. The shortest answer, said Lawrence Eagleburger, was that Kosovars are white and European, and Rwandans are neither.

To be fair, blame for the Rwandan genocide went around. France, Belgium, the UN itself and the Roman Catholic Church were named in the report as equally blame-worthy.

I should disclose that prior to returning to *The CJN* in 1990, I was on the Yad Vashem committee that built the current Holocaust monument in Earl Bales Park, and happily, my and my wife's names are on it. Looking back, though, we had no splashy big names to help us. The money was raised through sheer, old-fashioned sweat: parlour meetings, solicitations and effective publicity.

Clinton's appearance is all the more ironic given recent close ties between local Rwandans and Holocaust survivors, who have met to explore ways to cope with their respective traumas.

There's something else, too. Clinton is a liar of epic proportions and, perhaps most disturbingly, a sexual predator of women half his age. Let's not forget he was impeached for his mendacity and tomcat-like morals. On his way out, he pardoned his criminal supporters.

The Wall of Remembrance should be built. But the memory of the Six Million should not be sullied this way.

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About Parenting

Rebecca Katz

How do you find a pediatrician or family physician for your children, one who suits your needs and shares your philosophy on child rearing?

Well, if you are anything like me, you stick with the pediatrician who has addressed your health concerns since birth.

Or you may be one of those lucky people who find a great doctor through word of mouth or professional referral, and discover that his or her parenting philosophy and personality clicks with your ideals.

But, if you do not fall into either of these categories, an effective solution may be to interview some doctors in the last few months before your baby arrives. My pediatrician, Dr. Robert Farber, offers some questions you may wish to ask potential prospects.

Farber suggests inquiring about the doctor's philosophy on breast feeding. As well, are there specific circumstances under which a patient should call the office? Is there a special time for phone calls? What happens when the doctor is away? What are the doctor's hours? What should the patient do in an emergency? What is the doctor's routine when the mother is in hospital recovering after delivering the newborn? What can you expect from the doctor in the first few weeks after the birth of the baby?

When they do an interview, Farber suggests that the parents consider whether they would be compatible with the doctor and whether the doctor takes time to explain things. As well, he suggests being cognizant of how the receptionists relate to you and how easy it is to get an appointment.

In addition to Farber's questions, I would inquire about the number of patients the doctor schedules on an average day and if there is a long wait in the reception area. Does the doctor have special times allotted to see sick patients separately from newborns and those who are there for routine check-ups? Which hospitals is the doctor affiliated with? Will the doctor make house calls? Is the doctor familiar with any health concerns that may be common among children of Jewish background?

In addition, you have to give your relationship some time to grow.

"You've got to know them," Farber says. "You've got to experience what it is like when you go to the office. Pediatricians tend to be different with different patients, and you act differently in different situations."

That does not mean a doctor will choose favourites. The time a patient spends developing a relationship with a physician may help the doctor care for your needs more effectively.

So don't be shy. Get your list of questions ready and arrange some interviews before the baby arrives. Many doctors would welcome the opportunity to acquaint you with their practice.

Readers may submit questions or comments to Rebecca Katz at rkatz@hotmail.com. But she is not a professional, and her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, please consult a professional.

The Canadian Jewish news

Crossword Puzzle

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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52 Cable letters
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56 Wiesel's water
59 ___ VaShem
60 Heinrich Heine work
63 Humorist George
64 ___-Israeli relations (Blair-Bibi concern)
65 Roof section
66 Past form of 55-across
67 Activist Chomsky
68 Place for a sheytl, maybe

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1 Eight to Sephardim
2 Like a golem
3 Cut
4 Author Levin
5 Salutes to Israel
6 Second in a series
7 Spun tales
8 Halved, perhaps
9 Half a "Fiddler" title
10 Joseph Green film
11 "The ineffable name"
12 Like ceremonies at 59-across
14 Crookedly
17 In the prescribed manner
23 Madison, e.g.
24 Eilat and Key West
26 Blvds.
27 Actor Linden
28 ___ Ben Canaan (Newman role)
29 Adam's was famous
30 "Give ___ rest!"
31 ___-picking (petty)
35 Cancel, as plans
36 Mined stuff
37 Marv Albert accessory, so to speak
38 Part of NYU e-mail addresses
39 Writer Uri ___
40 Letter opener
41 Kissinger negotiation issue
42 Took a shot
43 Cedars Sinai sects.
44 Wave of immigrants
45 Siegel's state
46 Couldn't live without
47 Schmuck
48 Norwegian national hero
53 Taboo
54 "Animal House" party wear
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57 1958 Pulitzer-winner James
58 Refusenik's jail
61 Dutch airline
62 Rowboat need

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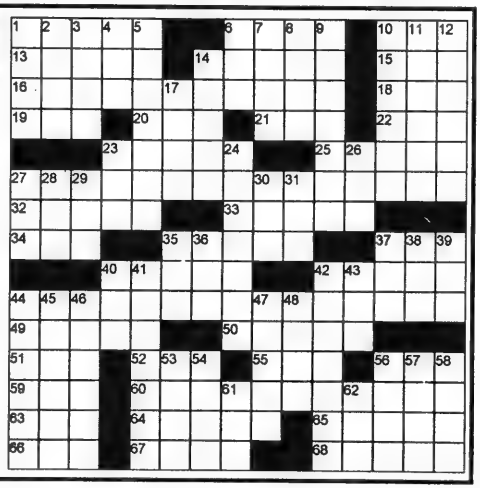

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

The Best Medicine

June, 2001

YOUR HOSPITAL, YOUR NEWS

The smells of warm, kosher food now at Mount Sinai Hospital.

In search for a delicious, warm kosher lunch in the downtown core? Search no further than Mount Sinai Hospital's specialty kosher food section in its Cafeteria on the second floor.

"We decided to take a mini-Marché approach and offer hot, ready made and freshly prepared kosher meal options in our Cafeteria," said the hospital's Director of Nutrition and Food Services, Joy Langlois. "The service was developed in response to inquiries from hospital staff, volunteers and patient family members for hot kosher lunches."

"We are proud to offer this service," said Mount Sinai Hospital's President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph Mapa. "It has special meaning because of our roots and our unabated commitment to the Jewish community."

Mount Sinai Hospital was founded by Toronto's Jewish community in 1923 as a non-denominational maternity and convalescent hospital that would provide treatment to all, in a setting that was culturally sensitive to the needs of the Jewish community, and operate as a training facility for young Jewish doctors. Today Mount Sinai Hospital is internationally recognized for its patient care, teaching and research.

The hospital's new kosher specialty food section is just one of only a handful of such eateries in the downtown core. Prior to opening the specialty food line, the hospital offered convenient prepackaged kosher meals produced by outside suppliers, and offered occasional theme days with warm food items such as pizza or soup.

The new kosher menu includes cabbage borsch soup, blintzes, vegetarian lasagna and sushi. A variety of salads and sandwiches are also available on a daily basis.

The hot kosher food section is open from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Henry's Tournament fore Health**
  In support of the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre
  When: Wednesday, August 1, 2001
  Where: Rattlesnake Point Golf Club – Milton, ON
  Contact: Hannah Slavens 416-586-8662
- **Leadership Sinai Corporate Team Challenge**
  Scotiabank Half-Marathon,
  5K Run/Walk & Waterfront Marathon
  In support of the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre
  Fundraising success depends on the pledges, so help us race closer to a cure and raise your pledges for great incentives!
  When: Sunday, September 23, 2001
  Where: St. Lawrence Market
  Sponsorship and Corporate Team Registration Available
  Contact: Hannah Slavens 416-586-8662 hslavens@mtsinai.on.ca

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MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL CONTINUOUSLY STRIVING TO BE THE BEST

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Mount Sinai Hospital is dedicated to identifying and delivering the highest level of patient care, teaching and research. Our goal is to be one of the pre-eminent hospitals in the world providing The Best Medicine!

We have made great strides towards achieving our objective and we would not be where we are today without your support. Thanks to you, The Best Medicine campaign has now passed the $150 million mark and continues to be the most successful health care fund raising campaign in Canada. Your contribution has made a huge difference to our hospital and the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute. It has been a source of encouragement for everyone involved at the hospital and has re-energized and refocused our efforts for our patients and the community.

We are pleased to report that under the leadership of new President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph Mapa, the hospital's vision has been renewed through the development of a comprehensive plan that builds on our strengths and guides our direction for the future. Innovative and forward-looking proposals from hospital Chiefs and Senior Staff that consider future trends in healthcare while building on Mount Sinai's centres of excellence have been incorporated in this new vision. By integrating specific goals and objectives with the day-to-day programmatic and operational workings of the hospital, the Strategic Planning Committee has developed a strategic plan that is a flexible blueprint for the future.

We are also pleased to report that a number of projects, made possible by The Best Medicine campaign, are now in place or nearing completion. These include: the world class Kimel Family Medical Resonance Imaging Centre that has two new MRI units; the newly renovated Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Centre that will make our Emergency Services more responsive, state-of-the-art and patient friendly; and the Lawrence and Frances Bloomberg Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology that offers one of the most comprehensive range of patient care services, teaching and research in North America.

I would also like to tell you about a number of other wonderful new projects that the hospital is undertaking as a result of the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations and which form an integral part of our strategic plan.

- We recently purchased a building on the corner of Murray and Orde Streets, behind the hospital, giving us approximately 130,000 square feet of usable space for the expansion of our patient care and research activities. Three of the programs moving into the new building are: The Ellen and Martin Prosserman and Family Centre for Health Research, the Koffler Urological Centre and the Leadership Sinai Centre for Diabetes. In addition, we have also expanded to the Ontario Power Generation building at 700 University Avenue where the Obstetrics and Gynaecology outpatient or ambulatory programs are now located.
- Plans are underway to begin construction of two exciting new projects funded by the Prosserman Family Foundation. We will establish the Ellen and Martin Prosserman and Family Centre for Health Research, part of the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, to carry out research that will combine biology with modern technology to unlock the secrets of genetics and its relationship to the spread of disease. We will also establish the Anna Prosserman Heart Clinic that will enable us to double the number of patients we treat with congestive heart failure to more than 3,000 visits a year.
- We are also planning to build a unique centre called the Koffler Urological Centre that will focus on prostate cancer, general urology, infertility, sexual dysfunction, andrology and research into the genetics of urological diseases.
- We opened the Freeman Centre for Endocrine Oncology, a collaborative venture between Mount Sinai Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital. Located at Mount Sinai, this centre is the only one of its kind in Canada. It brings together two distinct disciplines – oncology (the study of tumours) and endocrinology (the study of endocrine glands and hormones) to focus on tumours of the pituitary, thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal glands.
- We established The Peter A. Silverman Centre for International Health. The Centre's mission is to enrich academic medicine and health in Canada and internationally through activities in research, exchange program and services.
- As well, Leadership Sinai has launched an ambitious $3.5 million campaign to establish a Leadership Sinai Chair in Surgery and the Leadership Sinai Advanced Surgical Technology Centre. This campaign will support medical leadership and make the Department of Surgery one of the Canadian pioneers in using new robotic and computerized surgical systems for patient care, teaching and research. Through this advanced technology, surgeons at Mount Sinai will be able to participate in surgical procedures at any hospital in the world that has equivalent equipment.

Today, Mount Sinai is in a strong position to serve patients and the community and we have great plans for the future. In order to achieve these goals, there is a lot of work we need to complete. For example:

- Renovations are required on several floors to upgrade patient care areas to ensure a consistent standard of excellence throughout the hospital.
- Funds are needed to support the purchase of the Murray/Orde Street building and renovations that will be required to convert it into a world-class clinical and health research pavilion.
- Increased support for equipment and technology is needed in many areas of the hospital, including our Intensive Care Unit (ICU) where patients require a technology rich, controlled environment. To support the care of these patients, the ICU would like to establish a Technology Application Unit that will allow physicians to access vital patient information and treatment procedures rapidly. This will result in improved patient care and enhanced decision making at reduced costs.
- More program support for the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute is essential to its ongoing success and research activities. To support its efforts in the areas of genetics and research that translates work carried out in the lab to patient care treatment, it needs new labs, expanded facilities and funding for research chairs.

Most important, we need to increase the number of unrestricted donations to the hospital. These gifts give the hospital the greatest flexibility and enable it and the Research Institute to accommodate priority needs as they arise.

Your support has never been more important than at the present time. Hospitals are experiencing increased demands for their services. At the same time, the provincial government is making it very clear that increases to health care spending must be brought under control. It is looking to the private sector and communities to help ease the financial crunch hospitals are experiencing.

In light of these ongoing needs, it is obvious that The Best Medicine fund raising efforts must continue. In order to meet the objectives laid out in our strategic plan, we must raise $60 million over the short term, followed by an additional $90 million over the next six years, and we need to expand our endowment fund by at least $100 million. In total, we hope to have The Best Medicine campaign reach the $400 million level by the year 2007. At the same time that we are looking to our community for continued support, we are also working in partnership with the government and exploring all possible avenues for additional operating funds. It is a partnership that has worked well as both of us look for ways to enhance health care services to the people of Toronto and Ontario.

We are grateful for your contributions and would welcome any additional help you can provide, both personally and by encouraging others to support The Best Medicine campaign. Your generosity through The Best Medicine campaign is enabling the hospital to continue to grow as a leader in the health care field and to provide better care to its patients, many of whom may be your family members, your friends or your colleagues.

Mount Sinai Hospital is dedicated to identifying and delivering the best patient care with the heart and values true to our heritage. In other words, The Best Medicine. Together, let's make sure we provide the Hospital with the resources it needs to achieve that promise.

Sincerely

Lawrence Bloomberg
Chair
The Best Medicine

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU!

A Salute to our Community's Volunteers

UJA FEDERATION

"אל תפרוש מן הצבור"

פרקי אבות ב:ה

"Do not separate yourself from the community"

Pirke Avot 2:5

UJA FEDERATION

No one gift changes more lives.

Each year, we recognize and salute the exceptional women and men whose commitment to volunteering enhances the well being of our community. These dedicated individuals representing our richly diverse community demonstrate how much we can achieve when we work together.

This year being the "International Year of Volunteers," we are proud to join millions around the world in celebrating the spirit of voluntarism and in paying tribute to our own special volunteers.

This year also marks a new era of Jewish communal cooperation and partnership as hundreds of volunteers from all walks of life come together, under the Jewish Toronto Tomorrow umbrella, to plan for an even brighter tomorrow. Their hard work and enthusiasm are helping to make the dreams of an entire community come true.

On behalf of UJA FEDERATION, I want to express our appreciation for your dedicated service and your commitment to community.

Alan Sandler

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President

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Voluntarism Vibrant in Jewish Community

by Helen Finder-Guttman
Chair, Community Development
UJA FEDERATION

The annual Volunteer Supplement – a tribute to our selfless volunteers and the organizations they are so dedicated to – is an eagerly anticipated feature of UJA FEDERATION.

This year's supplement is like no other. More volunteers and organizations appear on these pages than ever before – more than 70 in all! We should be exceptionally proud of the achievements and commitment of these community builders.

In this "International Year of Volunteers" – a global initiative to ignite the spirit of voluntarism – the following pages reveal that voluntarism is already thriving in our community. We must not, however, assume that our community's volunteer needs have been met. There are numerous volunteer opportunities available today. Organizations large and small are in desperate need of your help. Regardless of your time commitment or volunteering interests ***THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!***

To those who are recognized on these pages – and to the many volunteers who are not – thank you. Your dedication and commitment serves as a catalyst for action and an inspiration to us all.

May you go from *chayil el chayil* – from strength to strength.

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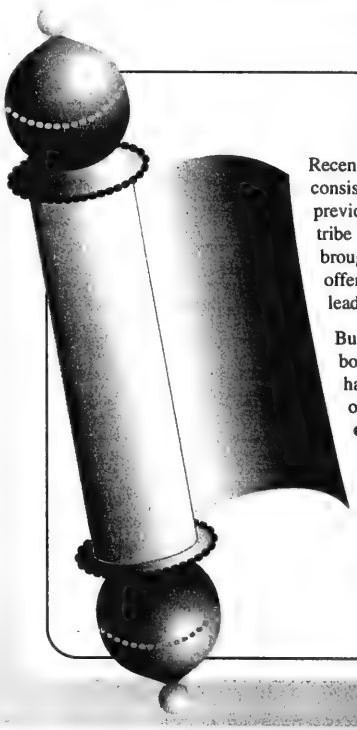


Building Community - One by One

Recently we read the longest parsha of the entire year, *parshat Nasso*. Nearly half of this parsha consists of the same six verses repeated twelve times, with an additional five versus summarizing the previous seventy-two. These repeated verses describe the identical offerings that the leaders of each tribe brought to dedicate the tabernacle, followed by a calculation of the total amount of offerings brought by all twelve leaders. But why the repetition? Would it not suffice to record the leaders' offerings just once? The only difference between each of the twelve repetitions is the name of the leader bringing the offering.

But, this is precisely the point: the offerings were not really identical. Each offering was unique and bore the distinct mark of the person who offered it. The Torah is teaching us that every individual had something unique to offer. But still, why does the Torah find it necessary to calculate the total of all the offerings brought by the twelve leaders? **Although it is important to realize what we can offer as individuals, it is equally important to realize that our role is part of a bigger picture.**

As members of *Klal Israel*, each of us has something unique to offer. When we all understand this, our actions take on a fuller meaning, and only then do we truly become a community.

*by **Eliav Danziger**, who recently won second prize in the Chidon Tanach – International Bible Contest in Jerusalem. He will be graduating from Or Chaim Yeshiva in Toronto this year.*

2001 International Year of Volunteers

Toronto Joins International Year of Volunteers

This year, Toronto's Jewish community joins millions around the world in a sweeping salute to volunteers.

Canada, along with more than 120 other nations including Israel, are participating in year-long celebrations resulting from the United Nations General Assembly declaration of 2001 as the "International Year of Volunteers."

"Each year we recognize the achievements of our volunteers and their value to the community," notes Helen Finder-Guttman, Chair of Community Development at UJA FEDERATION. "We welcome the opportunity to proudly add our voice to other organizations and communities around the world in applauding the hard work and commitment of our volunteers in this special year."

To learn more about the International Year of Volunteers, visit www.iyv.org

UJA FEDERATION - Volunteer Driven

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any organization. Perhaps nowhere is that truer than at UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto.

There are more than 1,000 individuals who give of themselves, day in and day out, throughout a typical UJA FEDERATION Annual Campaign. Whether it's the 500-600 people who canvas in person or over the telephone, or the other 400-500 who participate in telethons and various committees, these hard-working, selfless people come from an eclectic array of backgrounds – both professionally and politically. They are young and old, male and female – all galvanized by one common goal: helping Jews in Toronto and around the world through UJA FEDERATION.

"Quite simply, UJA FEDERATION has the impressive track record it does due to our volunteers," asserts Lisa Morrison, Campaign Director.

"We are able to accomplish what we do because of not only the incredible quantity of individuals who give of themselves every year but, more importantly, because of their quality and commitment. Our volunteers have such an innate and deep understanding of Jewish needs. I am constantly moved by their level of care towards Jews all over the world."

"UJA FEDERATION is indeed incredibly fortunate that we attract such a wonderful assortment of hard-working, caring individuals year after year. They are truly a source of inspiration and pride that never ceases to amaze me," concludes Morrison.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU!

Volunteer in the Jewish community

- **SHARE** your expertise and talents
- **OFFER** your time to someone who needs you
- **GAIN** experience or develop new skills
- **MAKE** new friends and contacts
- **EXPERIENCE** the satisfaction that comes from helping others
- **DEVELOP** a stronger connection to your Jewish community

Call Shelly at UJA FEDERATION 416-635-2883 ext. 137 for more information or visit our web site www.jewishtoronto.net

JTT Values Volunteers

Jewish TORONTO Tomorrow

JEWISH TORONTO TOMORROW is all about new philanthropy, new partnerships and new services, but its ultimate success depends on one thing that's not so new. People.

"The success of Jewish Toronto Tomorrow to date has been the depth and breadth of the volunteers coming forth to be a part of this unprecedented initiative," says Leslie Gales, who is co-chairing the JTT Steering Committee with Barry Sherman. "The scale and scope of this endeavour may be different from anything this community has ever seen, but its most essential component remains the people who believe in its goals," adds Gales.

Since its official launch last spring, hundreds of community members have become involved in numerous JTT projects through financial contributions, consultations and planning committees focusing on three campuses for Jewish life – downtown, central and York Region.

In the heart of old Jewish Toronto, community members are rallying behind an initiative to renovate and expand the Bloor Jewish Community Centre as well as build a new centre for Jewish students attending the University of Toronto. Further north along Bathurst Street, volunteers are planning the revitalization of the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and its surrounding complex, while residents of York Region are laying the groundwork for the largest, multi-purpose community complex ever built in North America.

"I feel very fortunate to be a part of such an exciting venture," says Les Mendelbaum, who is active in the revitalization of the Bloor Jewish Community Centre, as part of JTT's downtown initiative. "Being exposed to so many other interesting people committed to the same cause has enriched my life while giving me the opportunity to fulfil my obligation to my community," he adds.

Leo Goldhar, Chair of JTT's York Region Steering Committee says he is "honoured to be a part of a dedicated team of knowledgeable and caring members of the community who are working on a 'world class' Jewish development. These exceptional volunteers share a large vision and an expansive dream, and bring a wide range of expertise from the development, financial, cultural, academic, communal, educational and recreational worlds."

"Nothing happens without volunteers," maintains Peter Cohen, Chair of JTT's Central Campus Development Committee. "Whether it's time, money or talent, everyone has something to offer."

(Barry Sherman & Leslie Gales)

CHAT Cultivates Community Service

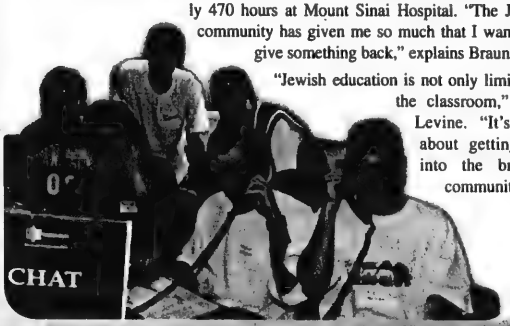
Despite busy schedules and heavy workloads, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) students are spending more hours volunteering than ever before.

More than 1,200 CHAT students have performed over 22,000 hours of volunteer service annually at more than 150 organizations throughout the GTA since its Community Service Program was established five years ago. Program founder Gary Levine says the goal of the initiative is to teach Jewish youth about the importance of community involvement and helping those in need.

Although the program is compulsory for students in grades 9 through 12, many perform more than the required 18 hours of service, reports Janine Pokroy, Program Coordinator at the school's Wilmington Campus. "Each year the number of volunteer hours grows," says Pokroy.

That's because of students like 17 year-old Lior Braunstein, who racked up nearly 470 hours at Mount Sinai Hospital. "The Jewish community has given me so much that I wanted to give something back," explains Braunstein.

"Jewish education is not only limited to the classroom," adds Levine. "It's also about getting out into the broader community."



Volunteers Aid Survivors

The painfully difficult task of applying for compensation from the German government and German companies for survivors who served as slave labourers during the Holocaust was made a little easier thanks to a very special group of volunteers.

Over the last three months, a corps of 18 volunteers, trained by UJA FEDERATION's Jewish Information Service, ran clinics to help 600 survivors living in the Greater Toronto Area fill out the cómplicated and often confusing claim forms that may entitle them to financial compensation. An additional 2,500 applicants were helped by phone.

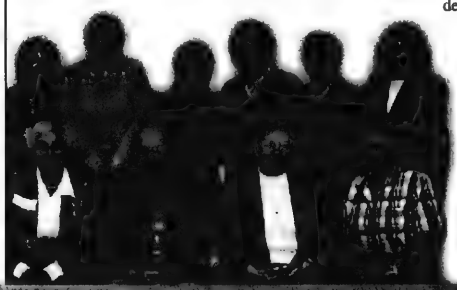
According to Barbara Barak, Senior Coordinator at JIS, an estimated 7,000 to 8,000 Holocaust survivors live in Toronto, and many who qualify for slave labour compensation have yet to come forward.

Volunteers described the sessions as "highly emotional."

"The stories these people came in with were just incredible," recalls Ruth Telesnik. "I feel honoured to have been a part of helping these wonderful people."

"We were so blessed to work with these wonderful, dedicated, caring individuals," adds Barak.

"It was our volunteers who made these clinics such a tremendous success."



A TRIBUTE

It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you to the seventh annual Salute to our Community Volunteers. The men and women featured in these pages, representing all ages and backgrounds, share a deep commitment to perpetuating Jewish values through voluntarism. Their hard work and enthusiasm contribute to making our community the best it can be and inspire others to become involved in community service.

I applaud all of you who give of yourselves in order to help those in need and improve the quality of life for us all. In this special "International Year of Volunteers," I invite you to discover how meaningful and rewarding volunteering can be.

Fern Orzech
Chair, Volunteer Recognition Project

ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

Encourages the religious life of the Jewish community, while perpetuating and promoting Conservative Judaism and the Jewish way of life. www.adathisrael.com

Alan Applebaum

"Having grown up in the family of Adath Israel and serving as President several years ago, I learned the values inherent in community service that I now try to share with other volunteer organizations."

ALPHA OMEGA DENTAL FRATERNITY

The collective Voice of the Jew in Dentistry, Alpha Omega is the international dental organization based on Judaism, professional excellence and fraternalism.

Dr. Miriam Rosenberg

"My work with Alpha Omega allows me to cross the boundaries between voluntarism and professionalism and through both the Jewish world and the dental world. I'm proud of the institutions and causes that Alpha Omega is involved in."

ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS OF TORONTO*

Provides students with an excellent Jewish and General Studies education based on Torah values in a safe and supportive learning environment. www.toronto.com/associated

Pearl Greenspan & Ronitte Friedman

"Volunteering is both a privilege and a responsibility. Sometimes the amount of work appears impossible. But we feel a huge sense of accomplishment when we manage to help shape the future of our school, and help influence the education of our children."

BATHURST JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE*

A community organization providing quality programs and services that meet social, educational, cultural, recreational and citizenship needs of constituents. bjc@interlog.com

Sadie Sobel

"Volunteering has been a rewarding experience for over 20 years. My senior years have been enriched with new friends and a continuing feeling of personal fulfillment. I greet many seniors who frequent the lounge that I oversee. If, while pouring them a cup of coffee, I lend them a caring ear, I feel I have done some good."

BAYCREST CENTRE FOR GERIATRIC CARE

Enriches the quality of life of the elderly. www.baycrest.org

Tobie (Cooper) Bekhor & Sydney Cooper

"Volunteering at Baycrest has allowed my father and I to be part of a vision in progress. Through our collective committees, we are proud to represent more than 3,000 dedicated volunteers working toward that vision."

BBYO*

A youth-led, worldwide organization that provides opportunities for Jewish youth to develop their leadership potential, a positive Jewish identity and a commitment to their personal development. www.bbyo.on.ca

Helen Gold

"As a BBYO alumna, I am honoured to serve on our Adult Board. I have fond memories of my years in BBYO and want to give back to the current teen members. My challenge now is to bring other alumni back to their BBYO roots."

BEIT HALOCHEM CANADA

Raises funds to help support the disabled veterans in Israel, and establishes meaningful relationships between the veterans and the Jewish community in Canada. www.interlog.com/bhcan

Jeanette Grosman

"The pleasure of hosting disabled soldiers in our home and community, building bridges to Israel, fostering close ties between people, working alongside dedicated, caring volunteers – that's the pull!"

BEIT RAYIM SYNAGOGUE

A warm family-oriented Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue that seeks to enrich the Jewish life of our members and Hebrew School students through a celebration of Jewish tradition and love of learning. www.beitrayim.org

Cheryl Cash

"Working on the M'sorah Committee, under the direction of Ester Bard, I have truly taken more than I have given. Her wealth of knowledge is inspirational and every time I collaborate with her I come away renewed and certainly wiser."

*Denotes 2000-2001 beneficiary agencies of UJA FEDERATION

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING*

A non-profit learning and wellness centre reflecting Jewish values and committed to maximizing the quality of life for seniors in the community. www.betelcentre.org

Hanna Citrin

"Following my retirement, I became Vice-President of the Russian Golden Age Club. I planned programs and acted as a bridge between the newly-arrived Russian immigrants and the English-speaking community. The satisfaction and fulfillment that I felt in helping these newcomers enjoy the programs at the Betel Centre was immeasurable."

BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH OF TORONTO CONGREGATION

A family Synagogue emphasizing the warmth of Torah tradition.

Ruth Posner (photo not available) & Andy Gelberger

"The opportunity to volunteer is one that we can all appreciate. Nothing can match the satisfaction of making a contribution to the development of a shul and the community for which it serves. We are proud to be part of a dedicated group of volunteers that strives to improve the lives of all. It touches and builds affiliation and connection among all Jews."

BETH DAVID B'NAI ISRAEL BETH AM CONGREGATION

Dedicated to cultivating, developing and sustaining Judaism and Jewish living in accordance with the ideas and standards of the Conservative Movement. www.bethdavid.com

Norman Shelson

"After conducting services at a nursing home, a resident said how overjoyed she was at seeing someone praying and wearing a tallit. We never know how we affect others when volunteering."

BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA SYNAGOGUE

Fosters a full and joyous way of life rooted in a heritage of traditional Conservative Judaism, committed to Jewish values, education, spiritual well-being and community. www.beby.org

Marty Wolfe

"As a teenager, I assisted Rabbi Kelman with Seders at institutions and prisons. This was my entree into the world of voluntarism. I have since found every endeavour in organizational life to be rewarding and fulfilling."

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

A vibrant forward-looking Conservative Synagogue dedicated to fostering spiritual and Judaic growth and fulfillment. www.bethtikvah.on.ca

Marilyn Cohen

"There is very little at Beth Tikvah that I have not been involved in. Shul life has been an integral part of my life and has solidified Jewish commitment in my entire family."

VOLUNTEER

– A Community

The women and men pictured here have made TZE
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VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS on behalf

2001 SADOWSKI AWARD

The Ben Sadowski Award recognizes individuals with long standing records of senior community service with UJA FEDERATION and the larger Jewish community. It is this community's most prestigious volunteer recognition award.

RONALD APPLEBY Q.C.

For more than three decades, Ronnie's expertise, commitment and leadership have benefited a broad range of community organizations. His involvement with UJA FEDERATION includes serving as President from 1985-1987, Chair of the Lawyers Division and Vice Chair of Major Gifts. Ronnie is currently a Life Member of UJA FEDERATION's Board of Directors and a member of the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto. His other leadership roles include Vice President of United Israel Appeal (1989-1990), Chairmanship of the 1983 and1994 JNF Negev Award Dinners and the upcoming Canadian Friends of Hebrew University Dinner, Vice President and Director of the Canadian Friends of the Shalom Hartman Institute, membership on the Board of Governors of Mount Sinai Hospital and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, as well as the Board of Directors of Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Haifa Foundation.

"For 30 years, community involvement and leadership have added a significant dimension to my life. It is my way of nurturing my Jewish soul and strongly identifying as part of the Jewish people in Canada, in Israel, and with generations past and those to come."

GRANOVSKY AWARD FOR CAMPAIGN EXCELLENCE

Named after the late Jewish community leader Phil Granovsky, the award is a tribute to individuals who exemplify the best in UJA FEDERATION campaigning.

DEBBIE KIMEL

Debbie has been involved with the UJA FEDERATION annual campaign for almost 20 years. After participating along with husband Warren in a UJA FEDERATION Young Leadership Mission to Israel, Debbie began to volunteer extensively in Women's Campaign, during which time she graduated from the UJA FEDERATION's Leadership Development Program. In 1993/94 she served as Chair of the Women's Campaign and later as Chair of the Lion of Judah Division. More recently, Debbie served as Vice Chair of Campaign 2000, Co-chair of the 2001 telethons and currently chairs the UJA FEDERATION Lion of Judah Endowment.

"My volunteer work at UJA FEDERATION has allowed me to develop my leadership skills and links with the Jewish community. I appreciate the opportunities that I've had to meet and work with so many wonderful people over the last 20 years. I thank the Granovsky family and the community for recognizing me with this award."

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Leadership Development Awards were established to encourage young men and women to assume community leadership roles. The awards are presented to individuals who demonstrate extraordinary community commitment and service.

ALISON HIMEL

Alison became active in UJA FEDERATION as a way of re-connecting with the Jewish community after returning to Toronto from the United States seven years ago. Her involvement began as one of the founding members of ATID, a group of young leaders that Alison chaired in 1997 and 1998. Alison's deep commitment to UJA FEDERATION broadened through her work in the Women's Campaign & Advocacy executive, most specifically as Chair of Outreach. She is currently fulfilling her second year term as a member of UJA FEDERATION's Board of Directors.

"I consider myself very lucky to have the time to be involved with the community in such a meaningful and rewarding way. UJA FEDERATION welcomed me from day one and continues to make me feel very appreciated."

JUDITH FINER-FREEDMAN

It didn't take long for Judith to plug into UJA FEDERATION after she relocated to Toronto from Houston, Texas ten years ago. In pursuing her passion for helping Jews in need wherever they are, Judith became active in UJA FEDERATION's Women's Professional Network and later went on to chair the campaign-wide Young Professionals Network. After serving as Chair of the highly successful Women's Campaign & Advocacy Pacesetters Division in 1999 and 2000, Judith is currently carrying out a two-year term as Chair of the prestigious Lion of Judah Division.

"UJA FEDERATION has always been a large and important part of my life. I feel lucky to be part of an organization and a community that is on the cutting edge of helping people in need."

EXCELLENCE

Honours Its Own – THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU!

DAKAH and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT constant priorities in their lives. Their unrelenting COMMITMENT nity help enrich the lives of so many and instill enormous COMMUNITY PRIDE in us all. They will receive their of the entire community at UJA FEDERATION's upcoming Annual Meeting in September.

SHEM TOV AWARDS

The Shem Tov Awards are presented to leaders representing the highest levels of excellence in volunteer service in Toronto's Jewish community.

RALPH BERGER
JVS OF GREATER TORONTO

Following in his father's footsteps, Ralph has contributed his time, skill and expertise to JVS, serving as its Immediate Past President from 1998 – 2000 and, prior to that, on the Executive Committee. A skilled negotiator and IT expert, Ralph helped to enhance the profile and improve systems and operations at JVS.

"There is plenty of work that community organizations need doing. If I can help, I should; if I don't, why should I expect anyone else to?"

FAY GOLD
UJA FEDERATION

Since the Yom Kippur War, Fay has been the consummate UJA FEDERATION campaigner. While telethons are her specialty, having earned her numerous awards, Fay has also been active in UJA FEDERATION Women's Campaign & Advocacy and the Societies Division.

"Volunteering for UJA FEDERATION allows me to carry on my family's traditions of tzedakah and supporting Israel. It is my lifeblood."

STAN KUGELMASS
REENA

A staunch advocate for the developmentally challenged, Stan has dedicated himself to improving the lives of such individuals through his valuable work at Reena over the last six years. Serving as Chair of Reena from 1998-2000, Stan remains an active member of the Board of Directors.

"The greatest joy for me as a volunteer has been the opportunity to work and spend time with people of the highest quality. They unstintingly devote their time and energy to support the needs of the community."

SUSAN MALDOFF
JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

A social worker by profession, Susan has provided leadership and strong commitment to JF&CS throughout her 15 years as a volunteer with the organization. She is currently President and has served as Chair of the Family & Community Services Committee and the Child and Youth Services Committee, as well as the 1992 Friends Campaign.

"Community involvement has always played an important role in my life. My volunteer experience with JF&CS has been most satisfying. The reward for volunteering is knowing that the work done by this agency improves the quality of life for individuals in Toronto."

LIONEL ROBINS
BERNARD BETEL CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

A dedicated fundraiser and active member of the community, Lionel is on the Board of Directors of Bernard Betel Centre. In addition, he is Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation and sits on the Board of Governors of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Mount Sinai Hospital.

"For me, volunteering has been an essential component to my having a balanced life. It has enabled me to share my interest, expertise and experience to help a most worthwhile agency serve the Jewish senior community. My association with the Betel Centre has truly been a most rewarding and fulfilling experience."

MARVIN SADOWSKI
BAYCREST CENTRE FOR GERIATRIC CARE

Marvin has dedicated nearly 30 years to ensuring the wellbeing of seniors through his work at Baycrest. Currently Chair of the Board of Directors, Marvin has also served as Chair of the Audit Committee and Co-Chair of the Building Committee, during which time he provided vital leadership and expertise to such projects as the new Apotex Centre, Jewish Home for the Aged and Two Neptune Drive.

"It is a great honour to receive the Shem Tov Award during the 'International Year of Volunteers.' I accept it on behalf of all the wonderful volunteers who make Baycrest such a caring and unique organization."

DR. STEVEN SILVER
JEWISH CAMP COUNCIL OF TORONTO

A resident of Hamilton, Steven travels all the way to Toronto to carry out his volunteer work with the Jewish Camp Council. In addition to being an active Board member and serving on several committees, Steven's dedicated service has included being President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

"Volunteering in the Jewish Camp Council has given me the opportunity to give to the community in ways that a cheque cannot."

MICHAEL WEINRICH
JEWISH IMMIGRANT AID SERVICES

Michael's commitment to integrating newcomers into the Jewish community goes well beyond his volunteer work with JIAS. In addition to being a longstanding JIAS Board member, Michael has led by example by personally befriending dozens of immigrant families and helping them feel at home.

"To help others is the ultimate deed. Being a volunteer in JIAS, I have had the privilege of helping many Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. Immigration is a very painful and traumatic experience and brings with it many difficulties. I have had the opportunity to help many families overcome them. I am proud of my achievements."

Bloor Jewish Community Centre*

Dedicated to serving the cultural, educational and recreational needs of downtown Toronto through programs and services guided by Jewish values. Open to all members of the community, regardless of race, ethnic origin, or religious affiliation. www.bloorjcc.on.ca

Mark Sarner

"I have been a volunteer at the Bloor JCC for almost a decade. I started out of concern for the future of an institution that had fallen on hard times. I kept going out of a resolve to help save the place for myself, my family and the community. I continue to volunteer because it has enriched my sense of community and my sense of self."

Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The University acts as a driving force in the development of the Negev and seeks to excel as a major centre for education and research in Israel. canbgu@idirect.com

Barry D. Lipson, Q.C.

"Israel is the only country in the world with its resources above ground - brain power. Ben-Gurion University faculty and students are utilizing their brain power to achieve great results. Case in point: BGU scientists are experimenting on the use of coral as a possible substitute for bone in injured people."

Canadian Council for Reform Judaism

Develops and fosters Reform Jewish ideas, provides service and assistance to member congregations and provides a learning and fun environment through Camp George. Nancyber@aei.ca

Gavin Herman

"My most meaningful experience was the development of Camp George, which culminated at opening day in 1999, during the dedication ceremony at the Beit Tefilah."

Canadian Friends of Herzog Hospital

As Israel's foremost centre for geriatric and psychiatric medicine, Herzog Hospital treats the effects of advancing age and mental instability, using advanced medical technologies, professional expertise, compassion and care. Herzog_Hosp@bezeq.net

Riva Rotenberg

"My most memorable experience as a volunteer occurred on a visit to the Geriatric Ward of Herzog Hospital. I spotted an elderly Alzheimer's patient, the grandmother of a friend. I greeted her with 'Boker Tov, Malca.' She took my hand, kissed it warmly and gave me the kindest broadest smile. It made all my efforts worthwhile."

Canadian Friends of Peace Now

Supports the efforts of Peace Now in Israel to promote peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours. www.peacenowcanada.org

Sheldon Gordon

"I've been honoured to meet and work with leaders in the Israeli peace movement."

Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism

Supports the work of the Masorti/ Conservative Movement in Israel, promoting Torah, Zionism and religious tolerance and pluralism within the context of modern Israeli society. mercaz-masorti@interactivepages.com

Morris Adams

"Masorti enables me to play a part in supporting Conservative Judaism in Israel. I am especially pleased by the growing number of Israelis who find Jewish fulfillment in the Masorti Movement."

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (Toronto Chapter)

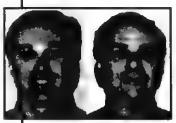
Develops and promotes awareness, leadership and financial support for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. www.cfhu.org

Harley Mintz

"I am delighted to be associated with the Hebrew University. This world-class University's leading edge work in the fields of medicine, law, agriculture, science, Judaic studies, engineering, technology and the humanities contributes immeasurably to the quality of life around the world."

Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University

Provides support for the educational goals of Tel Aviv University, facilitated by enhanced public awareness of the University's achievements, fundraising and the development of a strong local membership. www.tav.ac.il



Dr. Steven Millman & David Newman, C.A.

"We achieved great personal satisfaction from working on the Tel Aviv University Golf Tournament for the past three years. The growth of our fundraising is a result of the hard work of our dedicated volunteers."

Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation

To support and promote educational, research and patient care programs at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem. www.szmc.org.il

Jonathan Solursh

"Being part of a team that is focused on helping others, and encouraging my peers to get involved in the community has been a source of great satisfaction to me. The Shaare Zedek Medical Center is an altruistic organization that provides the finest medical care to all Israelis and visitors, regardless of their race or religion. I visited the hospital, met senior staff members and was fortunate to see this human interaction."

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Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science

Expresses the commitment of the Canadian Jewish community to help the Weizmann Institute maintain its standards of excellence and its significant contributions to world science and Israel. www.weizmann.ac.il

Dr. Jay Alan Smith

"The Weizmann Institute, one of the premier scientific research institutes in the world, has improved the quality of life for all mankind. It's an honour to be associated with this world-class centre of scientific research."

Chabad Lubavitch

Dedicated to preserving and perpetuating Judaism through innovative programs, learning opportunities and publications that encourage ritual observance. www.chabadtoronto.org

Marty Richman

"Chabad is an organization with heart. It is committed to being helpful to each and everyone, going beyond the call of duty to preserve and perpetuate Jewish values. It is truly a pleasure to be of help."

Circle of Care*

Facilitates and supports independent living in the community and promotes individual health, well-being and quality of life. www.circleofcare.com

Bernice Royce

"Circle of Care has allowed me to be involved in many different, worthwhile programs. In particular, through Phone Pals, I now have a wonderful Friday afternoon ritual calling my ladies, discussing the week and exchanging Shabbat good wishes."

Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT)*

Striving for excellence in all aspects of education, CHAT provides each student with a Judaic and General Studies education in a co-educational setting. www.jewishtoronto.net

A. Harold Garfinkle, C.A.

"Volunteers, providing their time and effort to community organizations, define a relationship in which everyone benefits. The organizations become more efficient and the volunteers reap great personal satisfaction. It is an honour to be one of the many CHAT volunteers serving our community."

Congregation Darchei Noam

Providing members and the Toronto Jewish community with the Reconstructionist vision of an evolving, open, Jewish religious civilization, compatible with rational thought and modern knowledge. Promotes the best values of both historic Judaism and contemporary world civilizations. www.darcheinoam.on.ca

Amy Block

"Volunteering is a natural way for me to spend time with people. We bring positive change to the world by sharing our strengths and showing we care. Darchei Noam provides the opportunity to make a contribution."

Downtown Jewish Community Council*

A forum for information sharing, community nurturing, mutual support and community action. It is also a means for affiliation with the larger Jewish community represented by UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto. www.bloorjcc.on.ca

Dr. Stuart Schoenfeld

"I like being part of the process of change. In the DJCC, we are preparing the way for the generation of urban Jews who will shortly be moving in. They're the wave of the future."

Downtown Jewish Community School*

Provides Jewish students with a basis for Jewish identity in a pluralistic community. Students are taught the concepts and skills necessary to live a Jewish life and to feel comfortable within a Jewish setting. www.djcs.org

Diana Ginpil

"The experience of being associated with a dedicated group of Board members committed to delivering high quality, supplemental education and contributing to the vitality of the downtown Jewish community, have been very rewarding."

Dr. Abraham Shore Academy/ She'arim Hebrew Day School*

Canada's first and only Jewish school for children with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders. Programs are designed to help students reach their personal and academic potential by providing them with strategies to manage their difficulties.

Gerald Goldberg

"It is a privilege to advocate on behalf of this essential school in our community. Working with a dedicated group of professionals and lay leaders we now see our efforts reflected in She'arim's growth and its anticipated move to a larger and central location."

Emunah Women of Toronto

An international women's Zionist organization with a long history of providing children and adults in Israel with a broad education and strong Jewish values. www.icomm.ca/emunah

Aryella Weisz

"Simply seeing the glowing smiles on the faces of children, who are now being safely cared for in the nurturing environment of Emunah's religious, Zionist centres throughout Israel, makes it all worthwhile for me."

Habayit Shelanu Seniors Residences Corp.

A unique living environment based on recognition of the changing needs of older adults. Committed to providing an environment that fosters a positive Jewish identity. habayit@volnet.com

Morty Eisen

"In my youth, although volunteer work was always one of my priorities, it took a back seat to my professional and family obligations. In recent years, serving the community has fulfilled a personal need that grew to fruition after my recent retirement."

Hatzoloh Toronto

Responds to emergency medical needs of the Toronto Jewish community, complementing the ambulance service with rapid, high quality, non-transport care within minutes of being dispatched. Hatzoloh Toronto also ensures that 911 has been called and will stay with the patient until an ambulance arrives. Shusterhatzoloh@yahoo.com

Sharon Erlich

"It is most rewarding to be a Hatzoloh dispatcher. Along with a team of dispatchers and medics, we are able to provide within minutes, round-the-clock lifesaving emergency assistance. What a privilege to be part of this mitzvah."

Holy Blossom Temple

A Canadian Congregation of Jewish men and women who are committed to the principles of Reform Judaism. dtameanko@holyblossom.org

Evelyn Shulman

"Volunteering is satisfying, creative and important. It is a fact that one person can make a difference. I thank my parents, who set an example with their involvement in their community, and because of that I have been volunteering all my life."

Israel Cancer Research Fund

Utilizes Israel's resources to find cures for cancer. www.icrfonline.org

Sharon Prizant

"Watching a family member suffer from cancer makes you feel incredibly helpless. ICRF has given me the opportunity to make a difference and no longer feel helpless in the fight against cancer."

Jewish Camp Council of Toronto*

Provides residential, recreational camping services to the community, geared to the social needs of the recipient, regardless of ability to pay. Camping services for children provide an opportunity to learn and enjoy recreational skills, while gaining independence and self-sufficiency in a caring Jewish environment. www.campnbb.com

Alex Serota

"The future of our Jewish culture and the State of Israel lies with our youth. Being involved in an organization dedicated to youth, and to their identification as Jews, is very meaningful to me."

Jewish Campus Services*

Committed to building Jewish identity, nurturing intellectual development, and fostering spiritual growth in a pluralistic university and college setting. www.jewishcampusservices.com

Ron Somogyi, Steve Kastner, Jack Gryn, Aron Papernick

"Fulfillment comes with involvement. For us, there is nothing is more valuable and rewarding than seeing Jewish students on campus taking pride in the exciting and diverse community that we are a part of on campus."

Jewish Family & Child Service*

Supports and promotes the development of individuals and families through prevention, protection, counselling, education and advocacy services within the context of Jewish values. www.toronto.com/jfcs

Risa Burko

"Precious moments are when I see my students' faces light up as they realize their own artistic abilities. Then, I can only hope that in some way I have touched their hearts as they have touched mine."

Jewish Family & Child Service – Chaplaincy Services*

Supports and promotes the development of individuals and families through prevention, protection, counselling, education & advocacy services within the context of Jewish values. www.toronto.com/jfcs

Jeanette Grosman

"Bringing support and comfort, on behalf of the Jewish community, to people ill in hospital has enriched my life. Thank you to the patients who trust, share and teach me about the healing act of listening."

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (Toronto)*

Facilitates the lawful entry and resettlement of Jewish refugees and immigrants arriving in Canada. Advances their well-being through settlement services/programs and expedites integration into the Jewish community and society-at-large. www.jewishtoronto.net

Elliot Lerner

"Although I volunteered initially to help others, I have discovered that the experience has aided me greatly. I have learned more about myself and gained confidence in my own abilities. During the course of my volunteer experience, I have met several wonderful people within the Russian-Jewish community."

Jewish National Fund of Toronto

Part of the international family known as Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel, an agency given primary responsibility with regard to afforestation and reforestation in Israel. tor@jnf-canada.org

Frank A. Wilson

"I have enjoyed working as a Jewish community volunteer for the last 25 years. My work with JNF has been particularly fulfilling. On many visits to Israel, I have had the opportunity to see with my own eyes the many accomplishments of JNF and I am proud to be associated with the wonderful work involved in its new program of building reservoirs to meet the threat of drought."

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Jewish Russian Community Centre*

To ensure Jewish identity, continuity and integration among the Jews from the former Soviet Union by providing education, religious services and community development. www.jrcc.org

Alex Shnaider

"As an immigrant from the former Soviet Union, it was most fulfilling and gratifying to be a part of the JRCC, an organization that cares and is devoted to the well being of over 25,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union. It showed me the importance of the work this organization is doing within our community."

Jewish Women International of Toronto

Strengthens the lives of women, children and families and perpetuates Jewish values through education, advocacy and action. www.jewishwomen.org

Shari Bonaparte

" 'Life isn't fair.' That was the answer I would receive whenever I said 'That's not fair!' But with JWI, I know I am helping to make life 'fair' for those less fortunate than myself."

Jews for Judaism*

Dedicated to counteracting the multi-million dollar efforts of numerous cults and missionary groups who target Jews for conversion, offering an extensive variety of preventive education programs and counselling. www.jewsforjudaism.org

Alexander Katz

"I videotape events for Jews for Judaism because it's crucial in opposing the efforts of missionaries who target Jews. I should know; I was a lost soul that Jews for Judaism helped bring back to his Jewish roots."

JVS of Greater Toronto*

Provides educational and vocational goals; develops the skills and knowledge necessary to achieve those goals; and, deals effectively with educational or vocational disabilities. info@jvstoronto.org

Carolin Michaels

"JVS of Greater Toronto is a wonderful organization; the directors and staff go out of their way to make me feel welcome and appreciated. A volunteer could not ask for a more ideal experience."

Kadima Sunday School

Provides Jewish education in a fun and stimulating environment for young adults with special needs.

Barry Stork

"For the past five years, by volunteering in a program for disabled young adults, I have learned that everybody is equal, no matter what disabilities a person may have, and should be treated accordingly."

Kehilla Residential Programme*

Identifies and champions affordable housing initiatives responsive to the needs of the Jewish community through education and advocacy, project sponsorship, development consultation, research and management. www.kehilla-rp.org

Lorne Shiff

"Being on the Executive and Board of KRP has brought me a tremendous feeling of accomplishment in seeing the organization continue providing quality affordable housing to our community, in addition to the role we have played in showing the community new initiatives in bringing affordable housing to those who need it."

Kehillat Shaarei Torah

Serving the Bayview-York Mills area, this modern Orthodox Synagogue prides itself on providing an open and welcoming setting where all feel at home. tradburk@interlog.com

Helen Clinton

"Of all the varied volunteer activities I have been involved in during the past 15 years at KST, including the Sisterhood Executive, telephoning, Shabbos Kiddushim, etc., I most get a kick out of serving pizza and ice cream at the children's carnival on Purim because it is so good to see their smiling faces."

Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning

A pluralistic, egalitarian progressive communal adult education centre that, through the study of traditional texts, gives students Jewish "roots" – a connection to their heritage – and Jewish "wings" – the freedom to apply that knowledge as they best see fit. www.kolel.org

Marcel Wieder

"Kolel has deeply touched my life by bringing so many diverse adults in our community together to learn and grow. Being Chair of Kolel's High Holiday services has strengthened my identity, while helping others strengthen theirs."

Leo Baeck Day School*

Reform Jewish day school where families, professionals and Board members, together, create a learning environment in which each student experiences a multi-faceted Hebrew/Judaic and General Studies program in a warm, family atmosphere.

Andrea Rifkin

Andrea, Past President of the Board of Trustees, provided leadership in our fundraising activities and co-chaired Leo Baeck's 25th Anniversary Celebrations. She is on the Parents' Association and the Personnel Committee and takes on every task with a smile. Andrea is a wonderful role model for voluntarism for our school and the community.

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Mercaz– Canada

A Zionist organization of the Conservative Movement in Canada, this membership organization represents the interests of Conservative/Masorti Judaism within the major Canadian and World Zionist organizations. Mercaz-Canada promotes Zionist education, Hebrew language study, Israel awareness, aliyah and visits to Israel for youth and adults. Mercaz-masorti@interactivepages.com

Morris Adams

"I believe in Zionism and I believe in Conservative Judaism. Mercaz makes me feel like a member of world Jewry and enables me to participate in supporting Jewish life in Israel."

Mount Sinai Hospital

Serves the community as an internationally-recognized health sciences centre that provides quality, compassionate care and contributes to the development of innovative approaches to effective health care and disease prevention through research and teaching. www.mtsinai.on.ca

Faigie Plonka

"The mitzvah of 'bikur cholim', visiting the sick, is very rewarding for me. When I am thanked by the patient for listening and catch a smile, that is all I need to make my day."

Na'amat Canada – Toronto

Goals include enhancing and safeguarding the status of women, children and families; responding to humanitarian concerns in a diverse society; and promoting Jewish identity to ensure Jewish continuity. www.naamat.com

Esther Rodzynek

"My most meaningful experience was as President of Na'amat Toronto for 3 years. It was an opportunity to meet and work with many dedicated volunteers for a cause that I truly believe in."

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section

A non-profit volunteer service organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals through education, service and social action. www.ncjw-ts.org

Evelyn Bernstein

"I have had the opportunity to work with dynamic women in developing and carrying through many social action projects, including services to children and seniors. The success of Council's Passover Food Drive for the needy is most rewarding."

Netivot HaTorah Day School*

An Orthodox Jewish day school striving for excellence in a full program of Judaic and General Studies incorporating the Zioni Dati philosophy and Halacha and Halachic principles.

Wayne Kurtz

"It is an honour and a pleasure to volunteer at Netivot. I hope that the involvement of Zeldie and myself in our children's schools will result in their continuing this important link with the Jewish community."

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles

The Guild brings together people who are interested in studying and creating textile art and needlework based on Jewish themes.

Molly Franklin

"Over the years I have always found real meaning in voluntarism, enjoying the personal contact with so many good people who are willing to share their expertise to explore and adventure together."

Reena*

Enables people with developmental handicaps to realize their full potential by forming life-long partnerships with individuals and their families within a framework of Jewish culture and values. Skeshen@reena.org

Enid Berg

"Being part of a worthwhile organization such as Reena has opened my eyes to the needs of special people in the community, and the importance of their inclusion in the Jewish community. The experience is rewarding, gratifying, and I hope I can continue to be of help."

Shaar Shalom Synagogue

Provides for the spiritual, intellectual and social lives of the Jewish community through religious services and educational, cultural, social and recreational activities. ebader@shaarshalom.on.ca

Sam Chaim

"Focusing on the development of Holocaust awareness that culminated with the dedication of a permanent memorial in our Synagogue remains one of my most meaningful experiences. In addition, serving as President of Shaar Shalom was an opportunity for personal growth from which I continue to benefit."

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation

A modern Orthodox centre of Jewish life that provides the means for the fulfillment of religious, educational and social needs, and that seeks to inspire the community to greater commitments to Torah, the Jewish people and the State of Israel. www.shomayim.org

Rita Kugler

"Volunteering in Shaarei Shomayim's administration office has given me great personal satisfaction. I thoroughly enjoy being part of the team."

State of Israel Bonds

The sale of Israel Bonds provides a steady source of investment capital for the development and expansion of Israel's essential industry and infrastructure. www.israelbonds.net

Renette Berman

"Volunteering is an opportunity to make a tangible difference, to meet and work with generous, exceptional people and, above all, a way of saying 'thank you.'"

Temple Emanu-El

A Reform Congregation that is committed to perpetuating Judaism within the home and the Synagogue through worship and study. Central to the activities of the Congregation is concern for issues of social justice. temanuel@pathcom.com

Temple Emanu-El Volunteers

"All Temple Emanu-El volunteers view our commitment as a labour of love and a way of 'putting back' what we receive. We appreciate the value of our work for this volunteer-driven religious institution and the relationships that emanate from this involvement as we continue our endeavours on behalf of the Congregation."

Temple Har Zion

Fosters commitment to Judaism through the mitzvot of worship, study and good deeds, in a warm inclusive environment. Templeharzion@globalserve.net

Marjorie & Wilf Grosman

"Volunteering has provided us with a wonderful feeling of accomplishment when we see how it has affected our Temple community. It has also brought us many new friends and enabled us to meet caring individuals."

Toronto Hadassah-Wizo

Enhances lives in Israel's communities and promotes women's issues in Canada. hadassah@pathcom.com

Sharon Kroft

"Toronto Hadassah-WIZO has truly enhanced my connection to our community. I have had the marvelous opportunity of working with strong, talented women whose continued efforts inspire and challenge me to achieve my own personal goals."

Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa*

Provides non-interest bearing loans, guaranteed by a minimum of two people of sufficient worth, to recipients for the purpose of establishing/re-establishing their self sufficiency. www.jewishtoronto.net/JewishFreeLoanCassa

Jerry Blitzer

"Recently we celebrated our 75th Anniversary. During this period we helped thousands of people with loans for personal needs, scholarships and business. It is meaningful for me to see some of those people become contributors and volunteers."

Toronto ORT

Raises funds in support of education and training programs worldwide; serves Jewish and non-Jewish ORT students, providing them with the skills necessary for today and tomorrow. www.ort.org/ortnet.atm

Peter Kellner

"I was extremely fortunate to come to this great country of Canada in 1956 as a young child and refugee with the support of organizations such as JIAS. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work with various agencies, including the JCC, Baycrest and, most recently, Toronto ORT. I can honestly say that I get as much satisfaction from participating in the delivery of services as I did in receiving the services. For me, being able to give something back to my community is not an obligation; it is a privilege."

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism – Canadian Region

Serves as a resource to its affiliated congregations. Canadian Region is one of 19 regions and includes Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. canadian@uscj.org

Mona Brown

"Through the efforts of the dedicated lay leaders and professional staff of USCJ, I have had the opportunity of reaching the goals of every volunteer position. Meeting leaders of Conservative Congregations, using past experience and developing new skills has been an exciting way for me to serve the community."

United Synagogue Day School*

A nurturing and respectful community that strives to provide excellence in integrated Judaic & General Studies programming, focussing on the needs & growth of students in order to foster a lifelong love of learning.

Jeffrey Glatt

"This is an exciting and challenging time for USDS. What a rewarding experience to work with such dedicated administrators and committed volunteers, all of whom are devoted to the cause of Jewish education."

Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee

Raises the consciousness of all of its members to the world's ills, and actively engages in efforts to repair the world's inequities and imperfections, as part of the Jewish value of *tikun olam* – repairing the world. www.veahavta.org

Jason Rubinoff

"I have seen horrible human suffering both in Africa and at home. Volunteering with people who also practice 'tikun olam' is an experience I encourage you to embrace, both as Jews and as citizens sharing our world with those less fortunate."

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UJA FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO

Serves as the central Jewish communal organization, dedicated to the preservation and enrichment of Jewish life in the Greater Toronto Area and to the perpetuation of the community's identification with Israel. www.jewishtoronto.net

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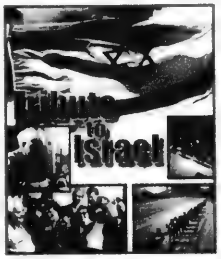

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16th Maccabiah on

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The international Maccabi community performed a backflip of record proportions last week as it decided to proceed with the 16th Maccabiah Games rather than opt for postponement.

Maccabi Canada reversed its previously stated position that it would prefer a one-year postponement, and instead, the organization's national executive voted to participate in the Games, which run from July 16-26. One person who will not be accompanying the team to Israel is Maccabi President Roy Salomon, who unexpectedly announced his resignation from Maccabi Canada and as co-chair of the North American Confederation of the Maccabi World Union (MWU).

The announcements late last week culminated a hectic day of uncertainty, but it appears the decision by Maccabi USA to participate in the games swayed the Canadian vote and may have influenced Salomon's decision. Salomon declined to comment about his resignation.

Less than a week before, both Maccabi Canada and Maccabi USA had left two days of meetings in Israel prepared to recommend postponement of the games. They cited security concerns, the withdrawal of about 20 percent of each team's athletes and the likelihood of a diminished Games as the main reasons for their positions.

Reports that the 16th Games would not go ahead angered Israeli politicians, who accused world Maccabi organizations of being fairweather friends. Average Israelis were said to be disappointed by the decision.

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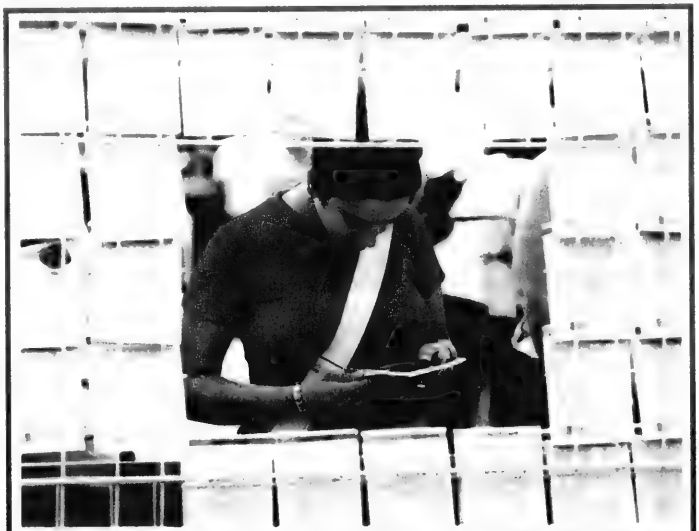

BROWSING FOR AND THROUGH BOOKS: The 40th annual Hebrew Book Week, held earlier this month in Israel, provided a welcome respite from the recent security related anxieties. This bibliophile was among the visitors at Kikar Rabin in Tel Aviv. *[Israel photo]*

Assimilation threatens Jewry: Chief Rabbi

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It is no coincidence, asserts Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Israel, that the Hebrew words for flood, *mabul*, and the one for assimilation, *hitbulalut*, have the same root, meaning chaotic confusion.

Both pose the same danger to the very existence of the Jewish people, he said in an interview during a recent visit to Toronto.

Rabbi Lau was in Canada to speak in Montreal and Toronto on behalf of Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Rabbi Israel Meir Lau

Laniado Hospital, in Netanya, is the only comprehensive health centre in the area, and is part of the Israel Defence Force's strategic planning for the multi-injured and victims of war.

When World War II ended, Rabbi Lau said, there were 12 million Jews in the world, of whom six million were in the United States. This number has been augmented more recently by immigration to North America from Russia, South Africa and Israel.

Assuming the average Jewish family has 2.3 children, the rabbi continued, the population of the American Jewish community should be 36 million. Instead, he said, it is 3.6 million – 10 percent of what it should be.

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Prayer Upheld

TORONTO — Ontario's Human Rights Commission cannot interfere in the affairs of the provincial legislature, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled this month. In a 3-0 decision that upholds the right of the speaker to recite the Lord's Prayer, the court said the government house is protected from judicial interference on all matters, even when those matters are offensive to some. The case was brought to court by Penetanguishene resident Henry Freitag, who previously had successfully challenged the recitation of the Lord's Prayer at municipal council meetings.

Apology Demanded

TORONTO — Jewish groups expressed anger and concern last week over statements by former deputy minister of education Duncan Green that independent school tax credits will produce an increase in racism and religious intolerance. Green made the comments to the government committee on Bill 45. Canadian Jewish Congress termed the remarks "startling, divisive and unconscionable," and demanded Green issue an immediate apology.

ISRAEL

Commits Suicide

JERUSALEM — The owner of an Israeli banquet hall hanged himself last week, hours after his licence was revoked for failure to meet safety regulations. The incident came against a backdrop of stepped-up activities by local authorities to enforce building codes and regulations following last month's wedding hall collapse in which 23 people were killed.

'Compensation' Paid

JERUSALEM — An Israeli parliamentary committee has approved payment of approximately $750 each to the families of the victims in the suicide bombing of a Tel Aviv disco earlier this month. Twenty Israelis were killed in the attack, most of them young immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

WORLD

Rabbi Murdered

ZURICH — Switzerland's Jewish community reacted with shock and fear after a 71-year-old rabbi visiting from Israel was gunned down in the streets here. Swiss investigators said they believe anti-Semitism or a political motive was behind the June 7 shooting death of Rabbi Abraham Greenbaum. They said robbery was an unlikely motive because the killer did not take the large sum of cash Rabbi Greenbaum was carrying. A father of 12 and dean of a yeshiva in Bnei Brak, Rabbi Greenbaum was in Zurich on a fund-raising mission.

Wins Lawsuit

NEW YORK — A U.S. jury has awarded $100,000 to a former telephone company employee who was fired months after becoming Orthodox. The jury agreed with Jeffrey Bander, who says a supervisor told him to shave his beard and stop wearing a yarmulka, and made derogatory remarks. BellSouth, which says it will appeal, maintains Bander was fired because he failed to follow procedures for taking time off.

Circumcision Rules

STOCKHOLM — The World Jewish Congress says it is "totally unacceptable" for Sweden to impose legal restrictions on circumcisions. The new legislation, passed June 1, declares that circumcisions can only be performed after the administration of an analgesic by a doctor, nurse or person with special permit. The law was passed after a circumcision led to the death of a Muslim boy.

Post Honoured

NEW YORK — Media Watch International, the new media watchdog focusing on coverage of Israel and the Middle East, conferred its HonestReporting Award this month on the *National Post*. The organization's Web site (www.honestreporting.com) notes the paper "has consistently reported the Middle East situation in fair, accurate terms."

Storm of Protest

GENEVA — In response to protests, the World Meteorological Organization has altered its list of names for this summer's typhoons and hurricanes, changing the name of Hurricane Israel to Hurricane Ivo.

Cotler Outlines Mideast Peace Plan

OTTAWA — Montreal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler rose in the House of Commons last week and identified six principles for the cessation of violence and movements towards Middle East peace. The text of Cotler's suggestions follows:

1. The unequivocal and unconditional cessation of all acts of terrorism and violence.
2. The cessation and desisting from all acts of incitement – the proximate and standing cause of the violence. For it is this teaching of contempt – this demonizing of the other – particularly that which is government sanctioned. This is where it all begins.
3. The ending of the culture of impunity and the bringing of the perpetrators of acts of violence and terrorism to justice.
4. The institutionalization of security co-operation and anti-incitement committees between the parties, so as to pre-empt acts of violence and incitement.
5. The promotion of a culture of prevention through the institutionalization of confidence-building measures.
6. The recommitment to direct negotiations between the parties as a basis for a just and lasting peace.

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Jewish groups praise education tax credit

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish groups came out in generous, praise of the Ontario government's tax credits for parents of children in private and faith-based schools, saying the measure is a long overdue dose of equality.

Appearing before the standing committee on Bill 45 last week, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, the Zareinu Educational Centre, and the Board of Jewish Education lauded the provincial Tories' controversial initiative as an important move toward remedying inequities in education funding.

The committee is expected to wrap up public hearings into the tax credit soon, and the legislature is slated to pass Bill 45 before the summer recess.

CJC "fully supports" the phased-in tax credit of up to $3,500 per child, Ontario region chair Ed Morgan told MPPs on the standing committee.

"Although many would have preferred a fully implemented tax credit beginning in 2002, we remain deeply appreciative that at its maturity (in 2006) this measure will relieve a significant part of the cost borne by parents... The burden has been substantially lightened."

The status quo, Morgan said after reading his prepared remarks, "is not a moral option for Ontario."

He noted that the same arguments against public funds for private schools are being made today as in 1985, when the Shapiro Report recommended full funding of independent schools.

Committee member Rosario Marchese, an NDP MPP, said flatly, he disagrees with the initiative, adding his party has never supported public help for private schools.

CJC's Simon Rosenblum responded by citing the results of a 1999 Focus Ontario poll that found the highest levels of support for public funding of independent schools to be among New Democrats.

Thornhill Tory MPP Tina Molinari asked the CJC panel why the public system is not an option for many Jewish families.

CJC Ontario region director Bernie Farber answered that Orthodox children especially cannot be accommodated in the public system because of special requirements revolving around diet and holy days. "They want a system to inculcate Jewish history and values. The public system should not and cannot do that."

Referring to the fully funded Catholic system, Farber added: "I don't know how anyone can say we can live with a little bit of discrimination. It is not correct. It is not right."

In response to a query from Liberal MPP Gerry Phillips on whether the credit is seen in the Jewish community as a first step toward full funding, Morgan said: "We don't know what future governments will do. We do not quibble with partial help. It's an admirable step."

In her submission to the committee, Carol Goldman, director and principal of Zareinu Educational Centre for children with disabilities, also praised the tax credit.

She explained that it costs Zareinu over $30,000 per year per child to provide the therapy and special education each child needs. Full tuition, she said, is less than half that amount, and less than 20 percent of parents are able to pay full fees.

Zareinu, Goldman stressed, has never turned away a parent unable to pay.

The tax credit "will somewhat ease the financial burden so many of our parents face. We hope this will allow Zareinu to continue offering subsidies to our parents." While the credit "will in no way cover the cost of a child at Zareinu," it will make a difference.

Also appearing before the committee was Seymour Epstein, director of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education, which serves 19 Jewish day schools and 17,000 children.

The "injustice" to non-Catholics who desire a faith-based education continues to be "intolerable," Epstein said, "a veritable stain on the multi-coloured fabric of Ontario society. Put yourselves in our position for a moment to contemplate what this means, not only financially, but psychologically, in terms of our place in this province."

As well, Robert Samery, head of Jewish Parents for Equality in Education Funding (JPEEF), in his appearance before the committee, cited several legal and historical reasons for governments to accommodate diversity.

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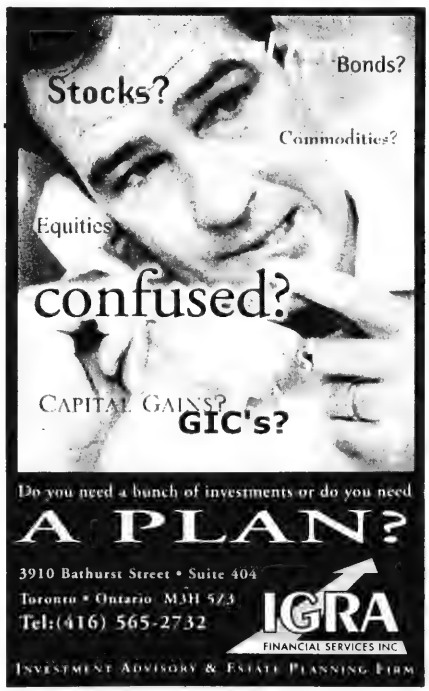

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Greater Toronto Area

Cancellation of Israeli trips said blow to unity

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The cancellation of the Reform movement's summer youth trips to Israel is a blow to Jewish unity, says Rabbi John Moscowitz, senior rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple.

"It is also a large blow to Israel, and a victory for Palestinian terrorists," he said.

Rabbi Moscowitz spoke out after Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), announced at a recent UAHC board of trustees meeting that the trips were being cancelled.

"Our religious and Zionist commitments run deep and are known to all, but the movement never uses other peoples' children to make a political or ideological point," said Rabbi Yoffie.

Despite the significant adjustments that had already been made to the planned itinerary to ensure the safety of the youths, he said, the volatility of the situation in Israel made it impossible to project what might occur in the next three weeks.

He said in the announcement that the decision to cancel the trips was perhaps the most difficult decision he has had to make since becoming president five years ago. "I am heartbroken about [having] to take this step."

He was exceedingly angry, he said, "at those whose murderous actions forced the UAHC to make this difficult decision."

The North American Federation of Temple Youth (NAFTY) has been sponsoring Israel trips for more than 40 years, and has the largest group of youths travelling to Israel each summer. Last year, 1,500 high school students travelled with NFTY.

This year, registration was lower, and the number of cancellations had grown in recent weeks. About 300 families were still planning on sending their children on the trips.

Rabbi Moscowitz, who spoke out about the cancellation during a Shabbat sermon, said it should be parents who make the decision to keep their children home. "Parents have every right to make their own decisions.

"I urge people to go to Israel because if we all pull out, it will be demoralizing for Israel and for Israelis."

He said he is aware that there are some disappointed youths who would still have gone to Israel.

Rabbi Steven Garten of Temple Israel in Ottawa said he understands Rabbi Yoffie's concern about the safety of the children.

"I believe it was impossible for any congregational rabbi to promise parents that their children would be as safe in Jerusalem as they would be in Ottawa. That is what I usually tell parents before their children leave for Israel. I just could not say that this year."

Instead of cancelling the trips outright, however, Rabbi Garten said he would have been happier if the UAHC had changed the nature of the trips.

"A letter should have gone out to parents telling them that given the circumstances of safety the trips could not be business as usual."

He said the trips could have been run as shorter solidarity trips. "Normally there is a lot of free time on these trips. A solidarity trip would be shorter, and would be for information purposes only.

"This would acknowledge the [safety issue], and it would show public support of Israel."

Rabbi Michael Dolgin of Temple Sinai said that he respects Rabbi Yoffie's decision, but added that the reaction to the cancellations was unfortunate.

"It looks likely that many such trips will be cancelled. It is a shame that the attempt to deal with the issue has given the impression that the Reform movement is anything but 100 percent behind Israel at this difficult time. I think the trips would have been cancelled anyway because of low enrollment."

He has been encouraging Temple Sinai families to sign up for trips, he said, and no one has enrolled.

"I think [the cancellations] were inevitable. What I don't like is that it looks unsupportive of Israel when it is not. I am equally displeased that people are choosing this time to criticize the Reform movement and blame the dissension on Rabbi Yoffie. There is more dissension created by the criticism of the movement than by Rabbi Yoffie's decision," said Rabbi Dolgin.

Rabbi Sharon Sobel, executive director of Canadian Council of Reform Judaism, the Canadian arm of UAHC, said that she supports Rabbi Yoffie and the UAHC board.

"These are underage kids, and we are directly responsible for their safety. When the realization came that the situation was not confined to specific areas, it was hard to guarantee their safety."

As executive director of ARTZA Canada, the Zionist arm of Reform Judaism, Rabbi Sobel said she is trying to put together a trip to Israel. "I would like congregations to form trips. [The cancellations] have nothing to do with support. It is strictly an issue of safety and security."

Will return next week

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LARRY KING, DR. RUTH AT BONDS GALA: The 50th anniversary of State of Israel Bonds in Canada was marked recently with a gala dinner at Exhibition Place. On hand were, from left, co-chair Paul Godfrey, talk show host Larry King, co-chair George Cohon, Bonds' executive director Larry Waller, and Gideon Patt, president and CEO of Israel Bonds worldwide. In front is noted sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer.

Rabbis tackle interdenominational 'apartheid' at RA

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A panel consisting of an Orthodox, a Conservative and a Reform rabbi is a rarity, particularly in Toronto, as Rabbi Howard Joseph acknowledged recently on just such a panel.

The session at which the Orthodox rabbi spoke, along with co-panelists Reform Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin and Conservative Rabbi Alan Silverstein, was the final plenary of the convention of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), the umbrella for Conservative rabbis, held at the Inn on the Park Hotel the first week of June.

"Here in Toronto it's very tough. Orthodox rabbis don't sit on mixed rabbinical councils. In Montreal many of us do, although some do not," said Rabbi Joseph, the spiritual leader of Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Congregation, on the panel on Rabbinic Leadership in the Changing Jewish Community.

He finds it a "fearsome innovation" that certain Orthodox Jews "would like to identify [Judaism] exclusively by mitzvah observance.

"If piety is defined solely by halachic observance," he said, "there is no religious connection shared with any human being outside of the observant Orthodox community, no common language possible...no possible sense of community."

Pointing out common ground with other denominations, Rabbi Joseph noted that "we are all resistance movements vis-a-vis modernity, with Orthodoxy being the most radical of the bunch."

In the past, Orthodox leaders had a sense of community despite disagreements, but today that sense of connection seems to be lacking, he said.

Rabbi Joseph does see a shift, however, represented by the "chardal" phenomenon (the acronym stands for charedi and dati leumi, or modern Orthodox), representing a "rubbing shoulders" in some communities of the two types of Orthodoxy.

"The question of separation from other Jews is a sinful one," he said.

Rabbi Salkin, author of *Putting God on the Guest List* and spiritual leader of the Community Synagogue in Port Washington, N.Y., expressed his commitment to "a broader sense of klal Yisrael."

In fact, he said that along with Rabbi Silverstein, a past president of the RA, he has "dreamed aloud" of a combined convention providing an opportunity to study together to the Central Conference of American Rabbis (the Reform rabbinic umbrella), the RA and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, "and some day I dream the RCA." The latter acronym refers to the Orthodox umbrella known as the Rabbinical Council of America.

"Pray hard," quipped Rabbi Joseph.

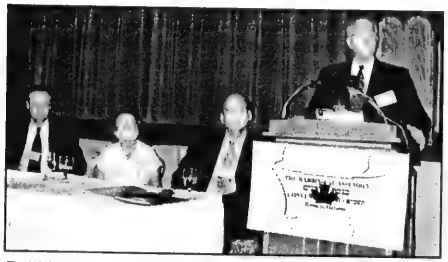
Expounding further on his ideas, Rabbi Salkin said he had "a dream that some day there will be...a common non-Orthodoxy within America, with Reform perhaps representing the left along with the Reconstructionist, and the Conservative representing the right wing."

Rabbi Silverstein of Congregation Agudath Israel in Caldwell, N.J., took issue with the latter idea, although the tone of the entire 90-minute session was never less than cordial, and sometimes warmer. But for the Conservative movement to "be described as non-Orthodox by the Orthodox – and part of liberal Judaism by the Reform – is an impoverishment," said Rabbi Silverstein.

Stressing the need for religious pluralism, he stated that Judaism "needs a centrist option. We have to preserve that as the Orthodox move further to the right and the Reform artfully preserves liberal Judaism."

Reform has changed in recent years, however. The increase in ritual behaviour – the wearing of kippot and tallitot at services, for example – is "soul-stirring," said Rabbi Salkin. "Many of the old-timers are having difficulty with that," he added.

Rabbi Silverstein called for an appreciation of the positive aspects of the other denominations. "We should search for qualities our movements share in common." He believes the three movements "ought to be advocating the centrality of the synagogue" as well as supporting Israel and breaking down the barriers of what has been called a "Jewish apartheid [in which] our kids grow up in separate schools and separate synagogues."



Rabbi Howard Joseph speaks at an interdenominational panel. Seated, from left, are Rabbi Alan Silverstein, panel chair Rabbi Margit Baumatz of Buenos Aires, and Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin. [Frances Kraft photo]

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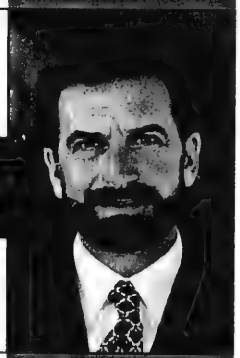

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Housing, Jewish homeless on Kehilla conference agenda

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A growing segment of the Jewish community faces homelessness, and the problem of affordable housing in the community is worse than many believe, a conference on the issue was told last week.

The second annual conference of the Kehilla Residential Programme heard a variety of proposals aimed at preventing Jews from falling into the ranks of the homeless, as well as shoring up affordable and subsidized housing in the community.

A forum last Wednesday night at Beth Tzedec Synagogue preceded a day of workshops for experts and workers in the field. The evening panel assembled a dozen experts and volunteers to examine housing policies from all angles: governments, the private sector, including developers, and community efforts. The consensus was that more effort is needed from all three in order to alleviate a growing problem.

At the morning workshops, participants discussed possibilities for three affordable housing sites now in pre-development: Yonge Street and Finch Avenue, Bathurst Street and Rockford Road, and Bloor Street and Spadina Avenue. The sites could provide a combined total of 456 housing units, according to preliminary discussions.

Many in the Jewish community are surprised, even shocked, to discover how serious the lack of affordable housing is, says Nancy Singer, executive director of the Kehilla Residential Programme, founded in 1982 as an arm of UJA FEDERATION's social planning committee to ensure that government housing programs meet the needs of the Jewish community.

To date, Kehilla has spearheaded several affordable housing projects in Toronto, including the Avenel at 262 Ridley Blvd., Habayit Shelanu Seniors Residence on Kendal Ave., Project MARC at 6091 Bathurst St. and the Elm Ridge Seniors Group Living Residence.

Conference panellists noted that the federal government is about to release, over the next four years, $680 million in capital grants aimed at building more affordable units. It's hoped, they added, that provinces and municipalities will also spend more, but they welcomed Ottawa's move.

Naomi Rose, a volunteer with UJA FEDERATION, said "a growing segment of the Jewish community is one step away from being homeless." The problem, she said, is expected to worsen as rents increase and the availability of affordable units decreases.

Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum of Beth Tzedec noted that the waiting list in the Jewish community for affordable housing numbers 3,000 people who can expect to wait for up to 10 years.

Margot Kelly, a CBC Radio journalist who produced a weeklong series on affordable housing earlier this year, noted that Ontario Premier Mike Harris cancelled 17,000 planned affordable housing units when he came to power in 1995. In 1999, Kelly related, only 344 new units were built in Toronto, while at the same time, there were 26,000 evictions in the city. "A combination of factors have created a toxic situation for many," she said.

Mark Guslits, an architect and developer, said the city of Toronto is planning 400 new affordable units through its $11 million Let's Build program. "That's a small drop compared to need," he said. "It's glaringly obvious that we're now the poor sister of other North American cities in this area. Canada lags well behind other countries on this."

Eva Landa of Jewish Family & Child Service said her agency uses the definition of homelessness developed by Anne Golden, who headed the Toronto mayor's task force on the problem: those who are homeless, and those who face "imminent" eviction. Landa said there are 125 families and individuals on the agency's waiting list for affordable housing, and that the average wait is 17 years.

Bill Beatty of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) said the vacancy rate in Canadian cities dropped between 1999 and 2000 from 2.5 percent to 1.6 percent, and it's near zero in some places.

Several panellists agreed that only governments can break the logjam in building new units by making construction more attractive to the private sector mainly through tax breaks and other incentives.

Margaret MacAdam of the Baycrest Centre said the "big need" for affordable housing in the coming years will be among the elderly who are disabled, noting that by 2040, half the total population will be over 65, and half of all elderly disabled will be over 85.

– With files from Frances Kraft

CORRECTION

In the article titled "New Israel Fund helps empower Bedouin women" (*CJN* June 7), it should have read that there are 120,000 Bedouins living in the Negev. *The CJN* regrets the error.

She'arim fund-raiser to help school move to BJC

She'arim students perform at fund-raiser. Inset: Sam Hennick. [Rebecca Katz photos]

By REBECCA KATZ
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Since its inception 22 years ago, She'arim Hebrew Day School has earned a unique reputation as a school for children with learning disabilities.

And as one eight-year-old student said – it is simply a good school.

"[The school] has helped me a lot. I learned this year to read and write in English and Hebrew," said Mitchell Sitzer about the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy She'arim Hebrew Day School before a crowd of 450 people at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Sitzer has completed his first year at the school and is a grandson of Sam Hennick, honoree at the school's 10th annual fund-raiser brunch.

Hennick's donation to She'arim, in memory of his late wife Sara, will be used for the establishment of The Sara and Sam Hennick Education Centre at the school.

The funds from the Hennick family donation, as well as the assistance of Jewish Toronto Tomorrow, will help She'arim move from its current location at Beth Emeth to a larger space at the Bathurst Jewish Centre in September 2001.

Operating out of small quarters at Beth Emeth since it was co-founded by Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Rabbi Yitzchak Witty and the late Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, the school plans to eventually accommodate 100 students at its new location.

The class sizes range from six to eight students and the school has at its disposal a psychologist, social worker and art therapist who assist teachers in providing an environment for the students that is conducive to boosting self-esteem.

Hennick's daughter Ellen Turkienicz, who spoke at the brunch, described the value that her late mother Sara placed on the education of her children.

"We were constantly reminded of the importance of learning and of our Jewish traditions. She encouraged all of her children to strive for something more, for something better and ultimately to pursue whatever goals we set for ourselves."

In describing the motivation behind his donation to She'arim, Hennick said, "We were looking for a suitable charity to honour Sara and then along came She'arim. Education, young children, combined with Rabbi Kelman, who was one of Sara's favourite people – this was the perfect one."

"Dad's dedication in assisting She'arim, would have made our Mom kvell,' said Turkienicz. "She too would have been in awe of this commitment to a very special and important school."

Ruth Friedman, a longtime supporter of She'arim, was also honoured at the brunch. She was presented with a brooch for her commitment to the school.

Through speeches, the audience learned how the physically small school has made massive changes in many of its students' lives.

"When I first arrived at She'arim I could barely read and felt insecure about my intelligence," said Anna Neumann a 2001 graduate of the school.

Neumann, who plans to attend CHAT next year, reflected on the role She'arim played in helping her build self-esteem and overcome learning obstacles.

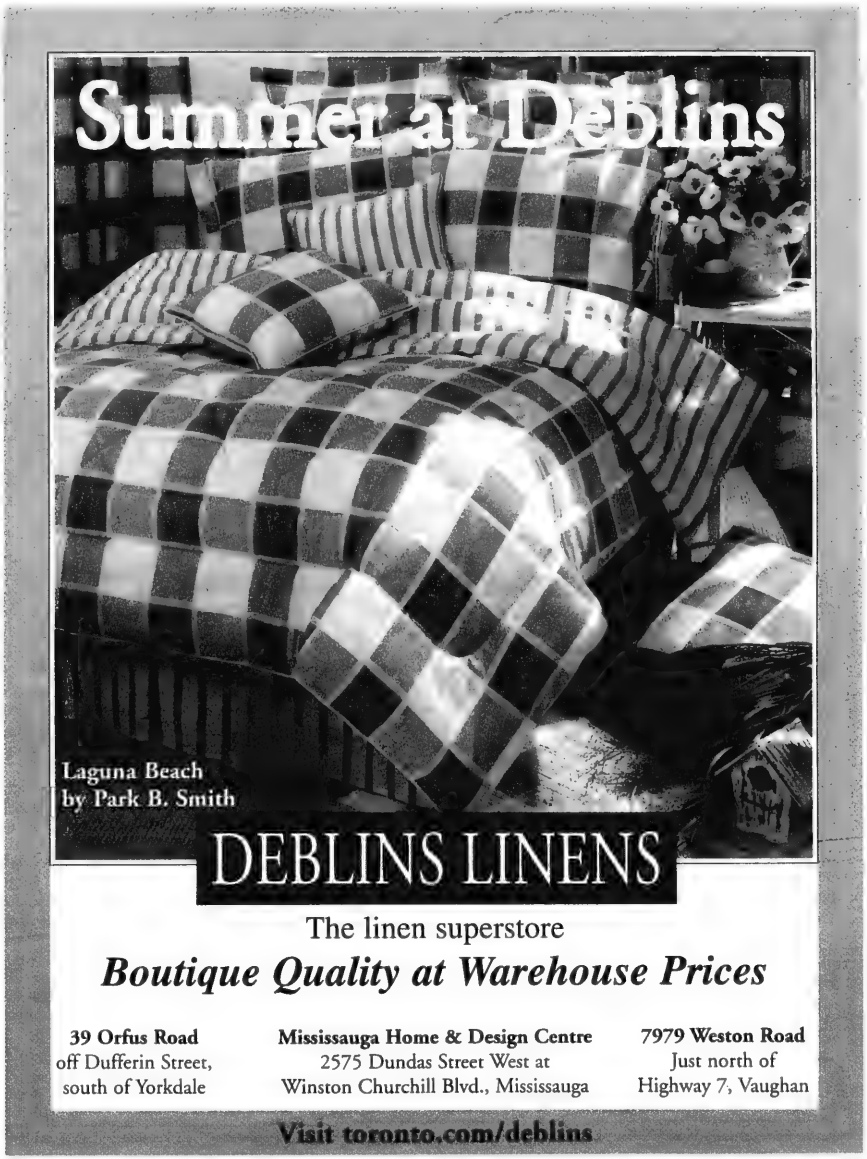
"I came to the belief that I am intelligent and that there are times I need a bit of help with my work. With hard work I am surely going to achieve my goals. With the help I have received from the teachers at She'arim I am going to be able to become whatever I want to be in life," said Neumann.

She'arim recognizes that children with learning disorders can be of average to above-average intelligence. The school attempts to address a child's educational needs by providing instruction in conditions under which the child learns best.

As well, the school aims at reintegrating their students into the mainstream day-school system by teaching strategies that help children overcome learning difficulties.

"As an adult, She'arim means more to me than a school for children with learning disabilities. It is a school that gives the children the opportunity to really shine," said Donna Tayar, a former graduate of She'arim who has returned to the school as a teaching assistant.

And the students certainly did shine that afternoon as they put on a musical performance for the audience in which they delivered messages of acceptance and respect as well as on the impact a community can have on an individual's life.



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Dry Bones
SUMMER IS WHEN THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES GO TO SLEEP 'TIL ROSH HASHANA.
OF COURSE GIVEN THE CURRENT EVENTS IN THE MID EAST...
THIS SUMMER WE'LL HAVE TO "SLEEP"
WITH ONE EYE OPEN.
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Accomplishments worthy of celebration

It is that glorious time of year for most Canadian children when the school year draws to an end. Summertime has arrived; schoolbooks are put away; vacation beckons. The memories of the beginning of the school year, some nine months earlier, have been stored in the mind's vast repository of personal narrative to be retrieved one day for recalling or for forgetting.

In truth, summer holidays are not a respite from school but a complement. For all the earth is a classroom and all experience is a teacher. Thus, each year, through nature and discovery, the exciting, difficult, eventful, bittersweet transition from youth to adulthood continues its inevitable pace forward.

Some of our children are advancing from one grade to the next; some are advancing in smaller increments; some are graduating to a new school or out of school altogether. But whatever the advancement, whatever the stage in the transition, the completion of the school year is a high accomplishment worthy of great celebration.

Our fast-paced, consumer-oriented, highly mobile, dizzyingly electronic, pressure-packed, flashy, competitive, western society is a far more complicated place for our children to seek, find and fulfill their natural gifts and abilities than it was even one generation ago for us. Nor is there a jurisdiction in this country where the fiscal, social and pedagogic pressures on schools and on teachers are not mounting by the day. By their increasing demands and diminishing funding, governments are more and more being seen as part of the problem for the educational system rather than as part of the solution.

Jewish tradition pointedly, unambiguously instructs us to teach and instruct our children, each according to his or her abilities. That is our challenge and our sacred duty. But in our resources-depleted educational system, public and private, it has become exceedingly difficult to ensure that no child is shunted to the side or left behind, ignored, derided, deprived or ever made to feel lesser in worth because of his or her unique level of abilities.

It is no exaggeration to say that a great many people are worried about the educational systems – public and private – in our respective communities. But mounting concerns for our children's education and for their future must not cause us to point fingers at each other. Rather, it is incumbent on us all – parents, administrators and teachers, in all school systems – to extend a hand to one another, to maintain open, ongoing dialogue with each other, to co-operate for the betterment of the respective systems and for our children.

Thus, let us hug our children, no matter their age, for having made it through another school year. In the fullness of time, they in turn, will hug their children too and remember with love, the confidence and gratitude we conferred upon them for the wonderful opportunity each year, as summer beckoned, to celebrate their very significant accomplishments.

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Please visit Israel now

These are difficult days for Israel. Tension is high, tourism is low. Over $1 billion and thousands of jobs have been lost in this current tourism crisis.

Though Israel needs to see each and every Jewish community member across Canada, fear for family and personal safety is the biggest tourism obstacle we face. We understand your concerns and we cannot pretend that terrorist incidents have not occurred. However, here are some facts for you to consider.

- Virtually all of Israel's most popular tourist sites are open and functioning normally.
- Hotels, taxis and other tourist services are operating as usual.
- Despite the slowdown, more than 100,000 tourists are visiting Israel every month, without incident.
- Most visitors to Israel travel in secure groups on buses that are inspected daily, with access restricted to group members.
- Bus drivers and tour guides are in constant contact with securtiy officials to avoid troubled areas.
- Visitor safety is the primary concern of Israel's Tourism Ministry.

One other reality is undeniable. Israel is a magnificent country, with extraordinary natural beauty, spiritual richness, colourful activities, first-class facilities and nearly 6,000 years of history. The people of Israel are exceptionally warm and will greet you heartily and with open arms.

Most importantly, Israel is yours. It belongs to every Jew. Please make a commitment to visit Israel now and in the near future.

Arie Shevy Shibi
Director for Canada
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Toronto

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Still time to show the world

No doubt the present volatile atmosphere in Israel and the unrelenting violence there has contributed to the fact that some of the anticipated entrants in the Maccabi Games have lost heart to face up to the prevailing conditions there.

Those who have – regretfully – shown themselves to be afraid to set foot in Israel have shown themselves to be as mice amongst men. They are – and again regretfully – prepared to sit on the sidelines while men who are men face up to the Arabs who scream for death to the Jews and destruction of Israel.

Make no mistake about it – each and every cancellation of entry into the Games has been hailed a victory by Arafat.

Nevertheless, there is still time for those who have cancelled their entry to rethink the matter. They still have time to show a change of heart, to realize that the Games are an opportunity to show the Arabs and the whole world that every Jew is obligated to give all help possible to make Israel a proud and vibrant state.

There still is time to make a full house of this year's Maccabi Games.

Harry Jerusalim
Toronto

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Clarifying NFTY numbers

Regarding the facts concerning the Reform NFTY trips this summer, the decision affected about 325 registered participants, not 1,500. The number 1,500 is the approximate figure of total youngsters who register each year, but because of this year's situation, the numbers were down considerably and cancellations were being received daily until the UAHC announcement.

Mark S. Anshan
President, ARZA Canada
Toronto

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Bring Arafat to justice

Not since Hitler's Nazis has there been such a string of killings of innocent Jewish men, women and children simply because they were Jews. The latest murderous attack in Tel Aviv, killing 20 and injuring 86 or more, is the latest outrageous example of inhumanity.

Insincere condemnations by a sneering Yasser Arafat no longer suffice. If he does not ban the leaders of terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad who celebrate these atrocities, then he should be brought before the International Court of Justice and tried as a war criminal.

Once and for all, let us hear from a Muslim religious leader stating emphatically that suicide bombings are contrary to the beliefs of Islam and that the perpetrators are, plain and simply, sinners in violation of their faith's true values and principles.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

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Will things ever change?

When will the Palestinians teach non-violence? Or doesn't the world care?

Sarah Silverberg
Richmond Hill, Ont.

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First few years are important

With reference to the article by Bruce Elman on having your kids enjoy being Jewish (*CJN*, May 17), I am close to 80 and my Judaism was ingrained in me from the age of six when I was first allowed to stay up for the Friday night dinner. During the next seven years, each Friday night before we sat down for dinner, my father blessed each child and my mother lit the Shabbat candles. Now the Friday night tradition is being handed to my grandchildren.

David E. Goldstone
Fort Erie, Ont.

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A letter to a North American friend

By RABBI DONNIEL HARTMAN

Dear friend:

We have been through a lot together these last 53 years. We have participated in the rebirth and building of Israel and ensuring that no Jew is at risk around the world. That is no small feat for a people who was on the brink of annihilation so short a time ago. Together, over the last 10 years, we have been focusing more of our efforts on the quality of Israeli and Jewish life and the meaning and purpose of our collective identity.

Issues of social justice and welfare, Jewish identity and religious pluralism finally took centre stage. Our greatest achievements were yet to come. I am writing because your actions these past eight months are undermining our future together, and threaten, I believe, the meaning and vitality of Jewish life. I am writing with mixed emotions of pain, disappointment and embarrassment. I do not believe this has been your finest hour and we here in Israel are equally to blame. While it is painful, in some sense I do understand those who hesitate to send their children here this summer. I too have children. They are 18, 14 and 11, and I am constantly afraid for their safety. Every day, my wife and I are instituting new rules and limitations on their activities so that we can function under the myth that we have some measure of control over their health and well-being.

It is a difficult time for us all and I truly understand and relate to your fears as well. However, while the focus is now on youth summer trips, the truth is that you, the adults, stopped coming months ago. When adults and leadership do not come, it is wrong to send your children. Meanwhile, Palestinian children are willing to die for their claim to this land, world Jewry is not even willing to come here to visit.

Something has happened to our relationship. Your not coming is not the problem. It is but a symptom of a relationship which has lost its meaning. As long as the defining component of Jewish life was to participate in overcoming the crisis of Jewish survival, both the precarious reality of Israel and the role Israel played in ensuring the safety of Jews at risk around the world ensured that Israel was a central part of your lives. Israel, however, is on the road to success, and many Jews today want more from their Judaism than only participating in a struggle for survival. For them the central question is not what does Israel need from me, but what does Israel mean to me, a question they do not know how to answer. When the relationship with Israel is defined only as a tzedakah, then it is central only so long as Israel is a charity case. As a result, we were replaced by the Former Soviet Union and your local needs. World Jewry has not rejected Israel. Our relationship has simply lost its meaning.

We have been through a lot together these last 53 years

I believe that this is a tragedy for us both. While crisis was the major carrier of the relationship in the past, it did not define the importance and purpose of the relationship. For the past 53 years, to be a Jew was enriched and shaped by the reality of Israel. To be a Jew became more than faith, ritual and ethics, nor was it exhausted by synagogue affiliation.

Through Israel, Jews understood themselves as a people, a nation engaged with a whole new scope of issues and opportunities, which in turn gave new meaning and vibrancy to Jewish life. We grew beyond a Judaism defined exclusively by the issues of synagogues and study halls, and embraced the breadth of social, political, moral and cultural concerns which accompany a community attempting to build a nation and live as a people. The contribution of Israel to Judaism and the Jewish people is immeasurable; it redefined the scope of our thoughts and aspirations.

An Israeli reflects upon the recent murder of 20 mostly teenage fellow citizens at a makeshift memorial on the site where they were killed. Such acts of terror are frightening World Jewry away from Israel. [RNS/Reuters photo]

In addition, it is because of Israel that we discovered a new sense of Jewish pride, dignity, courage, unity and strength, without which Jewish continuity and renaissance would be impaired. Without Israel, American Jewry would lose its identity as a part of a larger people, and would be comparable to a minor church with a few million adherents.

Without world Jewry, however, Israel would also lose much of its meaning and importance. Its primary role would be as a nation serving a few million recent immigrants to an area where they are the minority. Under these conditions, why should Israel be a Jewish state and not a state of all its citizens? Why should Judaism play a role in shaping the identity of the country and not an Israeli culture assimilated into the majority culture of the area? Without Israel, world Jewry may lose their identity as a nation, but without world Jewry, Israel is in danger of losing its connection to Judaism. It is only because Israel serves and represents a people founded upon a religious affiliation rather than pure nationalism that Israel must be a Jewish state.

Yet Israel has been separated from the Jewish renaissance in America and is viewed as an overseas funding allocation instead of as a local need capable of playing an essential role in the renaissance of our people. At the same time, in Israel, world Jewry is viewed as a source for financial assistance, to be marginalized when the assistance is not critical. Jews around the world are not viewed as real partners who have a stake in this country and who must be respected and made to feel that this is also their home.

We have made mistakes. Let's not exacerbate them by turning these mistakes into ideologies. We have important work to do together. We have to rebuild our relationship, rebuild our joint identity and purpose and thus give meaning to being a Jew and an Israeli in the modern world. Come. Not on solidarity missions to a people in need, only to bring gifts to the children of Gilo and funds for armoured buses. That just perpetuates the old relationship which is not working anymore. Come to be with us and see a people who, despite the difficulties, are responding to terror with the courage to go on with our lives because we believe that Israel is worth the sacrifice. Come so that you too can make this same statement and thus lay claim your rightful share in Israel. Come so that we can learn, think and work together at giving new content to what we mean to each other and what it means to be a Jew today. Come because our finest chapter is not yet written and we need to write it together.

Rabbi Hartman is the associate director of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

A cancelled trip

I am writing this column on June 11, while a shaky ceasefire in Israel *was* breached again and, as usual, both sides blamed each other for killing the fragile stand-off. My subject today concerns the cancellation by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) of its Israel trips for teenagers. Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union, supplemented this move by saying, "We don't make political statements with children."

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

The cancellation provoked an angry outcry from the Israeli media, the ordinarily low key *Jerusalem Post* calling the Yoffie decision "a Reform blow to Jewish unity." Other Israelis, among them Mayor Ehud Olmert of Jerusalem, chimed in and made the Reform movement rather than Rabbi Yoffie the target of their critique. The issue was thus moved from the area of worry over the children's safety to an ideological battle- ground. Critics claimed that Reform Jews were always lukewarm on Israel, and this was the latest example.

It so happens that I consider the rabbi's decision – or anyway, the way it was handled – to have been an error. I am unhappy to have to say this, because I have the highest regard for Rabbi Yoffie. He is a lifelong Zionist who has moved the Reform movement vigorously into as strong a supporter of Israel as any other. The union's record in making thousands of Jewish children into lovers of Israel has been a shining success and has served as an example to other organizations.

In announcing the cancellation he said, "I consider this to be perhaps the most difficult decision that I have had to make." Parents who had previously registered their children for the trip were having second thoughts, and many relief on the union's judgment of the situation. Rabbi Yoffie and his board decided that he could not assume responsibility for the children's safety.

But there precisely is the nub of the conundrum. I do not believe that this responsibility was the union's to start with. It was the parents' judgment and, instead of the cancellation, the union should have told the families that every safety measure possible would be undertaken by the sponsors. No parent expected the UAHC to guarantee the safety of the journey.

Having written this, I must admit that it is one thing to write this as a critic; it is another to be – like Rabbi Yoffie – on the front lines of decision. Mine is an armchair opinion, without the weight of responsibility.

Meanwhile, the Israeli press had not done itself proud. The longtime battle of the establishment with the Progressive movement has found renewed reason to accuse Reform of non-Zionism or worse. It happens that other organizations too made the same decision, but no such blame was levelled against them.

In sum, I wish that the union had handled the matter differently. Rabbi John Moscowitz, preaching at Holy Blossom last Shabbat, also took that position. Like him, I know that making important decisions is often hard, and so is criticizing an admired friend.

Countdown to Atlantic summer

So summer is almost here! We will experience the beautiful days, warmth, sun and a much-needed break. For students, a more glorious time simply does not exist. After a year of hard work, the seasonal break is well-deserved and essential so that we can recharge our batteries.

Darcie Richler in Halifax

Time can be spent in many ways. For example, some people work quite hard while others travel and relax.

Several of my friends plan to cover Europe or view the Australian Outback. They will travel their way through breath-taking places and will hopefully love the experience. They will taste the food, see the sights and swim in beautiful oceans.

I have chosen to spend my summer among good friends. I will spend my time outside, rain or shine. I will eat jam sandwiches because peanut butter is no longer allowed. If I am lucky I will get my underwear back from the laundry…maybe even in the same colour that it was sent. And you have not even heard the best part yet – I will be getting paid to do all this.

For those who have not guessed yet, I will be going to camp this summer. I have attended overnight camp since 1988 and Camp Kadimah since 1993. Every year I count down the days until the start of the new season.

Camp Kadimah is located near Lunenburg, N.S. The facility is over half a century old and has been the meeting place for many of the Jewish youngsters of the Atlantic region.

To say that Kadimah is just "a special place" would be an understatement. While the demographics and size of the camp have expanded over the past few years, with a considerable number of campers coming from outside Atlantic Canada, Kadimah has been the lifeline for Jewish kids in the region. Marriages have come about because of camp relationships, and lifetime friendships and memories have been formed.

I originally chose Kadimah for something different from what was offered in Ontario. At the time, I had just completed Jewish elementary day school and was searching for the right summer follow-up. Kadimah provided an environment where Judaism was never forced upon campers – it was simply woven through the culture of the camp, and the values followed right behind that. What I also gained was an extraordinary group of friends, and summers I still think about with a smile.

As a staff member, I have always worked on the waterfront. This will be my second summer as the sailing director. Most staff at Kadimah have attended as campers first; so they feel a strong connection to the camp and want to return to give back what they received as campers. Kadimah is known for its unique spirit – something that the leadership, staff and older campers have passed along for as long as the camp has existed.

In the 2000 season, Kadimah bid farewell to longtimers Sheldon Cohen, the director, and Michael Soberman, the assistant director. Leadership has been capably assumed by Marty Zatzman as director and Ann Raskin who will act as assistant director. Both have spent many years at Kadimah and will be maintaining the traditions of the camp while at the same time bringing a new perspective. Camp will continue to flourish.

Until next month, when I'll write a mid-season camp report, may you all have a fun and safe summer.

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While I have not written yet about it this month, many of my thoughts have been with Israel. We can only hope that the senseless loss of 20 of the nation's youth on Tel Aviv Beach may bring about a turning point in the conflict and eventually, a summer without bloodshed.

Time to stand together

Ever since I went to Israel in December, I have advocated visiting the Holy Land, and I was quick to say that even though a serious conflict is occurring, you still feel safe. In December, I did feel safe. I felt that I could walk down Ben Yehuda Street or lie on the beach in Tel Aviv. At the time it was also hard to imagine how chaotic things were going to become.

Bryan Barzykowski in Winnipeg

While my brother was in Israel recently, the bomb that killed 20 teenagers went off in Tel Aviv. Just days before, he and several of his friends were minutes from where the attack occurred. Immediately warning sirens went off in the minds all of parents who had kids in Israel.

The bombing, coupled with the terrorist attack at the Russian compound in Jerusalem a few days earlier, set off my mental sirens as well. My perception of safety in Israel drastically changed.

When attacks happen in the territories, it is easy to dismiss the danger, because you know that if you were to visit Israel you would not go to Gaza or Ramallah. When attacks happen in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, the danger becomes much more real and immediate. I have been very close to the place where the Tel Aviv bomb went off, and in December, I was just a few feet away from where the attack happened in Jerusalem.

Tourism in Israel has been on the decline since October and these attacks make it even harder for someone to justify travelling there. A trip that left from Winnipeg in the middle of May was cut short by two weeks, and a full Winnipeg Birthright trip ended up sending only a handful of young people.

Many of my friends who are planning to attend Hebrew University next year are now having second thoughts. Everyone's perception of Israel is spinning out of control. What are we supposed to think or do?

Israel is our homeland; it is a place where we can feel comfortable and, most importantly, safe. Today this is somewhat of a contradiction, because it is hard to feel safe and comfortable in the land of milk and honey. After the attack at the Russian compound, my friends at Hebrew U went to an Internet café, which is steps away from where the bomb went off. They told me that the café was empty and a reporter came up to them to ask why they were there. It is obvious that the citizens of Israel are apprehensive and at their wits' end.

If the people of Israel are nervous and distraught, how are we supposed to feel? What do we do? How can we support Israel in this time of turmoil? It is understandable why people would not choose to visit Israel at this moment, but what else is there to do?

I think it is time that Palestinians and Jews outside of Israel take a stand together and show Israel and Palestine that peace needs to come now, or more victims will be counted. A peace rally maybe? What about writing letters to newspapers and government officials, or maybe some sort of city-wide program. Figuring out what we can do is about as complex as the actual situation in Israel.

Living through this conflict from a perspective outside of Israel is very frustrating to me because of the lack of action that I can take to do something productive. It may be naïve of me to think that I could actually do something that could have an impact on this situation, but I feel very helpless when I watch the events on television, and I would jump at the chance to do something that would help Israel and Palestine reach peace.

By now people know that I often ask for advice in these columns and I will do so again here. I would really like to hear a couple of things. What can we do to support peace in Israel? For people who have been there recently, what were your feelings while you were there? And for people who are going in the near future, what are your thoughts about taking a trip to Israel? I would really like to publish some of these responses, because there are so many different perspectives on the conflict and the newspaper is one way that we can share our opinions and have a say (even if it is a small one) in what is occurring in the Middle East.

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The Kirshner File

Peki'in - a village with a unique history

A legendary Jewish tradition appears to be drawing to a close in the quaint Israeli-Arab village of Peki'in.

Tucked into the green, pastoral folds of the Upper Galilee, Peki'in has the distinction of being Israel's only settlement with an uninterrupted Jewish presence stretching back to the Second Temple period, almost 2,000 years ago.

Sheldon Kirshner in Israel

Jews lived in Peki'in, near Mt. Meron, Israel's highest peak, nearly 1,000 years before the arrival of Muslims in the late 11th century, of Christians during the Crusades and of Druze in the 18th century.

A sleepy, unobtrusive place a short drive from Safed, Peki'in once had a fairly sizeable Jewish community. But over the centuries, due to a variety of reasons, the Jews gradually left, drastically changing Peki'in's demographic character.

Now inhabited by a few thousand Druze, with a sprinkling of Muslim and Christian Arabs, Peki'in is all but bereft of Jews at the start of a new millennium. And the prognosis is bleak. The two remaining Jews, Margalit Zinati, 69, and Ilan Tomeh, 43, both single, are getting on.

I met them one afternoon last month, following a vigorous three-hour hike through the scenic hills and dales of the Galilee. My first impression of Peki'in, from the vantage point of a wooded slope ablaze with sunflowers and studded with thorns, was dreamy. A jumble of boxy, closely set white buildings implanted on terraces, it shimmered under a beneficent sun.

Could this be the fabled place where Jews have resided continuously since the Bar-Kochba revolt against the Romans?

Although Peki'in has all the material conveniences of the new century, it exudes a somewhat exotic, other-wordly ambience, as if its past is of greater importance than its present or future.

As my guide and I, tired from the day's exertions, struggled up yet another street on a gravity-defying angle, we stumbled upon the ancient, weather-beaten tomb of Rebbe Yossi, a mystic whose claim to fame is his inclusion in the *Zohar*.

Composed in the second century by Shimon Bar Yohai and his disciples, the *Zohar* was originally published in Spain in the 13th century. Written in Aramaic and Hebrew, it is a kabbalistic masterwork.

Climbing a flight of winding steps abutting several Druze homes, I reached the cave of Shimon Bar Yohai, also known as Shimon Ben Yohai. The small space in front of the cave is shaded by mature carob trees, and is a cool refuge on even the hottest of days.

Fleeing Roman persecution after having been charged with sedition as one of the ringleaders of the Bar Kochba revolt (132-135 CE), Bar Yohai and his son, Eleazer, hid in that dank cave for 13 years, subsisting on carobs, mulberries and water. Amid privation, he began writing the *Zohar*.

After his death, he was buried on the slopes of Mt. Meron, and his tomb became a mecca of pilgrims, particularly on Lag Ba'omer. Around this time, Jews, including members of the Zinati clan, took up residence in Peki'in.

Moses Basola, a 16th century Jewish traveller, described the Jews he met in Peki'in as *fellahin*, Arabic for peasant. Having adopted the external trappings of their Muslim neighbours, they resembled Arabs, outwardly at least.

By all accounts, the Jews and Arabs of Peki'in coexisted in harmony. During the 17th century, Jews from other parts of the Galilee settled in Peki'in, which, owing to its temperate climate, doubled as a summer resort for Jewish families from sweltering Tiberias.

Engaged in commerce, farming, the cultivation of silkworms, the leasing of land and the study of Torah and the *Zohar*, the Jews of Peki'in prospered.

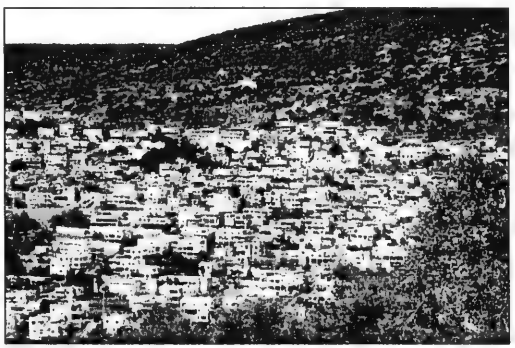
In the wake of the 1759 earthquake in Safed, Peki'in's Jewish community was augmented by new arrivals, and a yeshiva was established.

Passing through Peki'in in 1764, Simcha Ben Joshua wrote: "In Peki'in there are Jews, some 50 households, workers of the land and vineyards."

Sixty years later, another Jewish traveller from the Diaspora, David of Vilna, observed: "Peki'in is ... full of lemon trees and sweet apples; and milk, butter, cheese and honey is sent to the whole of Eretz Yisrael and the Mediterranean coast as far as Damascus... There are about 20 Jewish families here, natives of the land. Most have herds of sheep or goats..."

In 1873, the Jews of Peki'in built a synagogue incorporating the remains of a wall from a Second Temple shul. Used today only when minyans are raised, the synagogue was restored in 1926 and again in 1956.

By 1876, the Jewish community had fallen on hard times. Rehamim Oppetecker, a chronicler from Jerusalem, lamented: "Near Tiberias lies the village of Peki'in. I could not get there because the roads were too bad. But while I was in Tiberias, I met the shochet of Peki'in, who told me that there are only 12 Jewish families, and they do not work the land as in former times, because they have no fields and no vineyards."



Peki'in as seen from a slope in the Galilee. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

During the 1929 Arab disturbances in Palestine, the Jews of Peki'in fled, only to return some weeks and months later.

The Arab Revolt of 1936-39 prompted another Jewish exodus, this one initiated by the British colonial rulers of Palestine.

After the creation of Israel in 1948, one Jewish family, the Zinatis, moved back.

Born and bred in Peki'in, Margalit Zinati is the last of the Zinatis here.

Though feisty, rambunctious and suspicious, she is actually a kind, hospitable woman, offering two unexpected visitors refreshments. Never married, she lives very simply, in a tiny second-storey apartment festooned with an Israeli flag on the balcony and cluttered with furniture, bedding and food. On an unadorned wall hangs a picture of her late mother, Mazal, who died recently.

Margalit Zinati, clad on this warm spring day in a plain print dress that could pass for a nightgown, is the keeper of the keys to the synagogue. Fiercely possessive of her role, she deeply resents supposed claims to her title by Ilan Tomeh.

Barely on speaking terms with him, she dismissively regards Tomeh as an interloper, saying that he has upset the status quo by claiming "ownership" of the synagogue.

Tomeh, Zinaiti's next door neighbour, was born in Hadera, which he refers to as " the galut." The Tomehs, one of the original inhabitants of Peki'in, were evacuated after the outbreak of the Arab Revolt. Having promised his grandfather he would return, he settled in Peki'in in 1993, leaving an estranged wife and son behind in Tel Aviv.

Tomeh, wearing an embroidered skull cap, lives in an unkempt apartment purchased by the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Agency. It is filled with battered furniture, sepia-coloured photographs of relatives and bric-a-brac. Currently unemployed and on welfare, he claims that the government wants him to leave Peki'in. "I don't understand it," he said, more in puzzlement than in anger.

Sipping home-made lemonade, he voiced the forlorn hope that Peki'in will attract Jewish settlers.

It is not likely to happen. Peki'in, Jewishly speaking, is on its last legs.

After virtually 2,000 years, Margalit Zinati and Ilan Tomeh appear to be the last of their kind in the picture postcard village of Peki'in.

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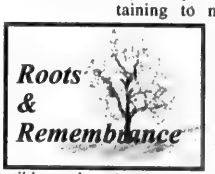
Jewish Life

Ellis Island records now online

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

The biggest genealogical story of the year, and conceivably of the decade, is the opening this past April 17 of the Ellis Island Database (EIDB) Web site at www.ellisisland records.org.

Thanks to the Herculean labours of an army of 12,000 volunteers, the passenger records of some 22 million immigrants who arrived at the port of New York between 1892 and 1924 are ostensibly at the fingertips of anyone who can surf the Internet.



An estimated 100 million Americans, and probably millions of Canadians, are descended from Ellis Island immigrants. In the days of massive immigration to North America, which coincided with the largest mass migration in Jewish history, Ellis Island was the main gateway to the interior, even for those whose ultimate destination was Canada.

The system allows one to search by surname (with or without first name or initial), gender, year of arrival, ethnicity, port of departure and name of ship.

With a bit of luck, the searcher might find a text version as well as a scanned facsimile of an ancestral passenger manifest in only minutes, along with a picture of the ship that brought the ancestor to the "Goldene Medina."

In several hours of searching, I found passenger records for numerous relatives, corroborating details of my family's history. One record, pertaining to my great-grandfather's nephew, indicates he was intending to join his uncle in Kingston, Ontario: the year was 1908.

That's on my mother's side. On my father's side, the system has produced no trace of a passenger list already in my possession, showing an ancestor's arrival to Ellis Island in 1909. Perhaps the transcriber misspelled the name.

To a genealogist, there's nothing quite so valuable as a U.S. passenger manifest, which offers an average of 15 columns of information for the early years after 1885, and as many as 36 columns later on. The information includes the passenger's name, age, gender, marital status, occupation, physical description and the name (and often address) of relatives back home and at the passenger's destination.

Not surprisingly, the EIDB web site has attracted enormous traffic. In its first six hours it received 8 million visitors at an average rate of 27,000 hits per second. Usage has now flattened out at about 9 million hits per day.

Many users have been frustrated because the system, despite upgrades, continues to be overloaded and sluggish. Many have discovered they may avoid peak-usage problems by logging on at 3 a.m.

Although the EIDB's basic search engine does not permit searches by multiple variables simultaneously, numerous home remedies have been circulating, including one devised by Steve Morse, inventor of the Intel 8086 microprocessor that revolutionized the computer industry.

To be fair, any search engine would have trouble with this database. How does one search for a surname that may have been written in semi-legible handwriting in any of 30 variant spellings, and later transcribed from an overexposed microfilm?

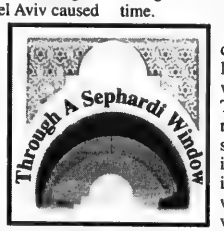
In short, patience is required. As one wag puts it: "Remember that the records may well have been written in English by a Danish steward on a German ship leaving a port in Norway with your Russian ancestor who had a Hebrew name and spoke Yiddish and carried a Lithuanian passport."

The LDS or Mormon Church, which co-ordinated this project since its inception in 1993, says it was the most difficult extraction project it has ever attempted. Besides the Church, immeasurably huge laurels go to the U.S. National Park Service and the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, its partners in this dazzling achievement which has brought genealogy to the masses as never before.

Israel needs our very genuine support

By RABBI YEHIEL BENAYON

The chilling aftermath that followed the horrific suicide bombing in the beachside disco of Tel Aviv caused Jew and Arab alike to hold their breath. It wasn't just the shock and repugnance of such a wanton and savage act of terrorism. It was the foreboding and fear of the inevitable escalation. A strong retribution was rightfully demanded by the people, and the Arab population naturally expected it.



Arab areas sat in the still silence of a self-imposed curfew, anxiously awaiting the repercussions. Only the strongest terms of condemnation from around the world and alarm from the Arab nations, combined with this imminent fear of reprisal, gave Arafat no alternative but to rescind his belligerence.

In speaking of cancer, one is generally deemed to be in remission when five years without symptoms pass. In speaking in terms of Mideast terrorist activity, a reprieve of even just a five-week period is a welcome remission. As of this writing, the government of Israel was able to demonstrate its strength in restraint for perhaps a last time.

As a parent with a child studying in Israel, I too held my breath for what seemed inevitable. The issues encompassed not just the immediate safety of my son and the interruption of his studies, but the message that would be clearly conveyed to his fellow students, should we have decided to call him home. Since he is the only North American in a student body of over 400, recalling him would clearly be abandoning ship. It would be a cause of despair to them as it would be a mark of dishonour to him.

I could not choose for my son; instead, I opted to let him choose for himself. The tension of the situation and the insecurity in his voice was palpable even through thousands of telecommunication kilometres. His decision was to stay, whatever were to happen. He would not even register his whereabouts with the Canadian Embassy should there be any further escalations.

We were proud of his decision, yet we cautioned him.

For the first time since the founding of the modern State of Israel, the country is not in dire need of our dollars. There was a time when Golda Meir would implore world Jewry for very genuine and urgent financial support, a time when every political personality would be expected as part of their tenure to travel and to speak at an Israel Bonds function or United Jewish Appeal event. Today, Israel needs the prayers of Diaspora Jews, our political clout and most of all our moral support. We need to impart the feeling that they are not alone in this, a feeling that only a brother can give.

How disconcerting it is when one hears that the Reform movement has cancelled all of its youth trips to Israel this summer. In essence, this is saying to the people of Israel: in your time of need, we cannot be with you. How difficult, if not impossible, it becomes to condemn airlines that refuse to fly into Israel at a time when Jews themselves stop coming. One hopes that this unfortunate decision will not cause a domino effect.

Jewish Life

Crusades 'noble' carnage

***Warriors of God*, by James Reston, Jr. Random House.**

The Crusades stretched over a period of 200 years, unleashing a frenzy of hate and violence unprecedented before the advent of the technological age and the scourge of Hitler. The madness was initiated in the name of religion by a pope of the Christian church, Urban II, in 1095, as a measure to redirect the energies of warring European barons from their bloody, local disputes into a "noble" quest to reclaim the Holy Land from the "infidel."

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Once unleashed, the passion could not be controlled. The violence began with the massacre of Jews, proceeded to the wholesale slaughter of Muslims in their native land, sapped the wealth of Europe and ended with an almost unimaginable death toll on all sides.

In the end, according to the terms of a peace treaty, the Muslims continued to hold Jerusalem and the Crusaders the coastal region from Jaffa to Tyre. Jaffa was won at the cost of thousands of Crusader lives.

There were five major Crusades but only the first Crusade was "successful" in the sense that it managed to capture Jerusalem. In *A History of the Jews*, Abram L. Sachar writes, "Life was not the same in Europe after the holocausts of the first crusade. The Jews in the oldest and best-established communities lost their buoyancy and their sense of security. Learning decayed and the arts which ornamented civilized life: Who would think of poetry and song with 10,000 martyrs perished along the Rhine? Who could write of talmudic principles when every community still bore scars from the murderous frenzy of the crusaders? Jews drew within their shells and had little to do with Christians. Only gradually, as the horrors of the crusades and their aftermath faded into memory, did the Jews begin to forget their fears."

The third Crusade, spanning the years 1187-92, is perhaps the most interesting of them all and is the burden and concern of this highly readable narrative. It brought two of the most remarkable and fascinating figures of the last millennium into conflict: Saladin, the sultan of Egypt, Syria, Arabia and Mesopotamia, and Richard I, king of England, known as the Lionheart.

The author recounts the life of each man against the background of the passions of the times that brought them face-to-face in fierce combat. Richard is depicted as an anti-Semite, a sadist and homosexual, who nevertheless was a fierce strategist and commander.

Saladin, in 1187, conquered Tiberias, Hattin and Jerusalem, and precipitated the third Crusade. His attitude towards Jews was friendly and tolerant. He issued a manifesto in 1190 inviting Jews to settle in Jerusalem – something prohibited by the Crusaders. There is no historical basis for the belief that Maimonides was Saladin's court physician.

James Reston, Jr., a prolific author and journalist, provides an informative look at both the chivalric structures and deep brutality that governed the mores and conflicts of the crusader age.

Jewish singles & the Internet

BY MARK MIETKIEWICZ

It's a virtual jungle out there.

There are dozens of Jewish dating Web sites promising to help match you with your bashert, your intended. Some are aimed at a general audience while others target very specific Jewish groups. Some services are free while others are for-profit. Some Web sites are simply ads for real-life matchmakers while others allow you to strike up a relationship online. Today, a look at some of these sites.

JDate calls itself the largest Jewish Singles Network on the Internet with nearly 200,000 members and claims that the majority of its members have a degree **[http://www.jdate.com]**. Although there is no charge to post your personal profile in the JDate database, you will have to pay for a subscription in order to contact other members.

Carol Shaw is founder of the Israel-based A World of Jewish Singles **[http://www.worldofsingles.com]**. A feature on Shaw in the *Jerusalem Post* pointed out that she sits on a committee in the Knesset looking at drafting a law to require licensing of all matchmaking agencies. "There are some 'matchmakers' that are no longer in the country because of their unscrupulous dealings. Just as other professions, such as real estate brokers require licensing, licensing of matchmakers will raise the level of expertise and protect the public."

Chabad operates Mit Mazel, which is open to Jewish singles of all affiliations interested in marriage **[http://www.mitmazel.com]**. Their twist: after you fill out a detailed membership questionnaire and submit a nominal fee, a sponsor from Chabad or a rabbi fills out your sponsorship form. This is their way of ensuring the integrity of the applicant. Once you have found someone interesting in the database, your sponsor contacts the other's sponsor. If both agree that you could be a match, the sponsors release your e-mail addresses, and you are free to contact each other.

Aish HaTorah also operates an online version of its speeddating service **[http://www.speeddating.com]**. In electronic speeddating, you agree to engage in a series seven-minute anonymous e-mail conversations with seven different people. At the end of each e-mail chat, the computer asks whether you would like to share your e-mail address with your speeddate. If you both say yes, SpeedDating.com sends you your speeddate's e-mail address so that you can pursue a possible relationship.

Big Beautiful Jewish Women is a discussion forum for "Full figured/plus size single Jewish men and women looking for their bashert" **[http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/bigbeautifuljewishwomen]**. Members are single, Jewish and either full figured/plus size themselves or interested in meeting someone who is. I started this club for all of us who want to be loved for ourselves not what we look like. My motto is 'Good things come in small packages, but *great* things come in *big* packages.'"

The Interracial Jewish Web will be a place for Jewish couples (both parties are Jewish) and for those who are Jewish and date interracially **[http://jewish_interracial.homestead.com]**. They will be able to discuss issues pertaining to dating and marrying interracially within Judaism, raising Jewish biracial children and interacting with other Jews and Jewish families. At the moment, the site is still in the planning stages but the webmaster is looking for ideas. (She apologizes for the delay but explains that she has recently married.)

Sometimes eating right can lead to more than just a trimmer waste and lower cholesterol. Jewish Vegan/Vegetarian Singles can be found at **[http://www.jewishvegan.com/singlejvveg.html]**. There are separate lists for male and female Jewish vegans and vegetarians. One posting is: SJF-NM (never married), vegan, shomeret Shabbat, intelligent, creative, artistic, into history, sports, television, movies, Kabbalah and Gemarah, rock music, seeking gentleman, prefer aged 35-45, vegan, shomer Shabbat, sensitive, intelligent, good conversationalist, etc.

If you would just like to compare notes with other daters on an informal basis, you can post messages on the Jewish Singles Chat Shidduchim Forum **[http://www.inservices.com/cgi-bin/wsmbb/wsmbb.cgi?torah]**. A posting by an "eliezer74" says that he has a trend in traditional communities where girls are marrying notably older men. Elsewhere in the forum, I learned that after going out with a dozen people, "shaina1" is finally engaged.

I have only mentioned a handful of the Jewish dating services on the Internet. There are several excellent lists where you can find more dating sites, such as Maven **[http://maven.co.il/subjects.asp?S=207]**, the Jewish Lifecycle Page **[http://home.att.net/~heshye/life.htm]**, Jewish Singles Links **[http://www.jewishlink.net/singles.html]** and the Jewish Internet Portal **[http://www.hareshima.com/organizations/dating.asp]**.

Next week, advice from people looking for love and from the matchmakers themselves.

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UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, have prepared this supplement – the 4th in a series – to keep our community informed about the recent provincial tuition tax credit for independent schools

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Dear Mr. Harris and Mr. Flaherty,

We, the Vaad Harabonim - The Orthodox Board of Rabbis of Toronto, wish to thank you for your government's recent decision to provide partial funding to parents who send their children to religious schools, thereby beginning to eliminate the discrimination that characterizes the current system. You see, for us there is no choice, because the continuity of our culture and religion requires an educational environment that mirrors and reinforces the home environment. While we certainly recognize the importance of a strong public school system to society, we feel that the government has now begun to recognize the contribution made to this same society by religious minority groups. Until now we have borne the enormous financial burden ourselves, while our Catholic neighbours have received full funding.

Your critics will be vocal in their arguments and will attempt to misinform and frighten the citizens of this province. We need only to look beyond Ontario's borders to see that nowhere else in the Western World does this type of inequity exist and nowhere have their dismal predictions come true. **We urge you to stand by your convictions, and to do what is just and fair.** We believe that at the end of the day the people of this province will support fairness, and that truth will prevail over the exaggerations of the naysayers and scaremongers.

We will encourage our community to support the government in this matter by writing and faxing letters to the newspapers and to their local MPP's, and by participating in the public debate.

We also designated Saturday, June 16, 2001 (Parshat Shelach) as a day for our Rabbis to address this issue from the pulpit, and to encourage their congregants to voice their support for the provincial government on this issue.

Rabbi Dovid Schochet
President, Vaad Harabonim of Toronto

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The Jewish community expressed its support for fair funding in education last week as several communal organizations appeared before the Ontario hearings in Toronto on Bill 45 providing tax credits to parents of children in independents schools.

Dr. Seymour Epstein, Executive Director of UJA Federation's Board of Jewish Education, encouraged a redefining of the public school system to reflect Ontario's multicultural reality. Citing European models as examples, Epstein said that "a system that offers its citizens the option of using public resources for general studies in whatever reasonable setting they deem suitable to their own ethnic or religious persuasion" will enrich that society by promoting a more inclusive kind of pluralism. From an educational perspective, he argued that the historic inequity in education funding has sent students a powerful message about the treatment of minorities. "The schools cannot teach justice in an environment which is unjust," concluded Epstein.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region (CJCONT) lauded the tax credit as a move toward remedying an outstanding inequity and as an affirmation of the principles of cultural protection and choice that are fundamental to Canadian society. "A society-wide embrace of multiculturalism means support for the serious cultural and educational projects of our diverse communities," said Professor Ed Morgan, CJCONT Chair. "Taking multiculturalism seriously means fostering an environment that also accounts for the needs of those whose cultural, intellectual and religious life require a form of education impossible to achieve in the public schools."

Noting the high cost of therapeutic and specialized education, Zareinu Educational Centre Principal Carol Goldman said that the tax credit will ease somewhat the extreme financial burden faced by Zareinu parents and will open the doors for more families to be assisted by Zareinu, Canada's only Jewish day school for severely challenged children.

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Fair Funding for Education: Teachers and Students Say ...

"A Jewish education gives all of us in the Jewish community the opportunity to build and perpetuate a strong Jewish future with solid Jewish roots. Everybody should be entitled to receive the education of their choice and I think that it's wrong to deny anyone that chance. Now, with this tax credit, everyone, regardless of their situation can have the opportunity to enjoy seeing their children grow up with a strong, meaningful Jewish education."

— **Robbie Goldberg,** Grade 10 student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT)

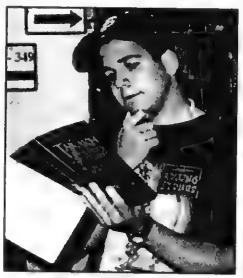
Robbie Goldberg

"Getting a good Jewish education really keeps us grounded and connected to every aspect that goes into being a Jew. It definitely allows us to better understand our past and helps us to learn about the path that we, as Jews, must take in life."

— **Lee Grossman,** Grade 10 student at CHAT

CHAT STUDENTS PHOTOGRAPHED BY DAN HOROWITZ

Danielle Sagi, standing, with CHAT classmates Natalie Balilti, left, and Ziv Har-Gil, right.



Lee Grossman

"Going to Jewish day school is intrinsic to our becoming good, strong, well educated members of the Jewish community – as well as the community at large. To be in a Jewish environment with Jewish kids all the time really gives us a sense of our Judaism. It helps us learn about our religion, as well as our lives as Jews. It also helps us learn more about who we are, where we've been, and where we, as Jews, are going."

— **Danielle Sagi,** Grade 10 student at CHAT

"Jewish day school enables children to live their entire lives – as a whole – as Jews. It lets them live life according to the Jewish calendar. The children are educated as Jews in a way that can't be taught anywhere else. They spend their time with Jewish students and faculty, and the curriculum provides an immersion into Jewish life that simply can't be captured in any other way. In this province, providing funding for one faith and not the others, simply can't be justified. Parents deserve this help, and they need it."

— **Zita Gardner,** Director of Leo Baeck Day School

"A complete Jewish education is vital because a viable Jewish community demands that its members are literate in, and excited about their Judaism. Without that knowledge and education, there can never be any real depth to Jewish life. Every single individual has both a right and a duty to know their Jewish roots. Even in a general philosophical sense, multiculturalism does not mean 'no cultures'; it means educating people in the riches of their own culture, and encouraging them to use that knowledge for the enrichment of the society as a whole."

— **Paul Shaviv,** Headmaster of CHAT

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Israel's demography said threat to the country

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO – Israel's status as a Jewish state could be imperilled should it fail to reach a peace agreement with the Palestinians, the former director of Israeli military intelligence warned recently.

In a speech to Canadian Friends of Peace Now at Temple Sinai, General Shlomo Gazit said that the most dangerous long-term threat to Israel's existence is demographic, not the spectre of a possible Arab attack against Israel.

If Israel does not give up the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as part of a peace agreement with the Palestinians, he suggested, its Jewishness may eventually be compromised.

Lack of peace deal could imperil its status as a Jewish state: Gazit

Right now, Gazit explained, 58 percent of the inhabitants of Israel, the West Bank and Gaza are Jewish.

But given the Arabs' higher birth rate, the chances of Jews becoming a minority in their own country one day cannot be underestimated.

Israel should try to come to terms with the Palestinians before the population shifts in favour of the Palestinians, said Gazit, who was in charge of gathering and assessing intelligence for the Israel Defence Force from 1974 to 1979.

Striking an optimistic note, he observed that Israel and the Palestinians are, in fact, close to an agreement, the intifadah notwithstanding.

But in a sombre aside, he pointed out that the only kind of accord Israel can realistically attain with the Palestinians now would be based on mutual wariness.

"Real peace," he said, will not be achieved any time soon.

And the sort of peace he thinks is attainable might not even endure, he admitted.

It could take decades, even centuries, before true reconciliation exists between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

Portraying Jewish settlements in the territories as an impediment to peaceful coexistence, Gazit said they block the possibility of a land-for-peace deal.

On the other hand, they are an inducement to bringing the Palestinians to the negotiating table.

Gazit said that the reason for the collapse of the Camp David summit last July was basically two-fold.

Ehud Barak, Israel's prime minister, did not understand that his quest for an end-of-conflict agreement could force Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority to demand a final resolution of the Palestinian refugee problem.

On the other hand, Arafat assumed that Barak would lose the forthcoming general election and that his hardline successor, Ariel Sharon, would not honour an accord.

In the end, said Gazit, Barak and Arafat did not understand each other.

Gazit acknowledged he is not certain whether Arafat is in full control of the intifadah. But if Arafat continues to fall short of achieving his political goals through the uprising, he will have no motivation to call a halt to it.

The problems facing the Middle East are not generally understood by people outside the region, said Gazit, the former president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

He told several stories to illustrate his point.

In 1967, Arabs found themselves embroiled in a war with Israel they did not seek because they became captives of their rhetoric. A similar situation could recur, he said.

After the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Gazit was sent to Egypt to negotiate a ceasefire with the Egyptian minister of war, who demanded an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula. Gazit asked, 'Why should we trust you?' The Egyptian replied that peace, being in Egypt's vested interest, was necessary to forestall economic ruination.

Neither Israeli military intelligence nor Egypt's foreign minister foresaw Anwar Sadat's historic trip to Jerusalem in 1977. Arab leaders, unshackled by democratic norms, can make momentous decisions about war or peace without a Western-style consultative process.

Prior to the 1996 Israeli election, Shimon Peres, the then prime minister, appointed Gazit as his envoy to Arafat. Gazit warned Arafat that the Likud challenger, Benjamin Netanyahu, might defeat Peres, the Labor party frontrunner. Arafat, not understanding Israeli society, scoffed at the presumption that Peres might lose.

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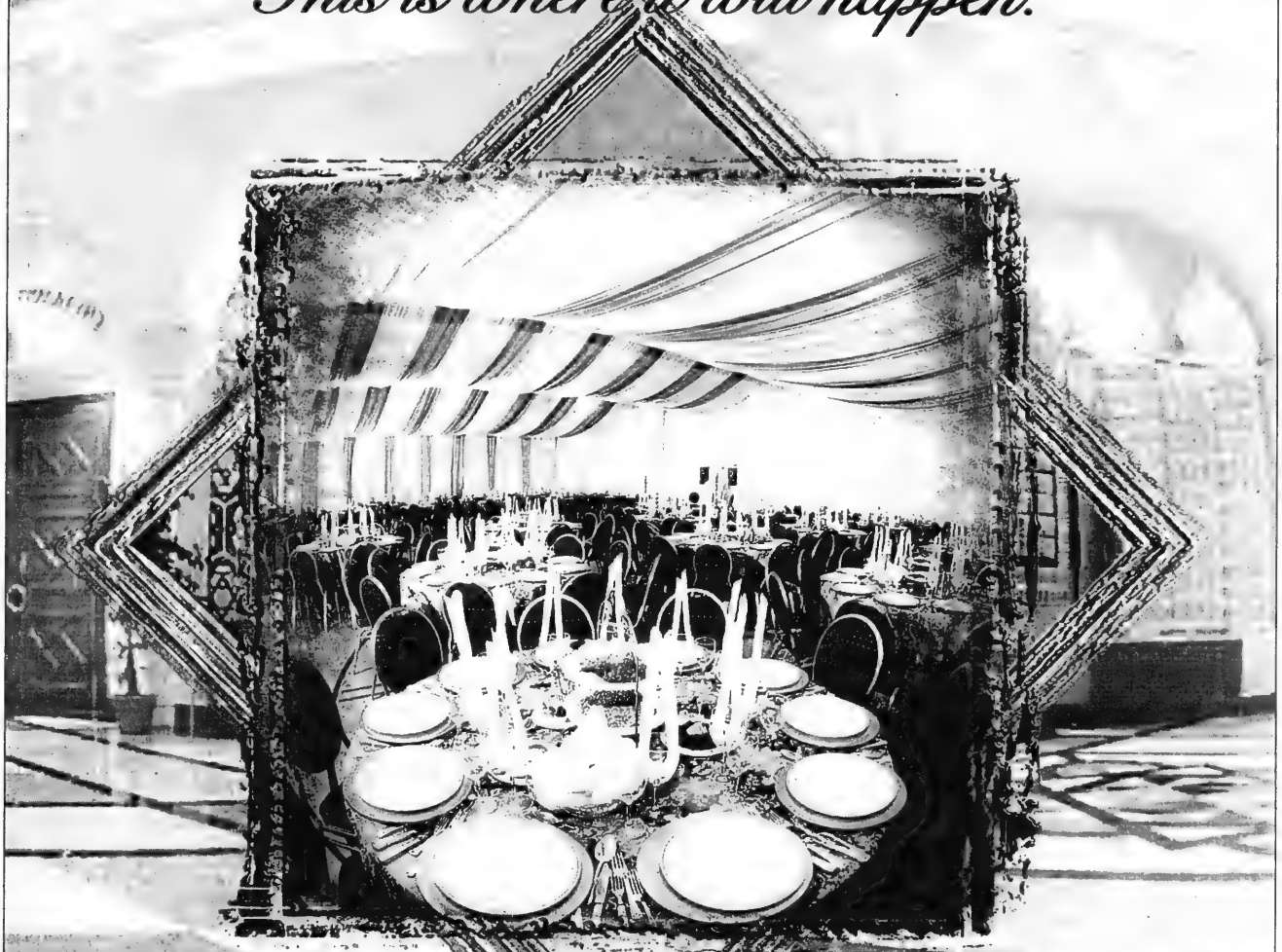

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Moral education explored

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Curriculum is never neutral. It's always an ideological instrument that stresses the world view of those in control, says Prof. Carol Ingall.

In Canada and in the United States, Jewish day schools need to be careful when they simply adopt agendas from public schools, says Ingall, a professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Speaking at the recent opening session of the Network for Research for Jewish Education, Ingall said that education is always a reflection of economic, social and political forces.

Ingall noted that whether the education system puts a high priority on drills and testing, or on building self esteem or social, emotional and verbal skills, will depend on the agenda of those in political power.

More discipline and accountability in the classroom is being expected in today's social environment, she said. Curriculum is therefore being adopted that reflects the "neo-Conservative rhetoric which has become so fashionable in the White House."

As such, Ingall said, in today's classrooms, whole language education has been dismissed in favour of old-fashioned phonics-based reading.

"In an era concerned with violence and anti-social behaviour, phonics somehow recalls a vision of *Leave it To Beaver*, when [things] were simpler, quieter and more obedient," Ingall said.

A focus on increased economic productivity has meant that kindergartens are no longer viewed as a place to develop social, emotional and verbal skills, but rather as venues to raise academic skills.

"Some kindergartens are spending as much as two hours in daily reading drills," Ingall said.

"It's no surprise that many education projects in the United States are being sponsored by local businesses... which promote neo-Conservative values."

Ingall pointed out that Jewish day schools have absorbed the ethos of the public agenda in both its general and Jewish curriculum.

Now that attention is being paid to pro-social behaviour, conflict resolution and the promotion of disciplined children, derech eretz [manners] programs are appearing in Jewish schools.

Historically, Ingall said, Jewish educational curricula have always mirrored trends in the public system.

When the United States was concerned with promoting an American identity, public schools chose heroes who "personified rugged individualism, the dignity of labour, and basic values of thrift, honesty and charity," she said.

And so did the Jewish schools, she said. "It was quite lucky for us that [Theodor] Herzl looks so much like Abraham Lincoln. It made it a very easy sell."

Then, as public school curricula gave way to ethnicity and a "more rainbow-hued coalition," this occurred in Jewish classrooms as well.

Blacks became included in school textbooks, and "Jewish educators followed suit by making a case for inclusion of Sephardi Jewry," Ingall said.

As public schools began to focus on the ethics of community and the making of good neighbours, so did Jewish education adopt the notion of tikkun olam, the fixing of the world.

In many ways, Ingall pointed out, Jewish values have become virtually undistinguishable from contemporary liberal values.

Tikkun olam projects were a perfect cornerstone for moral education in the public schools because they were broadbased enough not to step on anybody's toes.

"It was also perfect for the Jewish schools because it wasn't too Jewish."

"What troubles me," Ingall said, "is the wholesale adoption of a single silver bullet to solve the very complex issues of moral education."

While she believes in tikkun olam projects, Ingall noted that "if moral education in Jewish schools is to be taken seriously and meet our needs... it can't simply be the knee-jerk aping of the latest trends in public education served with a peppering of Jewish terms.

"Moral education must grow organically from the curriculum of the Jewish school even when that curriculum may be at odds with popular culture."

Jewish education, Ingall said, must reflect not only those mitzvot that originate from "those between one human being and the other" but also "between human beings and their God.

"It's from the latter category in which our most deep-seated hungers for transcendence and personal meaning can be found – and that Jewish destiny is fulfilled."

Issues on the agenda

TORONTO — For the first time in 15 years, the Network in Jewish Education held its annual conference in Canada.

The Jewish Teacher Education Program at York University's centre for Jewish studies recently hosted the international meeting of educators.

The conference is a venue for the presentation of research in Jewish education, and is attended by scholars who have shaped the fields of day school, congregational and adult Jewish education in recent years, said Prof. Alex Pomson, the co-ordinator of York's Jewish teacher education program.

Some of the issues discussed at the conference included:

- teachers, teaching methods and their effects in the classroom;
- teachers as researchers – pros and cons of qualitative research;
- differences between native and non-native Hebrew-language teachers at the United Synagogue Day School;
- the value of integration in Jewish education;
- classroom climate in relation to academic outcome and future involvement in the Jewish community;
- characteristics of Jewish adult learners, effective Jewish adult educators; and
- relationships between emotional intelligence and IQs in Jewish day schools.

York University's Jewish teacher education program is a partnership between the faculty of education, the centre for Jewish studies and the faculty of arts, and with the co-operation of UJA FEDERATION's Board of Jewish Education.

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Assimilation threatens state of World Jewry

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He attributes this partly to the acceptability of civil marriage, something which is not possible in Israel. "That is what happens when everything is permitted. Look at the result – an intermarriage rate of over 50 percent."

Yet the rabbi is not very concerned that civil marriage will take hold in Israel. In the first place, he said, while there are many secular Israelis, when they do need religious rites, they choose the Orthodox path. This includes Sephardi Jews, including many of those who came in the mass aliyah from places like Georgia and Bukhara in the former Soviet Union.

Besides, he said, over 30 members of the Knesset are observant – and not just members of Shas, Mifdal and Degel Hatorah, the religious parties.

Issues of divorce and marriage were declared to be in the purview of the Orthodox rabbinate by the Knesset in 1951, a decision which was reiterated in 1970 during the "Who is a Jew?" debate. Asked what he would do if a serious effort was made to introduce civil marriage in Israel, Rabbi Lau said that he would use his influence.

From left: Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, chief rabbi of Israel, Dani Weil, national president, Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital, presenting award to David Brown, outgoing president of Canadian Friends, Noreen Azoulay, executive director.

"I would go to television and the media. I would go from one school to the other [to influence against it]."

Rabbi Lau slammed those who objected to the refusal to bury those victims of the Tel Aviv bombing who were not halachically Jewish together with those who were.

"Don't the majority have rights, too?" he demanded. "How about the yeshiva hesder student who was killed in battle with his kippah on his head? He is also a human being."

That is not to say, he stressed, that those victims should not be buried in an honourable way.

"Just as we have a section in the Tel Aviv cemetery for veterans of Lehi, journalists and several large Sephardi families, so too we have a section in the same cemetery for the righteous among the nations, and for those who aren't Jewish according to Halachah."

Rabbi Lau was equally impassioned when he gave major speeches in Toronto and Montreal.

"We have a right to Israel, the right to Jerusalem as our eternal holy capital," he told audiences at Toronto's Inn on the Park and at Montreal's Shaar Hashomayim Congregation.

Three times a day, he said, Jews pray facing Jerusalem. "We fast four days a year because of tragedies there. On Yom Kippur and Pesach – neither of which seemingly has anything to do with Israel – we end our prayers with the plea 'Next year in the rebuilt Jerusalem.'"

Our relationship with Jerusalem is founded on the Bible, in the stories of Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac on Mount Moriah (considered to be the Temple Mount), in God's promise to the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and in the account of King David's choosing it as his capital 3,000 years ago, Rabbi Lau said.

The young paratroopers who liberated Jerusalem in 1967, "whose feet had never touched the Old City, and whose hands never touched the stones of the Wailing Wall, cried, sang and danced, like someone who had come home."

The name "Jerusalem," including Zion meaning the same thing, appears in the Torah 738 times, Rabbi Lau said. In the Koran, it doesn't appear even once.

Jews want peace, he insisted, but with people "who want peace with us."

When the Temple Mount, the Kotel, Yehuda and Shomron and the Golan were in Arab hands, he said, there was no talk of peace.

"Did you speak to us then? How can I be sure you mean it, when whenever Abba Eban spoke at the United Nations, all the Arab representatives left? What stopped you then? Maybe you don't really mean that you want the territories back – you mean the state."

Let the Arabs recognize the existence of the State of Israel, he urged. "Take the territories back, but before you do, let us live [together] one year in peace."

Rabbi Lau recounted a meeting he had in 1988 with a high-ranking American official. In discussing possible peace plans, the official told Rabbi Lau that the United States would pressure Israel on many issues, including settlements in the territories, but not on the issue of Jerusalem. He said that pressure was possible on other issues because Israelis disagree among themselves, but there would be no pressure on the issue of Jerusalem, precisely because that was the one issue that unites all Israelis, indeed all Jews.

In Montreal, he sent a message for Palestinian suicide bombers. "Don't trust those who send you," he said. "They send you with the promise of paradise, but they do not send themselves. [It is] impossible and immoral" that one will inherit paradise for committing such acts.

Rather, he said, those who commit such acts "are doomed to an eternal hell."

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Coast to Coast

Folk ensemble seeks help

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble, one of North America's foremost Israeli dance troupes, has issued a cry for help.

In a recent open letter to the community published in the *Jewish Post and News*, the 37-year-old dance troupe wrote of its need for new sources of funding and new rehearsal space.

"If we don't find new sources of funding, we could be out of business within 12 months," says Chai president Lorne Weiss.

Chai was formed by the late Sarah Sommer and first began operations in the basement of her home. Initially, it included about a dozen teens, boys and girls. Today, it has 45 dancers and musicians and has performed in almost every major North American city, including Mexico City, as well as in Israel.

"Not only are we one of the oldest continuous Israeli dance troupes around," Weiss says, "but we may be the only one in the world with its own live musical accompaniment.

"Because we are somewhat isolated in Winnipeg, we have developed in our own environment with a repertoire reflecting both our Israeli orientation and our eastern European Jewish heritage."

As Chai has grown and become more sophisticated and widely known, costs for travel, costumes and music have increased. Yet touring is important to the dancers and musicians, Weiss says.

"You can practice as much as you want," he says, "but you also need to perform among your peers.

"A couple of months ago, we had to turn down a performance in Caracas, Venezuela, because we didn't have the money to go," Weiss says. "We have an invitation from Brazil in December which we may have to decline. The success of our fundraising efforts are critical. We can't afford to stand still. We have to keep moving forward."

Though Chai has always received grants from the Peretz School Foundation and the Province of Manitoba's cultural affairs department, the bulk of its operating revenue has been generated by its annual concert at Winnipeg's Centennial Concert Hall.

Yet the concert's associated costs have been rising from year to year as revenues have flattened out, Weiss says.

Rehearsal space has been similarly donated in the past. In times when the real estate market here was soft, the group could always find someone with an empty warehouse to lend for their rehearsals. In the current market, however, warehouse space is at a premium.

In the meantime, since the letter was published, someone has stepped forward to offer commercial space for rehearsals, Weiss says. As well, a group of past Chai presidents met recently to discuss the possibility of canvassing successful Chai alumni to help establish an endowment fund through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba. And an individual with fund-raising experience has joined the board.

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Court ruling vindicates cartoonist

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A cartoon that depicts former teacher Malcolm Ross sharing conspiracy theories with Nazi propagandist Josef Goebbels is fair comment, according to a recent judgement of the New Brunswick Court of Appeal.

The three-man court ruled unanimously that the cartoon is a legitimate comment on the views published by Ross in two of his books.

The verdict reverses a lower court decision that found that the cartoon libeled Ross, and which ordered Saint John cartoonist Josh Beutel to pay $7,500 in damages. Instead, Ross has been ordered to pay court costs of $5,000 to Beutel.

Beutel, who works for several New Brunswick papers, was ecstatic with the decision. "I don't dance very often, but I was dancing when I heard that," he said. "It was a vindication."

The Appeal Court ruled that Beutel acted well within the purview of cartoonists, who employ parody and exaggeration to make a point. The court rejected the lower court's view that while Ross might be a racist and anti-Semite, there was no evidence he was a Nazi or shared the Nazi view that Jews should be exterminated.

The cartoon in question was presented in the spring of 1993 by Beutel to a workshop of the social studies council of the New Brunswick Teachers Association.

The cartoon consisted of two panels; on one side, Ross stands alone, clutching two of his books; in the other a group of Nazis stands before a concentration camp. The word "conspiracy" in bold ink joins the two panels. A caption asks, "what's the difference between the views of Josef Goebbels and Malcolm Ross?

"This one (Goebbels) wrote in German. This one (Ross) writes in English."

Ross objected to the cartoon, saying it improperly characterized him as a Nazi – a view shared by the lower court.

The Appeal Court rejected that thinking, ruling that the audience for the cartoon would have concluded it was a fair comment on Ross' views that there was a malevolent Jewish conspiracy – views which paralleled those of Goebbels. The Appeal Court did agree with the trial judge "that Ross is a racist and anti-Semite. In my view, the evidence tendered at trial overwhelmingly supports that finding."

Beutel said the decision marked a victory for free expression and countered the chilling effect of the lower court's ruling.

"The chief justice made the point that cartoons are not to be taken literally," he said. "I think it's a release from constraints on more liberal free speech that the original decision put some reins on."

Several interveners had joined the case to argue in support of Beutel, including the Canadian Newspaper Association, the Association of Canadian Editorial Cartoonists, Canadian Jewish Congress, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

Joel Richler, Congress' legal counsel at the appeal, said the case does not break new ground, but "it is an affirmation that the defence of fair comment applies to editorial cartoons."

Richler said the court did not rule one way or another on Congress' contention that in contemporary usage, it is not inappropriate to refer to a racist and an anti-Semite as a Nazi.

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Lipton Jews return to roots

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — It was supposed to be a simple ceremonial weekend to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Lipton Jewish Settlement and Cemetery in Saskatchewan, but many of the Jews who returned to the site where their ancestors had first settled suddenly found themselves on a personal quest to rediscover their roots.

"I found out a lot of things about my ancestors that I otherwise wouldn't have known – and there are still gaps yet to be filled," Martin Zeilig, whose paternal grandparents came to Canada from Romania and settled in Lipton in 1901, said in a telephone interview.

Zeilig's uncle, Harry Zeilig, 93, is the oldest surviving child to be born on the settlement, and his grandparents might have had the first Jewish wedding in the West.

"There were many Jewish farming colonies in the prairies, but the stories of Jewish settlers in the development of the Canadian West are relatively unknown," says Zeilig.

Zeilig, a freelance writer who has begun researching his family history as well as the histories of other Jewish farming settlements, says that Jews fled Romania, Bessarabia and Ukraine and came to Canada with the promise of freedom, land and safety fresh in their minds.

While the Dominion government tended not to want Jewish immigrants, believing that Jews would move quickly to urban centres, Zeilig said that the government and the Canadian Pacific Railway needed pioneers to settle the land.

"But when they got there, circumstances were very difficult. They weren't trained as farmers, climactic conditions were harsh, especially in the winter, and they had to clear the land."

He says the land some of the settlers received wasn't of the best quality, and pioneers had to clear away stones and trees.

Though some settlers stayed on, Zeilig's grandparents moved to Winnipeg in 1914 after their house burned down.

The colony remained a close-knit Jewish community throughout the depression and World War II. The last burial in the Lipton Cemetery occurred in 1951.

While today, Zeilig describes Lipton as "a bit shabby and in need of some maintenance," it is respected by the locals, and plans are underway to have Lipton declared a historic site.

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Section B

Tribute to Israel

So focused have we been these past nine months on the apparent collapse of the possibility of peace between Israel and the Palestinians and on the resurgent efforts by Israel's enemies to harm the Jewish State that we have forgotten to remember the truly epochal achievements of the young, 53-year-old country.

The most remarkable achievement of this most remarkable State – indeed part of the very theological, historical, philosophical and pragmatic underpinning of its very existence – has been *kibbutz galuyot*, the ingathering of exiles.

On this page, we see recent images of that ingathering: new immigrants chatting with prime minister David Ben-Gurion in 1949; Jewish refugees from Ethiopia trekking across the hot Sudan desert in November 1984 en route to Israel; and entire families from the former Soviet Union in 1990, boarding their plane in Budapest to take them, finally, to their new homes and new lives in Israel.

Now more than ever, it is important to remember Israel's achievements and help it toward its awaiting possibilities.

As Ben-Gurion wrote more than forty years ago, "I am sure that now we are home again, we shall once more be creative as a people. We have already begun to be so. Today, we are in the process of writing a new 'Torah,' not only with scribes, but with pioneers and farmers, artists and scientists, architects, teachers, engineers, legislators, collectivists, citizens in every walk of life. All speak the language of Moses and even the freethinkers among them study deeply in the Book, the source of inspiration, provider of a past and of a vision for the future. Our new 'Torah' is being written now, but its best chapters are still to come."

In the pages that follow, we present an eclectic array of articles in tribute to Israel.

Gushing river is part of tranquil Tel Dan Park

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

In a semi-arid country like Israel, the pleasing gush and roar of a full-throated river is music to the ears.

Here, in Israel's northernmost reaches, the Dan River produces a mesmerizing effect.

The longest and most important source of the Jordan River, the Dan generates 240 million cubic metres of water per year.

Yet for all its importance as a precious life-sustaining spring, the Dan really comes into its own, at least from an esthetic point of view, as an integral component of the Tel Dan Nature Reserve. A blissfully tranquil 120-acre national park, it is enjoyed by countless visitors from Israel and abroad.

This wooded preserve, formed as a park in 1969, was a sensitive military area off-limits to tourists before the Six Day War.

Prior to 1967, Tel Dan, adjoining Kibbutz Dan, was right on the tense Syrian border. In the two decades leading up to the Six Day War, Israel and Syria clashed regularly, sometimes over water rights.

On June 5, the first day of the war, the Syrian army launched an offensive against Kibbutz Dan, but was driven off.

Several days later, Israel captured the Golan Heights, the brooding basalt plateau overlooking the fertile Hula Valley and the shimmering Sea of Galilee.

With the Golan in its hand, Israel turned Tel Dan into a park. It was a labour of love, and the results are simply magnificent.

Although asphalt paths were paved for the convenience and safety of visitors, Tel Dan, thankfully, was left in its wild, original state.

It is an enchanting place, a cool, shady, mossy sanctuary where refracted rays of sunshine glint off a nearly impenetrable tangle of shrubs, bushes and trees.

Tel Dan's Mediterranean forest is fairly thick, bristling with a seemingly endless variety of trees, some of which are ancient and beautifully gnarled: Syrian ash, Atlantic pistachio, laurel, plane, eucalyptus, poplar, Mt. Tabor oaks.

Along the banks of the Dan, riverside vegetation is dense. There are reeds, brambles and bullrushes, as well as ferns and St. John's wort. Here and there, sprays of pink oleander brighten the gloom.

The river, fed by rain and snow melt from Mt. Hermon, presents a remarkable sight. Although puny by world standards and really no more than a glorified stream, the Dan leaves an awesome first impression.

Clear and fast-flowing, it's nurtured by bubbling brooks and gurgling rivulets seeping in from dim nooks and crannies.

Never navigable, the Dan is forbidden to swimmers. And judging by its somewhat menacing whitecaps, you can understand why this rule is in force.

The river abounds with fish and invertebrates: Damascus barbels, Levantine suckers, Jordan loaches, black-shelled snails, crabs and water bugs.

And the region around Tel Dan is rich in bird and wildlife: Cetti's warblers, White wagtails, boars, jackals, foxes and gazelles.

The Dan River is clear and fast-flowing.
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

There are four trails, each marked with a coloured arrow. The shortest one, with a recommended walking time of one hour, provides a basic overview. The longest, which includes Tel Dan's biblical sites, takes about two and a half hours to negotiate.

Among the sites well worth lingering over are the wading pool, the Atlantic pistachio lookout, the flour mill, the command-post observatory, the ritual site and the Canaanite and Israelite gates.

The wading pool, shallow, serene and ringed by benches, is the only spot in Tel Dan where you can frolic in the water.

From the Atlantic pistachio lookout, a visitor is offered a panoramic view of the reserve, the Hula Valley, Mt. Hermon and the Golan Heights.

The water-powered flour mill, built in the late 18th century and in use until the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, looks positively weathered, a relic of another epoch.

The command-post observatory, used by the Israeli army until the Six Day War, offers vistas of Mt. Hermon, an abandoned Syrian fortification and a pastoral-looking village in southern Lebanon.

On the fringes of Tel Dan, near the river, old Israeli slit trenches are clearly in evidence.

Originally dominated by the Phoenicians of Sidon and known as Laish, Tel Dan is mentioned in early Egyptian texts and in the books of Joshua and Kings.

Captured by the tribe of Dan, and settled continuously until the Roman period, it was the gateway for all northern invasions of the Land of Israel.

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Tribute to Israel

Miss Israel trades her high heels for army boots

By MICHAEL S. ARNOLD
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Most of the young women competing for the Miss Universe title had nice plans when they left Puerto Rico: modelling contracts, university studies, jobs or vacations with their boyfriends.

Miss Israel, Ilanit Levi, however, faced something a bit more grueling: basic training.

Like most Israeli women, Levi, 19, will have to do a stint in the army, a tour of duty she postponed for six months to prepare for the May 11 beauty pageant in Ruben Rodriguez Coliseum in this industrial suburb of San Juan.

Yet she didn't seem at all bothered by the prospect, clowning around with her fellow contestants in the days before the pageant as if she hadn't a care in the world.

Levi was all business when necessary, however, impressing the judges enough in the weeks of interviews, photo shoots and dance rehearsals leading up to the pageant to earn a spot as a semi-finalist on pageant night.

Miss Israel, Ilanit Levi, models a flak jacket gown she had intended to wear at this year's Miss Universe pageant.
[RNS/Reuters photo]

After an initial pass by all 77 contestants in representative national costumes – and no, Levi didn't wear her famous bulletproof dress – the field was narrowed to the 10 semi-finalists who dominated the rest of the show.

Yet Levi didn't make it to the group of five finalists hampered perhaps by the fact that she was significantly shorter than her competitors – a mere 5 feet 7 inches, next to women measuring close to 6 feet. In addition, her simple black dress seemed rather plain next to the elaborate evening gowns chosen by the other semi-finalists.

Still, Levi's achievement marked the best finish by an Israeli since 1978, the end of a remarkable stretch beginning in 1958 when Miss Israel placed among the Miss Universe semi-finalists or finalists in all but four years.

Israel has won the Miss Universe title only once, when Rina Messinger took the crown in 1976. It won the slightly less prestigious Miss World pageant in 1999. Unlike pageant powerhouses Venezuela and India – which invest years of training and thousands of plastic surgery dollars in promising beauty queens – pageants are not a big business in Israel.

Perhaps as a result, the Israeli contestants often lack the polish and poise that make the difference among outstanding candidates. For example, many of this year's 77 contestants used an interview question about the most interesting event in their lives to mention prizes they had won or volunteer work in humanitarian causes.

Levi, with typical Israeli bluntness, said she couldn't recall anything very interesting.

While it may not have helped her with the judges, her naturalness made Levi one of the more popular girls among the group at the pageant, won by hometown hero Denise Quiones of Puerto Rico.

As the contestants braced themselves for a final rehearsal that lasted from 1 p.m. to nearly midnight the day before the pageant, many slouched in their seats with bored looks on their faces.

Levi was a blur of activity, however, talking, snapping her gum, answering her cell phone and teaching Miss Croatia, Maja Cecic-Vidos, the Hebrew slang for excellent: *akhla*.

She then dragged Miss New Zealand, Kateao Nehua-Jackson, outside for a quick smoke.

Her family, meanwhile, admired Levi's rehearsal outfit: skintight black Spandex pants with silver flame designs on the flared legs and a sparkling silver halter top.

"Can you believe those pants cost only $20?" Levi's sister, Nitza, asked a friend sitting with her in the audience. "Or was it $21?"

After three weeks in Puerto Rico on a grueling schedule of rehearsals and photo shoots, Levi said she missed Haifa, where she grew up with her four siblings in a single bedroom.

"I'm dying to get home already," she told JTA as admirers tried to pull her away for photographs. "I want to be able to go where I want, when I want to."

That, Nitza said, is just like Ilanit.

"She's not one of those people to let this all go to her head," Nitza said. "She's still the same Ilanit, one of those people who, no matter what happens, still likes their small, warm home."

Indeed, after the show, Levi seemed decidedly nonplussed by her strong finish.

"It was OK," she said. "Not something grandiose or extraordinary."

Her family, in fact, seemed more exuberant than Levi that she had been picked as one of the most beautiful women in the world.

"Ever since I was a kid, I knew my sister was the most beautiful woman," Levi's brother Asher said. "I've been around in the world, and there isn't anyone as beautiful as Ilanit."

On second thought, he admitted, the pageant's hosts – super models Elle MacPherson and Naomi Campbell – came pretty close. But the family said they felt the judges had other considerations when choosing the next Miss Universe.

"It doesn't just come down to beauty here," Nitza Levi said. "There are a lot of other factors, like politics and language."

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Tribute to Israel

The changing kibbutz

By DAN IZENBERG
Special to The CJN

For 30 years, ever since his release from the army, Avner Zachs was in charge of dairy farming at Givat Brenner, the second largest kibbutz in Israel.

Zachs, 56, is a member of Givat Brenner's second generation. As such, he was suckled on the ideals of socialism, communal solidarity and sharing, inculcated by his parents and the other founding fathers and mothers of the collective settlement established in 1926.

Zachs believed every word and lived by the creed. In keeping with the highest kibbutz values, he worked hard, his daily schedule largely determined by the timetable and needs of the cows he milked. He had little time left over for friends and other pursuits.

Slowly, over many years, Zachs began to look out at the world beyond him and the ideology of his youth and did not like what he saw. Givat Brenner was drowning in debt and threatened with bankruptcy, the younger generation was leaving the kibbutz in droves, and most of the 630 kibbutz members, including 100 over the age of 80, were either apathetic or demoralized.

Six years ago, he decided to run as secretary of Givat Brenner in order to save the kibbutz. Since then, he has begun to institute changes which he unabashedly believes will destroy the kibbutz as a collective settlement but save the community and its individual members.

Out of the 270 kibbutzim scattered over Israel, more than 100 are heading in the same direction as Givat Brenner.

Tel Aviv University Prof. Eliezer Ben-Raphael, whose book, *Crisis and Transformation: The Kibbutz at Century's End*, chronicles the transformation of the kibbutz over the past 15 years, listing the changes that have taken place in the kibbutz's economic, social and even internal political arrangements. Here are just a few of them:

- Charging fees for meals in collective dining room;
- Shutting down collective dining room altogether;
- Individual members paying for their own electricity and other utilities and services;
- Abolishing rotation of senior jobs;
- Giving financial rewards for extra work;
- Introducing differential incomes;
- Having freedom of job choice and encouraging outside employment.

Another recent change in kibbutz life is the integration of kibbutz members and outside residents within one setting. Kibbutzim are building private-housing developments for sale to outsiders within their boundaries and renting out vacant housing inside their own residential areas so that in many cases, the community and the kibbutz are no longer one and the same thing.

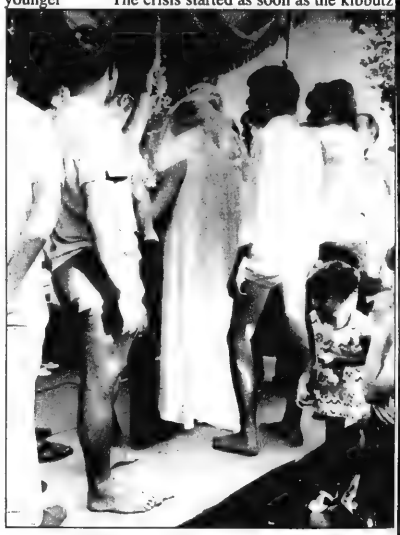
How did these radical changes, which promise to bring down the curtain on one of the great achievements and symbols of the Zionist movement, come about?

According to Ben-Raphael, the kibbutz crisis was caused by two developments – the fall from power of the Labour Party in 1977 and the 1984 national economic recovery program which reduced runaway inflation from over 400 percent to about 25 percent within a year and inadvertently sent interest rates soaring.

According to Ben-Raphael, the kibbutz movement lost its special status with the fall of the Labour Party and the emergence of the Likud. The kibbutzim, which had borrowed extensively during the inflation years to enlarge private housing, build modern dining halls and invest in new enterprises, suddenly found themselves paying real interest rates of 30 to 40 percent. When disaster struck, the government, for the first time, was not there to bail them out.

Zachs accepts the relevance of Ben-Raphael's milestones, but says the trouble began much earlier, after the 1967 Six Day War or even before that.

"The crisis started as soon as the kibbutz began to be less relevant, when it was no longer at the vanguard of the State, no longer produced the leaders of the army or was responsible for protecting the frontiers," Zachs says. "Once the sense of purpose was lost, the strength of the kibbutz and the kibbutz movement began to ebb."



A traditional kibbutz wedding under the chuppah.

The crisis of identity and morale was severely exacerbated by the kibbutzim's economic collapse. Not only was the status of a kibbutz member no longer self-evident, the kibbutzim themselves were suddenly impoverished.

"People began to wonder whether the kibbutz was still relevant," Zachs says. "They asked what was so good about living like this."

Amotz Peleg, the secretary of Kibbutz Hulda, remembers those days very well.

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Miss Israel heads from pageant to army

Detractors, however, said politics had worked in Levi's favour. Jase Choenni, manager for Miss Netherlands Reshma Roopram, sketched an elaborate conspiracy theory to explain why his beautiful charge – and fiancée – wasn't a semi-finalist.

Levi was chosen, he said, by judges who wanted to help Israel's international image at a time when most news from the region paints Israel as bloodthirsty and violent.

The national manager for Trinidad & Tobago noted ominously the preponderance of Jewish names among the judges who picked the semi-finalists.

Yet few men who laid eyes on Levi wouldn't do a double take. Her exotic features – she has olive skin and piercing eyes – reflects her international heritage: Her father made aliyah from Morocco, her mother from Libya. There even was enough of a Latin look about Levi to make her a favourite with Puerto Ricans, who compared her to Puerto Rican-American Jennifer Lopez.

Not all the images of Levi that made the local press were flattering, however. One paper used a huge picture of Levi looking angry and bored to depict the contestants' frustration with the preparations for the event.

The picture scandalized the groupies circulating about the pageant, who feared it would hurt Levi's chances.

Levi laughed it off as a chance and candid moment.

"Look, it's really hard work," Nitza Levi said. "They keep them going from morning to evening."

Still, it wasn't quite as challenging as, say, basic training. After the army, Levi hopes to study psychology and work as a children's therapist.

Given the recent months of Mideast violence, it was inevitable that Levi would be asked frequently about politics. As Israel's representative at the forum, she felt obligated to defend the country's image.

The other contestants "want to know how I live, what it's like," she said. "I want to make sure they know that what they read about in the paper, the war and the violence – it exists, but it doesn't dominate our lives."

Still, politics intrudes even into the world of beauty pageants. As in the 2000 pageant – which took place while Israel still occupied its security zone in southern Lebanon – Miss Israel 2001 got the cold shoulder from Miss Lebanon, who was under orders from her government to ignore Levi.

"Our countries are not at war, but" she and Levi "are not going to be friends, either," said Miss Lebanon Sandra Rizk. "We just try to be businesslike."

Levi's closest friends among the contestants were Cecic-Vidos of Croatia, Miss Egypt Sarah Shaheen and Nehua-Jackson of New Zealand.

In fact, Levi admitted, the pageant turned out to be a lot more fun than she imagined.

"I thought it would be like jail, all the time 'Don't do this, don't do that,'" she said. "But none of us here is really thinking about being Miss Universe; it's too overwhelming for us. So we just concentrate on enjoying ourselves."

Natural park is enchanting

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In 1966, an Israeli archeologist, Avraham Biran, began to excavate Tel Dan. One of the artifacts his team uncovered was a fossilized tablet from the ninth century BCE. Carved on it, amazingly enough, was an inscription referring to King David.

Of the biblical sights, the Canaanite gate, from the 18th century BCE, is of considerable interest, being one of the earliest complete arches of its kind to be unearthed.

The mud brick Israelite gate, apparently from the First Temple era, is also quite impressive.

The ritual site, from the monarchy period, was part of a temple built by Jeroboam in 930 BCE.

Though these sites momentarily transport you into the misty past, the spell is quickly broken when you visit the adjacent slit trenches. They face Ghazar, a village in southern Lebanon whose status remains unclear, and a deep-green avocado orchard lying directly beneath the Golan Heights.

The trenches, part of Kibbutz Dan's pre-1967 system of fortifications, are militarily irrelevant now that Israel is in possession of the Golan. Since its 1975 disengagement agreement with Israel, Syria has more or less respected the new lines.

But beyond the orchard, there is a flashpoint, Shabaa Farms (Mt. Dov), that could ignite a war. Although Mt. Dov is technically Syrian territory and thus part of the Golan, Lebanon has claimed it.

Since Israel's United Nations-sanctioned withdrawal from its self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon in May 2000, Hezbollah has mounted a series of attacks against Israeli army patrols on Mt. Dov, killing three Israeli soldiers so far.

But in the Garden of Eden that is Tel Dan, so near and yet so far from Mt. Dov, the harsh realities of contemporary Middle Eastern politics are kept at bay.

Tel Dan is lovely and quiet. May it be so forever.

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Hiking across the Galilean countryside and mountains

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Visitors enjoying Israel's kaleidoscopic sights invariably stick to the usual bill of fare: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Eilat and the like.

However, they remain blissfully unaware of its natural wonders – the scenic mountains, meadows and gullies of the Galilee in northern Israel – which can best be seen on unhurried, deeply satisfying hikes.

Israel's network of hiking paths, some of the finest of which are found in the vicinity of Haifa and Safed, are tailor-made for travellers drawn to the rural, down-to-earth pleasures of eco-tourism.

To be sure, not everyone is interested in, much less physically capable of, partaking in this sort of activity. But if your spirit is willing and your body is reasonably fit, the Israeli countryside is enormously appealing and ideally suited for adventurous, outdoor souls.

On a sunny spring morning, when the air was refreshingly bracing and the wildflowers were gloriously in bloom, my guide and I set off on a half-day jaunt to discover the charms of Little Switzerland.

Lying in the bucolic Carmel mountain range, cited in the Song of Songs, Little Switzerland offers the best of Israeli flora and fauna: dense Mediterranean forests of gnarled oaks and stately Aleppo pines and indigenous wildlife consisting of, among other birds and animals, egrets and owls and gazelles and foxes.

The ruins of a Second Temple synagogue on Mt. Meron. [Sheldon Kirshner photos]

Within sight of the campus of Haifa University, Little Switzerland is a tranqil haven far from the madding crowds and, in light of Israel's current security problem, perfectly safe. As I immersed myself in its gently rolling beauty, the intifadah seemed like an unreal phenomenon.

Hewing to a marked trail known as Kellah-Galim, Nahum (Neil) Eisenstadt – my American-born licensed tour guide – and I began our hike in a dimly-lit gully entangled with trees, bushes and creepers. It was positively primeval.

Passing the remnants of a Crusader bridge, we clambered over boulders and carefully slid down limestone rock formations. My fitness, such as it is, was tested to the hilt.

Under an increasingly hot sun, Nahum and I traversed a field of prickly thorns. I scratched my legs and thorns stuck to my boots, but I soldiered on.

As we emerged from the depths of a cool oak forest close to Kibbutz Beit Oren, clinging airily on a hillside, we reached a two-lane road. We met our driver, and he took us to Daliyat el-Karmil, a bustling Druze village famed for its markets and restaurants.

On day two, Nahum and I hiked from Mt. Meron– Israel's highest peak at 1,200 metres – to Safed by way of Nahal Miron and Nahal Ammud.

As we walked down the mountain, which was clad in a mantle of thick greenery, we stopped to examine the ruins of a village called Hirbat Bak. This picturesque area was settled by the Israelites under Joshua, by the Romans and, in the 19th century, by Jews fleeing a devastating earthquake in Safed.

Amid fragrant fields of sage, marjoram and oregano, and within view of an Israeli army camp and the Druze village of Beit Jann, we passed Roman wine and olive presses, terraced vineyards cultivated by local farmers, and a memorial honouring a Druze soldier killed in southern Lebanon in 1992.

At Hirbet Shema, Nahum pointed out the striking ruins of a Second Temple synagogue, the grounds of which were strewn with the shards of ancient pottery.

Damaged by an earthquake in 306 CE, the shul was rebuilt, then destroyed by yet another earthquake. Eric Meyers, a Duke University archeologist, excavated it in the early 1970s.

The tomb of the renowned rabbinical sage, Shimon Bar Yochai, lies within about an hour's walking distance of the synagogue.

One of the leaders of the Bar Kokhba revolt against the Romans, he was a charismatic ascetic whose teachings inspired the writing of the *Zohar*, the great Kabbalistic work. During the month of May, on Lag b'Omer, religious Jews converge by the tens of thousands on Mt. Meron to consecrate his legacy.

From Bar Yochai's tomb, we descended into Nahal Miron, filled with a profusion of bright yellow broomwood bushes. As we hiked along the Israel Trail, which extends from Metulla to Eilat, we saw abandoned flour mills and springs.

In Nahal Ammud, we followed the course of the Ammud River, which is really a stream by North American standards.

Majestic plane trees hundreds of years old towered over the river, letting in dappled rays of sunshine. Here and there, vocal teenagers bursting with joie de vivre frolicked in shallow pools.

The path we were on brimmed with wild sabras and grapes, lending Nahal Ammud a homey, agrarian feel.

We finished the hike with a fairly strenuous ascent to Safed, walking through its old Jewish cemetery before reaching Safed's fabled artist's quarter.

A typical vista in Little Switzerland on Mt. Carmel.

Overgrown with thorns, the cemetery is the final resting place of revered rabbis and of Irgun militia fighters executed by the British in 1947.

With dusk only an hour and a half away, Nahum and I peeked into the Joseph Karo synagogue, a marvel of architecture and a repository of Torah scrolls from pre-Inqusition Spain.

As I tried to read a mottled scroll in the fading light, Little Switzerland and Mt. Meron seemed far away, both in terms of space and time.

It had been quite an adventure.

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Further information about Mt. Carmel and Mt. Meron can be obtained from the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, 180 Bloor St. West, Suite 700. The phone number is 416-964-3784.

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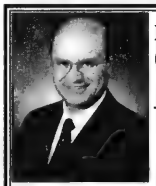

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The changing kibbutz

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"In 1984, we took out a $1 million dollar loan to build a new factory. A year later, in July 1985, the debt doubled overnight."

Peleg also remembers those days because the kibbutz reached the pinnacle of its membership with 215 members. Fifteen years later, 110 remain, including 15 over the age of 85.

Immediately after the financial collapse, Hulda took measures to save money. It stopped paying electricity fees collectively, transferring responsibility to the individual members; stopped paying grants to youngsters who left the kibbutz to start a new life elsewhere; and for four years, it prohibited its members from travelling abroad.

The economic restrictions, the sudden drop in living standards and the huge debt which Hulda had piled up convinced many of the younger members to leave.

"Kibbutz members received less and less all the time until they came to the conclusion there was no future," Peleg says. "Then they got up and left."

Though Zachs did not abandon Givat Brenner, the decline in purpose and status coupled with the economic woes of the kibbutz shook him to the core.

"I began to feel that I was a sucker," Zachs says. "Here I was working so hard while others had time to visit friends and do all kinds of things. I used to take it for granted that that was the way it things were. That some do and other don't do. I like to work. But at some point, I started to tell myself that I wouldn't be a sucker any longer.

"Furthermore, when I looked around and compared myself to my peers who had left the kibbutz or my army friends, I saw there was a difference. They had a house, a car or two, a trip each year abroad. I looked at myself. Here I had been working for 20 or 30 years and felt I hadn't gotten anywhere. My sense of purpose was gone. All I had left as a reference point was the outside world to see how far they had come and how far I had come. I came to the realization that our life was inferior."

At Hulda, the privatization measures were the first attempts to keep the kibbutz solvent. Each year it was saddled with enormous interest payments on its NIS 130 million (over $30 million) debt.

During the 1990s, the kibbutz dining hall gradually shut down. At first, it stopped serving evening meals. Then it stopped serving breakfast. In 1995, the kibbutz started charging a fee for lunch, and then stopped cooking and handed over the dining hall to a private caterer. When members stopped showing up for lunch, the kibbutz shut down the dining room altogether.

In Hulda's case, Peleg says, the dining hall's closure reflected social changes on the kibbutz. Most members preferred eating at home. In other kibbutzim, the decision was largely financial and caused greater emotional disruption.

For armchair socialists and urban nostalgiasts, the idea of paying for meals or not taking them collectively is a shocking sign of the demise of the kibbutz. But Peleg does not agree. The principle of equality was not affected by the changes in the dining hall, he says. Instead of free meals, each kibbutz member was given an equal supplement to his personal budget to buy food.

Still, Peleg does not deny that the dining hall had played a cultural role in kibbutz communal life.

"There are many things that no longer exist that I am sad about," he says. "But these things happened and will continue to happen… I am not a prisoner of nostalgia. You must always see what is the best thing to do in any given situation."

Privatization saved money. According to Zachs, Givat Brenner saved one million shekels by closing its dining hall. Hulda, a fifth the size of Givat Brenner, saved half a million shekels.

According to kibbutz researcher Menachem Topel, privatization was not only a matter of economy. It also offered kibbutz members more personal freedom. As a result, the itemized budget of previous years increasingly gave way to a general budget which allowed members to determine their own priorities.

In the past, for example, the kibbutz paid for trips abroad and allowed each member to travel once in 20 or 25 years. Today, kibbutzim have taken the money once set aside to enable a handful of families to travel each year, divided it equally and added it to the personal budgets of its members. Kibbutz members can travel abroad as frequently as they wish, provided they stay within their overall budget. Nevertheless, for all the increased efficiency and personal liberation of privatization, the reforms hardly made a dent in the kibbutz deficits.

Both Zachs and Peleg came to realize that the core of the problem lay elsewhere: in the organization of work, the slackness of some kibbutz members, the lack of incentive to work hard, and the inability of the kibbutz as a collective to enforce a work ethic on recalcitrant members.

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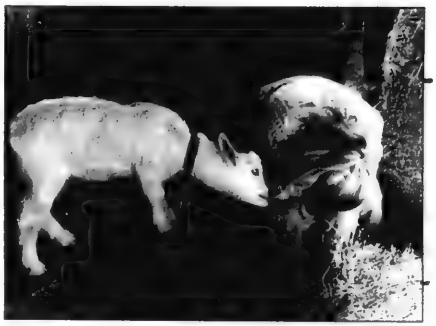

TWO KIDS: A young girl and her goat work on a kibbutz in Sde Nehemia.

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The changing kibbutz

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Zachs ran for the position of kibbutz secretary with the intention of scrapping the old work system and introducing capitalism. "I reached the conclusion that until a person works for himself, he will not work hard," he says.

At Hulda, Peleg had reached the same conclusion. He had seen kibbutz members who didn't work at all, or who worked a few hours for the kibbutz and then went off and earned money on the side which they kept for themselves. He had seen three people doing one person's work just for the sake of having something to do.

"The concealing of income, the parasitism, the waste and the inefficiency would have ultimately destroyed Hulda," Peleg says. "Hulda would simply have ceased to exist."

Five months ago, after determining the salary value and time-efficiency of every job on the kibbutz, Hulda introduced a system of differential incomes. Every member must contribute a share of his income to the social, health, educational and other collective services of the kibbutz. The kibbutz also guarantees a minimum income to those who cannot make it on their own. Other than that, says Peleg, "for every individual, the sky is the limit."

Every member must contribute a share of his income to the social, health, educational and other collective services of the kibbutz

The members keep their own net salaries and are encouraged to find work outside the kibbutz, where wages are frequently higher. Furthermore, the kibbutz is no longer responsible for finding or creating jobs for its members.

Givat Brenner will soon be introducing the same system. Both kibbutzim have also separated business aspects from communal aspects. Each economic sector is responsible for itself and functions on a purely economic basis, putting the interests of the business before the interests of the community. Sector managers have much greater autonomy than ever before.

After only five months, Peleg believes the system is a success. The kibbutz may be disappearing as a collective settlement, but for the first time in 15 years, Hulda's youth is showing signs that it wants to stay, he says.

As for Zachs, he believes that the greatest achievement of the new system is not economic but psychological.

"Our first aim is to make to make the members of the kibbutz responsible for themselves as human beings," he says. "It was never like that before. It was always the kibbutz that was responsible. We believe, say, that every member will know how to cope. Maybe we will have to help at first because many kibbutz members have never lived independently. In the end, however, each one will know better than anyone else what is best for him."

Israel's technological help for foreign farmers

By LILY KUTNER

After reading and hearing constant, unjustified criticism of Israel in the media, it was heartwarming to read positive news from Jerusalem, in the *Forward*, the New York Yiddish newspaper.

Agricultural science in Israel is helping farmers in other countries fight the growing hunger problem, especially in the developing countries of Africa, the newspaper reported.

Last year, Israel educated 1,400 foreign agricultural experts and organized courses in 50 countries. The country also participated in 100 projects in Russia.

Israel's expertise in agriculture grew from the beginning of the 19th century, when the pioneers revived the desolate land, cleared the rocks, dried the swamps, built terraces on hills and washed salt from the soil.

Nowadays, the agricultural sector is based primarily on scientific technology, which is used in genetically engineered plants, especially those in the desert and other places where the water supply is scarce.

A special system of drop watering, which directs the stream to the roots of plants, was developed by engineers at the Technion Institute in Haifa, and is now used worldwide.

Scientists of Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva revived a method used 2,000 years ago, when the Negev farmers used to build low-brick walls to keep the rainwater. The same system, which results in a great saving of water, is being used now for watering fields. It doesn't demand great technological expertise or expensive equipment.

Negev farmers used to build low-brick walls to keep the rainwater

As well, because of the growing hunger in the world, the technologists of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot and the Technion in Haifa are working intensely to increase the harvest and improve the quality of essential foods, such as a kind of wheat which produces a harvest 40 percent greater than the one produced by the existing method.

In addition, Israeli and American scientists have joined forces to invent new vegetables and cereals that possess protein now found only in meat or fish. This is a great production system for poor farmers, who don't have the resources or expertise.

Another production system developed by the Ben-Gurion University is the African market garden, which produces vegetables and fruit with high-quality calories. For example, the date tree, which loves the heat, grows fruit that can be eaten fresh or dried.

The Ben-Gurion specialists are also engaged in educating African farmers in Uganda, Ethiopia, Mali and Nigeria.

Israel's efforts to help developing nations feed their people, is clearly helping people around the world.

Lily Kutner lives in Toronto.

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Tribute to Israel

No good place to rest my head

By ESTHER HECHT
Special to The CJN

When Erna (Esther) Sachs died in Jerusalem this spring, she was laid to rest in a plot next to that of her husband, Arieh.

To ensure this, she bought her plot when he died in 1980.

But such accommodations are becoming rare in Israel. So when Isidor Langerman's wife is buried in Haifa, they will lie in the same grave.

The land crunch in Israel, with 6.4 million inhabitants in an area about the size of New Jersey, has made it one of the mostly densely populated countries in the world. This squeeze is forcing planners to come up with new solutions for burying the dead.

Just how critical the problem is can be seen from the burial needs of greater Tel Aviv. Because zoning restrictions limit the size of cemeteries and use of the land around them, conventional field burial over the course of one lifetime (75 years) would require more than 10 square miles, or half the area of the city. In just one lifetime, there would be no more room for the living.

The problem is most acute among the country's Jews – about 81 percent of the population – because of the religion's requirements, says Jerusalem architect Uri Ponger.

"In Judaism, a grave is 'forever;' that is, until the coming of the Messiah, because the body itself will be resurrected, with all its bones and organs, and until then must repose in nature," Ponger explains.

Large cities in Europe have found partial solutions to their burial problems by leasing graves for fixed periods and then reusing them if the lease is not renewed. In Israel, neither this nor cremation is an option. So Ponger and Tel Aviv-based architect Tuvia Sagiv have found ways to solve the problem, encouraged by a recent decision by national planners that urban cemeteries built on state land must allow for higher burial density.

"There are many historic precedents for dense Jewish burial in Eretz Yisrael," Ponger says. In the third century CE, Beit She'arim in lower Galilee became a central burial place for Jews of the area and from the Diaspora, who were laid to rest in catacombs cut into the soft rock. Jerusalem, too, had a giant necropolis, with burial in niches.

Such burial was considered far more dignified than field burial, which was reserved for paupers, Ponger says.

In modern times, Israel's first dense burials took place about eight years ago. "There is a psychological barrier," Ponger admits, but in the past year over 2,500 people have been buried like this.

The architects' simplest solutions include burial of two family members in a single grave that is dug an extra three feet deep.

But their most important innovation – one they say is unique – is the multi-level cemetery. It allows for single and double conventional graves, as well as niche burial, on at least two levels. In combination, these burial methods allow for a quadrupling of burial density.

At the same time, the landscaped outer slope of multi-level cemeteries makes them esthetically pleasing green areas. In the existing Yarkon cemetery, north of Tel Aviv, for example, Ponger and Sagiv have redesigned the periphery for dense burial so its landscape will flow into that of the adjacent Yarkon River Park.

A more ambitious design is a vast new cemetery cluster in Bareket, 10 miles east of Tel Aviv. Built in stages, with burial to begin by 2004, it is to transform the eyesore of a disused quarry into a lush green area, while meeting the burial needs of Tel Aviv and surrounding areas for the next 30 years.

In keeping with a recent ruling of Israel's High Court of Justice, 10 percent of the new cemeteries will be allocated for non-Orthodox burial, to accommodate both secular Israelis who do not want a religious ceremony and those whose burial today is problematic because their Jewishness is in doubt.

"But no crosses will be allowed on the graves in this section," Ponger says.

To gain approval for their designs from the Chief Rabbinate, which controls burial practices, Ponger and Sagiv had to meet strict religious requirements. Though there is no prohibition against burial in tiers and no limitation on the number of tiers, each body must rest on soil and there must be 21 to 22 inches between bodies in every direction. This space may include concrete, but may not be all concrete.

In multi-level burial, one side of each level must be in contact with a natural extension of the ground (for example the slope of a hill, the side of a cave or the wall of a quarry).

The two architects started working on dense burial independently and reached solutions as different from each other as the two men's lifestyles.

Sagiv, born in Belgium in 1947, comes from a religious background and studied at Haifa's Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology. Ponger, born in Israel in 1936, is secular, and studied at Vienna Technical University and Karlsruhe Technical University in Germany.

"It was the Religious Affairs Ministry that made the 'shidduch' between us," Ponger says.

Sagiv started thinking about solutions in the mid-'80s, when public opposition to a new cemetery in north Tel Aviv, on the most expensive real estate in the country, reached its peak.

"I remembered from Jewish sources that you can bury in tiers," he says. "I started collecting material and built models."

Encouraged by the Israel Lands Administration, which is interested in reclaiming problematic tracts like disused quarries, the architects have designed cemeteries or cemetery extensions from Acre in the north to Beersheva in the south.

Although development costs are higher for dense burial, Ponger says, "when land value is factored in, it is more economical than field burial."

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Despite the odds, a tree grows in Israel

By ANN SZEDLECKI
Special to The CJN

The war between Israel and the Arabs in 1967 began on the sixth day of the sixth month and lasted six days. When you add this number, you arrive at the figure 18. In gematria – Jewish numerology – that is the number symbolizing life.

Israel's victory, which came at the cost of thousands killed and wounded, saw a miracle that enabled us to continue to exist in spite of everything.

I recently arrived in Israel for a visit. The line-up at the Toronto airport was small, but it was still early and more people arrived. After I boarded, I was happy to see most of the seats were taken.

Almost 11 hours later we arrived, greeted by a beautiful, sunny day. The bus took us to the terminal to go through passport control and baggage claim. It turned out, to my great disappointment, that most of the passengers were Israelis returning home. There were only about 10 or so lined up at the foreign passport check-in. How pathetic! In the hour it took for our baggage to arrive, no other planes landed, only one carousel was operating and hundreds of buggies lined up were not used.

My emotions vacillated between sadness and anger. I kept asking myself what happened to our spirit, displayed heroically by the Warsaw Ghetto fighters, partisans and other brave Jews throughout the ages. Why are we staying away in droves, when this country needs our support now? Aren't we the same people?

However, as the saying goes, we cannot put our head on somebody else's shoulder.

As soon as I got into a taxi to go to my destination, I looked around. Things looked exactly the same as they have on my many previous trips. Traffic was bumper to bumper during the early morning rush. Construction, green fields… life was going on as it should.

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The housing complex where my friend lives is more than 40 years old, with many tenants. A bus stop in front of her main-floor apartment keeps discharging passengers from sunup to sundown.

Leaning against the glass bus shelter, a bush with pale pink flowers manages to grow despite its state of dusty neglect. Somehow it survives, and I draw a parallel to life in Israel.

Endless traffic travels in both directions; motorists, including bus drivers, largely ignore the speed bumps on the road. The ones that notice them try to slow down, but by then it's too late. The huge trucks going over these obstacles create a noise like an explosion, rattling the windows and dishes in my friend's apartment. Some cars have a flag flying from their antennae.

I guess there is not much joy after what happened at the Tel Aviv disco, when so many young people lost their lives, including the suicide bomber. Yet in the early afternoon everything looks so normal. I sit on the terrace and people-watch. Some are buying groceries, newspapers and bread.

Across the road, kids are racing home from school. I hope and pray that their future is going to be safe, but they have to be on guard always, with no one else to rely on but themselves. Their backpacks are a prelude to the heavy burden they will one day have to bear.

I see young mothers wheeling carriages and strollers. Across from my friend's apartment, I see multi-storied apartment buildings, humming with the sound of the air conditioners that adorn every window. Over the din, the sound of the long tone signals to all Israelis to listen to the latest news on the radio.

Every hour, the sound of the broadcast resonates throughout the entire neighbourhood and beyond, from the cabs to the buses. Now it is drowned out by the sound of a single jumbo jet flying overhead, and I pray that it is filled with tourists so that we can show this beautiful country what we Jews in the Diaspora are really made of. Perhaps my prayers will be answered. Perhaps not.

Ann Szedlecki, 76, has been a Toronto resident since 1953. Born in Lodz, Poland, she survived World War II when her parents sent her to Russia in 1939 at the age of 14. Her entire family was murdered by the Nazis.

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Yeshiva-trained Chassid is a martial arts pro

By WENDY ELLIMAN
Israel Press Service

There are Irish and Italians in Brooklyn and Germans in Germany who have met Yehoshua Sofer the hard way. Groups of young thugs who have attacked the slightly built Chassid with collar-length peyot dangling from under his white knitted cap quickly found themselves thrown off like the bad guys in a Bruce Lee movie.

Sofer is the world's only non-Asian master of the Korean martial art Kuk Sool Won, and the only person in Israel authorized to teach it.

Soft-spoken,with intense blue eyes, Sofer, 42, effortlessly reconciles lifestyles that appear contradictory, wholly maintaining the integrity of both. For him, there is no conflict.

"I believe only in the Torah," he says. "Kuk Sool is just a system of martial arts techniques. It has no philosophy. But it can make a difference to the lives of men, women and children by giving them strength, confidence and inner balance."

As both a yeshiva-educated Chassid and a sixth-degree black belt in Kuk Sool Won, Sofer's credentials are flawless. Scion of a Breslov family that traces its lineage to the brother of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, he has studied Torah all his life. He is also among the elite of Kuk Sool practitioners alive today, a pupil of its Korean founder and grand master Suh In Hyuk, and accredited by Korea's prestigious Dae Han Kido Hae Association – his picture conspicuous amid the Asian faces in its album of acknowledged masters.

The two lifestyles first came together in Jamaica, where the strictly Orthodox Sofers moved for two years from the United States when Yehoshua was five.

It was soon after moving to Jamaica that the young Sofer met an elderly Chinese in a Kingston parking lot.

"At first he thought I was Chinese too," remembers Sofer. "He had a ponytail, I had peyot. He wore a cap, and I wore a kippah."

It was this man who taught five-year-old Yehoshua his first Eastern fighting skills. When the Sofers relocated to Los Angeles two years later, Yehoshua began classes in Tang Soo Do, a Korean form of karate – on condition that he study extra Gemarah and Mishnah on Shabbat.

He proved a natural, achieving his black belt at age 10. Eight years later, he was looking for something more challenging when grand master Suh In Hyuk brought one of the most complex martial arts to the United States.

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As his mastery of Kuk Sool grew, Sofer worked as a bodyguard, as a sparring partner for kick-boxers and, after moving to Israel in 1989, as an instructor to elite Israeli military units. Four years ago, he opened his school in Jerusalem.

Dressed in a black uniform embroidered with red Korean script, he teaches men, women and children from every kind of background. A natural mimic and a gifted teacher, Sofer holds separate classes for yeshiva students and for women.

Women?

"I feel obligated to teach women," he says. "I teach techniques that can save lives. How can I withhold such knowledge?"

Gravity poses no problem for Yehoshua Sofer as he makes his way through Mahane Yehuda. [IPS photo]

Aware that his piety attracts some students and repels others, Sofer takes pains to make everyone comfortable.

"It's OK," he reassures a haredi youngster, uneasy with the command to bow to the flags of Israel and Korea hanging on the dojang wall. "It's a sign of respect, not worship. It's permitted." The discipline Sofer teaches is, he stresses, about self-defence, not violence.

"If an attack comes from another person, Kuk Sool says: 'Receive it gently, harmonize with their will, turn it into a circle, and use it to your advantage,'" he says. "The greatest thing I learned from Kuk Sool is to roll with the punches that come from Heaven, harmonize with the Divine Will, and flow with it."

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Cantor's voice saved his life more than once

BY JULIA KOLLEK
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Cantor Henry Zimmerman, who died recently at the age of 91, had an extraordinary voice that literally saved his life on more than one occasion.

Obituary

Growing up in Poland, Zimmerman was a child cantor in the main synagogue in Warsaw, where he was taught in the tradition of the great cantors of the time.

Zimmerman was injured during World War II, but miraculously survived. With the Russians invading Poland, he was caught in crossfire and was shot below the chest under the diaphragm. The bullet did not penetrate the muscle because it was so well developed from his training as a singer.

Furthermore, the driver of a passing tank happened to be Jewish; he rescued Zimmerman and saved his life.

Zimmerman's voice saved the day on yet another potentially dangerous occasion. He was singing in a synagogue, when two German soldiers with guns entered. They stood as Zimmerman sang and listened until the concert was over. Then they turned and left the building.

After the war, Zimmerman found he had lost his entire immediate family – his parents and eight brothers and sisters. He ultimately immigrated to Halifax and then moved to Montreal, where he lived for several years.

When he was invited to sing at a wedding there, he met a young woman, Helen Turk, who was in the wedding party. The couple was married three months later.

Helen shared her husband's love of music. Before Zimmerman had learned much English, he was asked to sing a popular song at a wedding. To enable him to perform, Helen transliterated the lyrics, writing them out for him to learn.

His reputation grew and he became known for his expressive voice. Although he was unable to read music, Zimmerman was able to commit to memory prayers and melodies, as well as his favourite operatic arias.

In 1954, Zimmerman was invited to be cantor at the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton, a job he held for more than 20 years.

"He had a marvelous voice," said Rabbi Israel Silverman, who was spiritual leader at the synagogue during Zimmerman's time there. "He was a decent soul, a colourful person. Everyone knew him and had a great affection for him. Often he would call people on the phone, and if the mood took him, he would belt out an aria."

Henry and Helen Zimmerman had a son, Shaya, and a daughter, Miriam.

"There was always music in the house," Miriam said. "There would be everything, from the music my mother loved – Perry Como and Connie Francis – to opera, La Bohème, Tosca and Madame Butterfly. It was a wonderful way to grow up."

Henry Zimmerman dies at age 93

Zimmerman was always singing, and the windows of the house would be open for the neighbours to hear while he practised, Miriam recalled, adding that her father would serenade anyone who came to do work at the house.

"A member of our congregation was a plumber, and every time he came, even to put in a new washer on a tap, he would request a song, and you could hear them up in the bathroom." To everyone's amusement, one of the family dogs would howl in accompaniment whenever he sang.

The family home became a focus for youngsters learning for their bar and bat mitzvahs and Zimmerman had a reputation as a patient and excellent teacher. If someone had been bereaved and did not know how to say kaddish or morning prayers, he would take the time to teach them. Each week he would visit those in hospital and would even come back early from family vacations if he was needed.

When Zimmerman retired in 1978, the new cantor, David Bercovici, was anxious about taking on his role. "It was not easy to follow him, but we understood each other."

There was mutual respect between the two men and they became good friends.

Zimmerman was widowed shortly after he retired. He is survived by son Shaya and his wife Jennifer and their son Adam, and daughter Miriam and her husband Norman Shogilev and their son Daniel.

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What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, June 25, is deadline for July 5 issue and Tuesday, July 3, is deadline for July 12. Please note, as there will be no issue July 19, the July 12 column will also include items that would ordinarily appear July 19. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 416-391-1836, fax 416-391-0829.

Saturday, June 23

INTERACTIVE SERVICE

Beginners interactive Shabbat service, 10:30 a.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Inwentash Centre. 416-633-3838.

Sunday, June 24

YIDDISHLAND CAFÉ

Workmen's Circle Yiddishland Café evening, Together We Sing: An Evening of Yiddish and Other Folksongs with performers **Denise Williams, Michael Mandel, Nina Shaplilsky, Martin van de Ven.** 7:30 p.m. 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Tickets 416-787-2081.

THE VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

Kol Ami: The Voice of My People, presented by Temple Kol Ami, features psychologist, artist, Jewish educator **Avi Rose** talking on Deconstructing Leviticus: Encountering Judaism and Homosexuality. 8-9 p.m. at Indigo Books, 8705 Yonge St., Richmond Hill. **Cy Charney** 905-886-5606.

SINGLES JAZZ BRUNCH

Dynamic Singles of Adath Israel and Intersynagogue Singles present a Jazz Brunch for singles 35+ with singer **Julie Michels** at 11:30 a.m. $10 if prepaid by noon on Friday, June 22, $15 at door. 416-635-5340.

BARGAINS GALORE

Jewish Women International, Nagillah Chapter garage sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 24 Roberta Dr.

WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, general members meeting, 9:15 breakfast nosh. Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. No general meetings July and August. 416-783-1329.

CHARITY GARAGE SALE

ATID Chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO pre-bazaar garage sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 143 Combe Ave. Baby/children's clothing, toys, accessories, housewares. books.

GIFT SHOW

Gift show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Jewish Women International Markham Unionville Chapter, garage sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 86 Woodmans Chart, Unionville. Some of the proceeds will be donated to Markham-Stouffville Hospital.

Wednesday, June 27

DINNER DRAW

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation is hosting its annual dinner draw, this time as part of its 50th anniversary celebration. Reception 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30. 416-787-1631

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto) monthly meeting, 8 p.m. (doors open 7:30) at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Several members will talk about their own breakthroughs this past year. Election of new executive.

And What Else Is New

ORILLIA COUNTRY SHUL

Shabbat services are held in the country home of **Leslie** and **Anna Dan** in Atherley (east of Orillia) during July and August. Leaders are: July 7, **Rabbi Aaron Hoch**; July 14, **Elliott Melamed**; July 21, **Lionel Sharpe**; July 28, **David Aviton**;

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SUMMER LAUNCH 2001

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B'nai Isaac Synagogue in Baysville opens the weekend of June 29. Saturday services 9:45 a.m. For Friday time, please call. 416-636-2223 or 416-635-5912 or 705-767-3084.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Shomer Israel Congregation traditional heimish minyan welcomes all non-affiliated. No dues. Shabbat 9 a.m. Shabbat Minchah study class with **Rabbi Sheldon Schwartz**. Sunday morning minyan 8:30 a.m. 60 Rockford Rd. (behind Rockford Road Public School). **David** 416-256-1500.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting, Thursday, June 28, 9:30 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Prof. Elizabeth Podnieks** speaks on Senior Abuse and Seniors Taking Action. **Goldie Leiberman** 416-635-2860.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). June 21, day trip to Jackson's Point to see the musical *Annie;* June 28, closed. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Park sale July 15; Casino Rama every Wednesday; Trip to Memphre Inn, Quebec, Aug. 14-17, everything included, $455. 416-395-7881.

LZA Seniors: Dance classes every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets still available for the *Sound of Music* on Oct. 4 at Stratford. **Libby** 416-782-2959 or the office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to glatt kosher Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills Aug. 3-12. Everything included except medical. Partners available. **Al** 416-633-8127 or **Helen** 416-635-6343.

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Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speaking persons meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnics. June 26, concert with **Ashura Hoffman**. For information, **Anna** ext. 110

Movie Sunday, June 24, 2:30 p.m., *Snow Falling on Cedars*.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880.

The BJCC honours Seniors' Month in Ontario on Monday, June 25, with a painting exhibit 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby. Meet the painters and instructors.Also, attend a session of Tai Chi and Self Defence Monday, June 25, 10:30 a.m. to noon in Gym #1. **Janet** ext. 259.

Rosh Chodesh celebration at the Children's Discovery Museum Sunday, June 24, 11 a.m. to noon. **Margolit Zaig** leads the hour of activities which include a sing-along, story, special crafts. ext. 456.

Red Cross Instructor re-certification Tuesday, June 26, 6-10 p.m.at BJCC pool. ext. 291.

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ABOUT PEOPLE

HEADS ONTARIO BGU

Janice Freedman has been appointed executive director of the Ontario Region of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University. Freedman has a good knowledge of the Toronto Jewish community. She has been working for the past eight years in the Jewish community with the Kehilla Residential Program. She will be responsible for the management of the Ontario BGU regional office aand for the co-ordination of campaign events.

Janice Freedman

United Synagogue Day School Grade 7 Bayview student Kyle Harris is seen with Karen Mock, national director of the League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada. Kyle invited Mock to the Bayview Campus to speak to middle school students about the agency's work in combating racism and bigotry.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Joseph Mapa, newly appointed president and CEO of Mount Sinai Hospital, is the recipient of the 2000 Leadership Achievement Award by the Society of Graduates in Health Aministration,University of Toronto.

This distinction was awarded in recognition of Mapa's academic contributions and his leadership in role modeling life-long education and professional redevelopment as a form of adapting to change and environmental trends.

TOWER OF BABEL: Noah Koven rests on a cloud in the Tower of Babel at the Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum.
[Stephen Epstein photo]

GALA FUNDRAISER: Recently, Emunah Women of Toronto held Au Printemps, a gala fundraiser and Jewish Family & Child Service was the local beneficiary. The photo shows Nurit Bloomberg, (second from right) of Emunah who chaired the event, presenting a cheque to Susan Maldoff (centre), president of JF & CS. With them (from left) are Gordon Wolfe, JF & CS executive director; Aryella Weisz, Emunah, and Edie Kalb, Emunah.

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Coast to Coast

Mideast deaths mourned

By MARLANE PRESS
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER – Clothed in black from head to toe, some 60 women and a handful of men recently gathered to mourn the deaths of both Israelis and Palestinians.

In response to the escalating violence currently enveloping Israel, local supporters of Women for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel, an Israel-based group, stood on the northern grounds of the Vancouver Art Gallery holding signs and placards that read, "End the Occupation" and "End the Violence."

Passers-by during the downtown core's bustling, five o'clock rush hour were handed pamphlets promoting peace in the region. A couple of drivers honked their horns and waved, showing their support of the vigil.

Hedy Ghattas, a Palestinian originally from Jerusalem, wiped away her tears, saying she was worried about how many more bodies would be counted before the violence in Israel ends. Although a Canadian resident for 29 years, Ghattas said her heart remains in Jerusalem, as do many of her relatives, including her mother.

"I love Canada, but all these years I would rather be there in Jerusalem," she said. "But not right now. It's so sad. I cry for both sides because we're all human beings and we have to stop killing each other."

Involved in the Vancouver chapter of the women's peace coalition for the past eight years, Ghattas said she wanted to show Vancouverites that the Jewish and Palestinian people have many things in common, that they can speak with one another, and, above all, that they can be friends.

Overcome with emotion, the soft-spoken women wiped her eyes. "Don't make me cry," she whispered. "I'm just so very scared."

Standing beside her was Reena Lazar, a member of the Palestinian and Jewish Women's Dialogue Group for Peace, who said her group's primary mandates during the afternoon's silent vigil were to mourn the tragedy of all the people who have died in Israel and to promote peace in the region.

"The vigils are a silent testament to the need to end the occupation and the violence," she said. "Our Vancouver-based group of Palestinian and Jewish women have been meeting for eight years, working together for understanding and toward removing barriers between our communities."

A recent nominee for the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize, Women in Black is an informal movement of women who have stood in vigils throughout Israel for more than a decade to protest the occupation and violence.

Housecleaning of our own

Scene in Ottawa
By G.K. SIMCOE

With Parliament in summer recess, there is an instinctive inclination to bring closure to files and issues that have been sitting about for a while. Always ready to take a lead from our lawmakers, we have some housecleaning of our own to do – things that were raised in some form or another over the last few months that should be laid to rest.

Some time ago, we wrote about the turf war between Carolyn Bennett and Bill Casey. Casey, the foreign affairs critic for the Tories, undertook an initiative to bring Palestinian and Israeli parliamentarians together in Canada to dialogue and help bring the peace talks back on track. Bennett, the president of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group, was upset that Casey was making a partisan issue out of something that had always enjoyed cross-party support.

Well, after a series of squabbles, the two have worked out a solution that addresses all concerns. They have formed a steering committee (committees being the preferred parliamentary solution to any problem!) so that everyone – including Bennett's Arab-group counterpart, Sarkis Assadourian – can feel like a full and legitimate partner in the exercise. All's well that ends well. Too bad, however, that all of this effort will have been for naught.

The chances of this confab, scheduled to take place in Halifax later this year, are as good as the chances of the current Middle East ceasefire holding.

On a related topic, activist MP Irwin Cotler is apparently increasingly concerned about the orientation of his government's point-man on foreign affairs. As I've noted in columns past, it was widely believed that Manley routinely sought and received advice from Cotler on a number of files. However, it appears that as Cotler became more vocal and implicitly critical of the government's spotty approach to human rights in places like China (not to mention its overall policy on the Middle East), Manley began to place some distance between himself and the internationally-acclaimed lawyer. If previous summer recesses are any indication, the next few months will be especially busy for the globetrotting MP. His statements will provide a good clue as to the nature of his current relationship with Manley.

Finally, the Senate bid farewell to one of its most beloved members, Erminie Cohen. She was appointed to the Senate by Brian Mulroney eight years ago and represented the province of New Brunswick. In a tribute last week, an almost unheard of 16 colleagues rose in the Senate to sing her praises and lament her departure. She was regarded as the Senate's conscience for her unremitting concern for the poor and disadvantaged and always served with great pride as a Jew and as a woman. We wish Erminie well as she moves on to other pursuits back home in Saint John.

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Italian Jews divided on new Berlusconi government

By RUTH E. GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — Italian Jews are sharply divided over the new centre-right government headed by media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi that includes two controversial politicians with far-right links.

Berlusconi, whose Freedom House coalition swept the centre-left from power in general elections last month, was sworn in last week as prime minister of Italy's 59th government since 1945.

"Like Italians at large, Italian Jews voted for both sides," said Amos Luzzatto, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, Italian Jewry's umbrella organization.

In part, Jewish voters were torn between concern over Israel and domestic issues such as racism and anti-fascism.

On the one hand, Berlusconi's new administration probably will be the most pro-Israel government in Italy in years. Defence Minister Antonio Martino, for example, is vice president of the Italian Friends of Israel association.

Many Italian Jews were also drawn to Berlusconi's promise of lower taxes.

On the other hand, in addition to his own business-oriented Forza Italia Party, Berlusconi's coalition includes political forces that many Jews deeply distrust.

These include the National Alliance, which has its roots in neo-fascism, and the Northern League, which once aimed to separate northern Italy from the rest of the country and is known for its overt anti-immigrant policies.

National Alliance leader Gianfranco Fini is now Berlusconi's deputy prime minister, and the Northern League's hot-tempered leader, Umberto Bossi, renowned for his rabble-rousing behaviour, is a cabinet minister in charge of reforms.

Political divisions in Italian Jewry are paralleled in the conflicting views of two of the country's most prominent Jewish leaders: Luzzatto and Cobi Benatoff, a Milan businessman who once headed the Milan Jewish community and is now president of the European Council of Jewish Communities.

As chief lay leader of all 35,000 Italian Jews, Luzzatto, a scholar and doctor, did not urge Jews to vote for a particular party. In his statements before the election, however, he stressed what he called "strong moral values" that voters should bear in mind, including minority rights and the need to combat racism.

Luzzatto's personal sympathies are clearly with the left.

In particular, he strongly distrusts National Alliance leader Fini despite the fact that, for years, Fini has tried to shake off his party's neo-fascist associations and turn it into a mainstream right-wing force.

"I'm sorry to say that the National Alliance has not yet completed its transition," Luzzatto said. "I need to hear from Fini explicit words that recognize the moral and political responsibility of fascism in the extermination of the Jews. When he does that, I'll even shake his hand."

Bossi, he said, was just as much of a concern – maybe more so.

Luzzatto also noted that members of the Northern League have close relations with far-right Austrian politician Jorg Haider. "Haider is spending more and more time in Italy," Luzzatto said. "What does he want here?"

Israel, meanwhile, will not protest the inclusion of far-right parties in the Italian government, as it did when Haider's party joined the Austrian government last year.

"We have a lot of friends in this government," said Amos Vidan, currently in charge of the Israeli embassy in Rome. "Democratic elections were held and we do not intervene in the process. The party of Bossi is a legitimate party in Italy… we don't boycott it."

Sources in Israel said they could not rule out the possibility that Fini would be offered an invitation for an official visit – depending on the European Union's stance on Fini's role in the Italian government.

"Israel should not be the first to host him, but he should not be rejected off-hand, and the matter should be considered seriously," Vidan said. "Fini is not a product of the fascist era, and we believe that there is room to view him in a different light."

Businessman Benatoff also welcomes the new political lineup.

"I have a lot of hope in the new government," he said. "The people in power have a more sympathetic approach to Israel, especially Berlusconi himself."

Benatoff feels that Jews should accept the National Alliance's overtures in good faith.

"I do not believe that the National Alliance is an anti-Semitic party," he said. "The National Alliance is on the road to normalization and is keen to normalize its relations with the Jews."

PM to Annan: No Peres-Arafat meeting

By AMNON BARZILAI
Ha'aretz daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM – There is concern in the Prime Minister's Office that the presence of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in the region last week signalled the start of a new initiative based on UN and European efforts to help Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

In his discussions with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and MK Yossi Beilin, Annan raised the idea of a multi-faceted program that he thinks could improve the climate of confidence between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

The first element would be the establishment of a team to supervise the implementation of the ceasefire. Annan argued that the PA and Israel both had complaints about each other's implementation of the Tenet plan, but that neither side could serve as an objective judge. He suggested that the United States head the supervisory committee, but some interpreted his intentions to mean that the Europeans would also be involved.

A second element would be to establish a time framework so that both sides would know when talks on a final status agreement would begin.

A third element would be creating a permanent third party presence in the area, most likely American.

The fourth element raised by Annan was a Peres-Arafat meeting. He told Sharon at the prime minister's residence last Saturday night that a Peres-Arafat meeting was needed to allay Arafat's concerns that Israel was trying to topple him, and to give him good reason to enforce the ceasefire in full.

Sharon did not reject the meeting in principle. "I'm in favour of meetings," the prime minister told Annan. "They are good, but not in the current situation with Arafat not implementing the ceasefire. Any such meeting would give him a good excuse why not to enforce the ceasefire."

Sharon said he suspected Arafat's entire purpose in a meeting would be for the photo opportunity to show his people that despite everything, Israel was conducting political negotiations with the Palestinians, while under fire and on Arafat's terms.

"Therefore," Sharon told Annan, "it's a matter of timing and the meaning given to the meeting."

In a related development, Annan met with President Moshe Katsav and told him that, thus far, the UN had been unable to get any tangible information about the status of Israeli prisoners held by Hezbollah, but that he would continue making efforts to see the prisoners freed.

Annan also met with former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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June11

• Five-month-old Yehuda Shoham, who suffered severe brain damage in a Palestinian stoning attack, died of his wounds.

• Prime Minister Ariel Sharon voiced regret Monday for the killing of three Bedouin women by tank fire in the Gaza Strip on Saturday.

June 12

• CIA Director George Tenet said his mission is over, and that responsibility for any lasting ceasefire remains with the Palestinians. *PA officials subsequently agreed to the ceasefire. Hamas and Islamic Jihad officials did not.*

• Egyptian officials summoned Israel's ambassador to Egypt, Zvi Mazel, for discussions after Israeli comedian Eli Yatzpan impersonated President Hosni Mubarak during during a comedic routine in Israel.

June 13

• The Egyptian Bar Association plans to try Sharon in absentia for "war crimes."

June 14

• Yehuda Edri, 45, a senior IDF security officer, was killed and his bodyguard wounded in what appeared to be a planned killing. The bodyguard killed the Palestinian gunman.

• The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem condemned the killing this week of one of its monks in the West Bank in what police believe was an ambush by Palestinian gunmen.

June 15

• Israel announced it will continue to ease its closure of the territories. Tanks were pulled back from around a number of Palestinian cities and some roads were reopened.

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Maccabiah Games are back on

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At the time, Salomon told *The CJN* "the tenor of the meetings (in Israel) was that you can't put on Games when people are dropping out all over the world."

Bob Spivak, president of Maccabi USA, said the suicide bombing attack that killed 20 young Israelis at a Tel Aviv nightclub was a key factor in prompting athlete cancellations and the trend towards postponement.

With postponement appearing almost certain, events turned 180 degrees following a four-hour conference call that included executives of Maccabi USA and prominent community leaders. Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Michael Melchior joined Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, Charles Bronfman, president of the United Jewish Communities, and others, in attempting to persuade Maccabi USA to reverse course and participate in the Games.

Spivak said the appeal to show solidarity with Israel in a time of conflict had an impact. The ceasefire agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority as well as the calming trend there were also factors, he said.

The American decision left Maccabi Canada in a quandary. If they declined to participate in next month's Games, it would be four years – not the one year, with postponement – before the next competition in Israel.

Allen Gerskup, chair of Maccabi Canada's national athletic committee, said that with the decision of the United States to participate, the stage was set for the Games to go ahead as scheduled. Maccabi Canada officials "changed their minds… The United States still pulls a lot of weight," he said.

"I don't think you can go eight years without Games," Gerskup said. "I though it would cause us problems. It would be tough to fund-raise and I thought our credibility would be questioned."

Gerskup said all Maccabi Canada athletes will be contacted and informed of the decision to proceed. They will be made aware of the security situation in Israel and will be briefed on measures being taken to ensure their safety.

Gerskup said he always favoured participation in the Games. "I would go no matter how tough the times were in Israel… But I can't force anyone else to go. Everybody else has to make their own choice. I can't tell parents how to deal with their children."

Neil Rothenberg, coach of the junior girls basketball team, said he was "ecstatic" at the news the Games are on. He acknowledged that the parents of the girls, who range in age from 14 to 16, were concerned about the security situation in Israel but the last time he checked, all 10 players were still going.

George Shermer, coach of the men's volleyball team, said he got shivers when told Maccabi Canada had decided to go ahead. "It was a great feeling."

Shermer said the 11-man team was disappointed when he told them earlier in the week that it appeared the Games were off. "All the players wanted to go."

He said it was unclear yet if they had made other plans for the summer but he planned to take even a reduced team – if the funds are there – as a gesture of solidarity with Israel. The Games "are not about winning; they're about participating," he said.

Gerskup said he expected 200 to 250 of the original roster of 350 athletes will travel to Israel.

Spivak said he expected that perhaps half of the 600-athlete U.S. team will attend the Games. Olympic swimming gold medallist Lenny Krayzelburg – the Games' highest profile athlete – is still scheduled to participate, he said.

Spivak said additional security measures may put a crimp in the post-athletic celebrations, but athletes should still enjoy a quality Maccabiah experience.

Athletes will be offered social and entertainment programs at Maccabiah facilities, but Maccabi officials can't prevent adult sportsmen from visiting other areas of the country, he said.

Maccabi Canada has distributed a four-page "security advisory" which outlines the do's and don'ts for athletes in Israel.

The document outlines common security measures in Israel, such as making sure your baggage is accounted for and alerting police about unattended packages. It also suggests athletes not use public transportation and that they avoid all contact with strangers.

Pioneering medical treatment

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TEL HASHOMER — A woman whose legs were paralyzed in a car accident has regained feeling and some movement in response to a course of injections of white corpuscles last year at Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer Hospital, near Tel Aviv.

The procedure is a co-operative effort by the neurosurgery ward at Tel Hashomer and Prof. Michal Schwartz of the department of neurobiology at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot. Schwartz conducted similar experiments on rats and found that in 70 to 75 percent of cases, the nerves renewed themselves and resumed neurological functioning.

The patient who received the treatment, Melissa Holly, now 20 years old, is an American woman who was paralyzed in a car accident last year. She was found to be a suitable candidate for the procedure after six Israeli patients were rejected.

In her experiments, Schwartz cut the rat's spine in two, and after the macrophages were injected into the lower spine, it began to renew itself. New fibres connected the two parts of the spine, and some weeks later, some rats regained some control over their tails and legs.

Dr. Nachson Kenoller repeated the same procedure on Holly; experts said that the operation's results would be known in 6 to 12 months.

After three months, feeling had returned to Holly's lower body. After five months, she could move her toes. Today, she can move her leg from the knee down. Most importantly, say the doctors, she has regained use of her sphincter muscles; one of the most common causes of death among those with paralysis is blood and urine infections.

Measuring the CBC's ME coverage 'over time'

When the Jewish community expresses concern over certain reports from Neil Macdonald, CBC's Middle East television correspondent, the network's reaction is to point out that, measured "over time," balance is achieved.

In reviewing a recent string of Macdonald's reports, beginning in June with the horrific Tel Aviv disco bombing, we find that in five consecutive broadcasts, he did indeed provide considerable Israeli perspective.

On June 1, the night of the disco attack, Macdonald called it an "unparalleled atrocity," and noted the difficulty Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon faced in maintaining his policy of restraint, especially while "some Palestinians were actually celebrating in the streets of Ramallah."

In subsequent reports, he noted that "the slaughter of innocents has sickened the world [and] hardened international opinion toward the Palestinians and their cause."

Macdonald observed that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's call for a ceasefire was "something he has refused to do for eight months," adding that in any event, "most Israelis have long since stopped believing a word he says."

Days later, as Sharon withheld from retaliation for the Tel Aviv attack, Macdonald reported positively that "Israelis have discovered what... Sharon calls the power of restraint. The Israeli foreign ministry told a Knesset committee... that, for the first time since the beginning of this conflict, world opinion is against Yasser Arafat and with Israel."

On June 11, Macdonald reported on the Israeli victims of Palestinian terror attacks. This item was announced as, in effect, a balance to a piece he had done a few weeks earlier on Palestinian victims of IDF gunfire. No effort was made to draw a moral equivalence between Israeli victims of wanton terror and Palestinian victims of Israeli shelling in retaliation for Palestinian violence. But the scenes of the young, maimed casualties were gut wrenching.

However, on June 13, the CBC ran Macdonald's documentary on the controversy surrounding Israel's "assassination policy" of Palestinians suspected of being involved in terrorism. If viewers had not seen the earlier reports, they might have concluded that, once again, Macdonald was targeting Israel.

What must be understood, however, is that while unpleasant, the subject of assassination is a valid one for journalistic consideration, and has, in fact, received a fair amount of attention in Israel's always self-critical society and media.

Unfortunately, even though Macdonald included a substantial number of Israeli voices, he failed to provide sufficient context – the horrific toll that terrorism exacts on Israeli civilians, which leaves little choice but to take "extra-judicial" measures necessary for self-defence.

Macdonald's disapproving, judgmental tone was obvious throughout. So was his attempt to draw a moral equivalence between a car bomb that Israeli agents may have planted to kill a wanted terrorist (who, if in area A under full Palestinian control, is not subject to Israeli arrest) and Palestinian terrorists who deliberately target innocent Israeli civilians.

What would other democracies do if confronted with the daily threats faced by Israelis? What are Israel's alternatives when, in violation of written commitments, Arafat releases terrorists from jail? These are questions Macdonald needs to explore in a documentary that would critically examine Arafat's actions. That would be the best way to achieve balance and fairness overall.

Prepared by Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee.

A political force to be reckoned with

By ELIAHU SALPETER
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Opinion

A major demographic change is taking place in Western Europe: the number of Muslims is increasing while the number of Jews is on the decline.

This demographic trend has political implications for the status of Jews in Western Europe, but also, in many cases, for the position of Western European countries toward Israel.This change is occurring against the background of the escalating Middle East conflict, which, in itself, is heightening tensions between Jewish and Muslim communities in those countries. It should also be noted that the relations between Western European states and Israel, to a great extent, reflect the desire of those states to improve their ties with the Arab world.

The ever-increasing Muslim presence in the general population of Western European countries is becoming an important political variable, as demonstrated in the recent elections in Great Britain.

From the Jewish standpoint, the growth of the Muslim population in Europe is expressing itself in a rise in the number of anti-Semitic incidents, most of which involve extreme Muslim elements. Since the outbreak of the Al-Aksa intifadah, the number of such incidents in Western Europe has tripled. According to the World Jewish Congress (WJC), not since World War II have there ever been so many violent attacks on individual Jews or on Jewish targets.

Both in Europe and the United States, Jews are becoming increasingly aware of this process and are already openly expressing fear that the trend could have a significant impact on the security of local Jewish communities and their institutions.

In the latter half of the 20th century, a veritable revolution took place in the situation of Muslims in Europe, notes a WJC survey titled *The ascendance of Islam in Europe*.

The survey, which appeared a few weeks ago, notes that "today, Islam is the fastest-growing religion on the continent, and nearly 20 million people in the EU countries identify themselves as Muslims. Today, European Muslims represent a political force to be reckoned with. If present trends continue, by 2020 Muslims will account for 10 percent of the overall population of Europe."

For example, between 1961 and 2001, the Muslim population of the United Kingdom grew from 82,000 to more than one million. Muslim organizations have initiated campaigns calling for the boycott of Marks & Spencer, arguing that some of the British retailing giant's profits are used to support Israel. In electoral districts with a high percentage of Muslim residents, tens of thousands of leaflets attacking candidates thought to be pro-Israel were distributed on the eve of last week's general election. Out of 21 organizations outlawed by the British Home Office for having ties with terrorist movements, 14 have been Muslim.

Since the end of the Algerian war, French foreign policy has never been overly sympathetic toward Israel. France today has 4.2 million Muslim residents plus hundreds of thousands of illegal Muslim immigrants.

The combination of anti-Semitism and animosity toward Muslims sometimes creates paradoxical relations between Muslims, Jews and the extreme right in Western Europe.

On the one hand, Jews and Muslims do have certain common concerns (such as protection of ritual slaughtering practices), and they often have common enemies as well (such as members of the extreme right). Lord Nazir Ahmed of Rotherham, the first Muslim member of the House of Lords in British parliamentary history, said in the spring of 2000 while visiting Israel as a guest of the WJC that "whenever there is evidence of Islamophobia or hatred against Islam and Muslims, the signs of anti-Semitism are not so far behind."

On the other hand, however, concerning the Middle East, the majority of Muslims and the majority of Jews in Western Europe have very different positions. This basic disagreement sometimes expresses itself in acts of violence. There are already signs that neo-Nazi groups in Western Europe are prepared for an alliance with extreme Muslims against the "common Jewish enemy." There is also an ad hoc coalition of fanatic Muslims, mainly Arabs, and neo-Nazi Holocaust-deniers.

The complex nature of the Muslim-Jewish extreme right "triangle" is exemplified in an article that was published last Saturday by the *New Straits Times* in Singapore, where the preservation of the status quo between Muslim Malays and Buddhist Chinese is a matter of national survival. The newspaper attacked the head of Germany's Christian Democratic Union, Angela Merkel, for having called on Turkish immigrants to assimilate into German culture as the Jews once did.

The *New Straits Times* comments that if there is one lesson that Malaysians and immigrants in Germany can learn from the Jewish experience in Germany, it is that assimilation has never saved any community when the tide of racism in the establishment rises. The message of the Holocaust, said the paper, is that the next time gas chambers are built on European soil, their intended victims will be Muslims.

China, Taiwan come together in Haifa

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

HAIFA – Top security officials from China and Taiwan took part in an Israeli security conference last week in Haifa.

The Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs had asked that the attendance of the Taiwan representative not be made public until after the conference, as China usually tries to exclude Taiwan from international forums, and usually boycotts those it attends.

This time, the Chinese envoy did not protest against the Taiwan representative attending – and the two were even friendly during the convention.

The request for silence was made to avoid intensifying the tension between Israel and China. Relations between these countries have been strained since the Phalcon plane debacle, in which Israel, under American pressure, cancelled a done deal with China last June.

Taiwan complied with Israel's request. "We did not want to embarrass the organizers of the event or the government of Israel. We know Israeli-Chinese relations are very sensitive," a source said.

Representatives of Turkey and Cyprus also attended, as well as top government officials from India, Poland, Albania and Slovenia.

The convention was organized by the Galilee College, which deals with international studies and sponsors conventions in collaboration with the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

As a result of the tension, the Foreign Ministry did not sponsor this event because of the Taiwan representation, but officials from the ministry lectured at the conference.

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About Nutrition

By LISA WEINBERG

Q. I have a relative who has a peanut allergy who is coming to visit for a week this summer. I know not to cook or buy anything with actual nuts in it but I am wondering if there are other ingredients that I should be looking out for on packages that may contain nuts.

A. This is an excellent question and I applaud your dilligence at making this relative's visit safe and hospitable. The following are all ingredients that you should avoid serving this person: kernel paste, cacahuete, mandelona, peanuts, ground nuts and peanut oil. You may also want to verify that this person is not also allergic to many members of the peanut family that many peanut allergic individuals are also allergic to. These include things like mustard, sesame seeds, legumes and soy as well as ground nuts, water chestnuts, nutmeg and coconut.

Q. My 14-month-old daughter loves pickles and olives. I find this very unusual. Is it okay to serve these to her?

A. It is fine to offer these foods to your one-year-old as long as they are properly cut up to avoid choking. It is very common for young children to love very salty foods like these. I suspect that is because they are so pleased to finally be eating less bland food than they have been restricted to for most of their first year.

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Cohen, Waxman honoured at record-breaking awards night

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Founded on a shoestring budget 13 years ago, the Canadian Jewish Book Awards has finally filled up the roughly 500-seat Leah Posluns Theatre — an achievement that founding chair Adam Fuerstenberg says he has waited years to see.

The 13th annual celebration of Canadian Jewish literature, which took place in the north Toronto venue on June 6, drew a record number of people to watch a record number of prizegivers hand out a record number of prizes.

Although the total cash prizes tally $7,000, a relatively small disbursement in this era of munificent Giller and Orange and Governor-General's literary prizes, there is no question that the Canadian Jewish Book Awards are gaining prestige and clout. This year, for the first time, the awards committee has manufactured a golden seal to be used to adorn the covers of winning entries as they are displayed on bookstore shelves.

That golden seal may have come too late to boost sales of Martin Kaufman's novel, *The Possibility of Dreaming on a Night Without Stars*, published by Viking. The book, which has been remaindered, is the winner of this year's Martin and Beatrice Fischer First Novel Award.

"It's a lovely first novel," Fuerstenberg says. "Kaufman sets himself a task, and he resolves it beautifully. If he can produce another book like this, he'll get lots of attention."

In his acceptance speech, the Toronto author gave special thanks to *The CJN* editor Mordechai Ben-Dat "for his very generous review which brought this book to the attention of the Jewish community." He also thanked the Fischer family for their sponsorship of the award.

In previous years the Fischers sponsored the Fiction prize. That the category was altered this year to "First Novel" may reflect the feeling that the entries did not measure up to the high marks of previous winners such as Anne Michaels (*Fugitive Pieces*) and Lilian Nattel (*The River Midnight*).

The awards ceremony honoured the late novelist Matt Cohen and the late actor-director Al Waxman for their recent autobiographies, respectively titled *Typing: A Life in 26 Keys* and *That's What I Am*. As a highlight of the evening, Andy Barrie, host of CBC's Metro Morning, read a chapter from each book in his trademark mellifluous voice. He also reminisced about both Cohen and Waxman whom he had interviewed on radio.

"It is with great pride that I stand here for my father, whom I dearly miss, to accept this honour," said Matt Cohen's son, Daniel. "Although he never admitted it, I believe he enjoyed accepting prizes."

Flanking Andy Barrie, this year's guest reader at the 13th annual Canadian Jewish Book Awards are Adam Waxman (right) and Daniel Cohen. They are seen shortly after accepting the Biography Awards on behalf of their late fathers, Al Waxman and Matt Cohen. [Gloria Fuerstenberg photo]

In accepting the award for Al Waxman, his son Adam said, "Writing this book was a wonderful experience for my father, because it helped him define himself .... When I would ask him about his life, he would say, 'Ah, I don't remember, check my book.' I feel very proud and happy to receive this for him."

More reminiscences about Cohen and Waxman came from author Erna Paris as she accepted the Jewish History prize for her book *Long Shadows*. In their university days, Waxman and Paris had gone out on a date to a Chinese restaurant, where she had ordered only rice; some 15 years later, he had thanked her for that economical choice, confessing he had been nearly broke back then. "I said, 'I wish I could take the credit, but I just wasn't hungry at the time,'" Paris related.

And she credited Cohen's book *The Spanish Doctor* with "opening my eyes to Spain's Jewish society" and sparking an interest that ultimately resulted in *The End of Days*, her own non-fiction book on the Jews of Spain.

As in previous years, Holocaust themes predominated among the winning entries. Prizes went to five Holocaust-related books, as follows:

Franklin Bialystok won the Canadian Jewish History award for *Delayed Impact: The Holocaust and the Canadian Jewish Community*; editors F.C. DeCoste and Bernard Schwartz won the Holocaust History award for *The Holocaust's Ghost*; Gitel Donath won the Holocaust Memoir award for *My Bones Don't Rest in Auschwitz*; Irene N. Watts won the Young Adult Fiction award for *Remember Me*; and Howard Margolian won the Jewish Scholarship award for *Unauthorized Entry: The Truth about Nazi War Criminals in Canada, 1946-1956*.

The Biblical Scholarship award went to Barry Dov Walfish for *Apples of Gold in Settings of Silver;* the World Jewish Culture award went to editor Dorion Liebgott for *Art and Tradition*; the Yiddish award went to translator Vivian Felson for *Montreal of Yesterday*; and the Poetry award went to Karen Shenfeld for *The Law of Return*.

For the first time, the Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto used the occasion of the Book Awards to honour the winner of its annual playwriting competition. The winning play — *Sara's Cave*, by Don Molnar — has a Holocaust theme, said committee chair Ralph Wintrob.

"In the 12 years that we've sponsored the contest, we've received scores of scripts, and most have had a Holocaust theme," he said. "It's the most compelling issue of our time."

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Steve Koven Trio brings refreshing show to jazz fest

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Local pianist and composer Steve Koven, 37, has gained a steady international following, both as a solo artist and with his band The Steve Koven Trio.

Local jazz buffs can catch the band at Toronto's du Maurier Downtown Jazz at the Crowne Plaza's Trellis Lounge, 225 Front St. W. on June 22, 27, 28 and 29.

The trio will then board the *Northern Spirit* to headline a jazz dinner cruise.

Fans of jazz around the Oakville area can check out the threesome in concert at the Oakville Jazz Festival at the downtown mainstage in the square, on July 6, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

At the trio's performances expect to hear standards by Myles Davis, Bill Evans, Ray Henderson, Duke Ellington and Thelonius Monk.

Original compositions will include the title song of their third CD, *Not By The Elbows*, and *Rachael's Waltz*, named in honour of Koven's daughter, now 10.

The Steve Koven Trio is currently working on its fourth CD due out next year.

The trio, consisting of Koven, Rob Clutton on bass and Anthony Michelli on drums, has been together since 1995.

The band is currently working on its fourth CD with some special guests; it is due out at the beginning of 2002.

"I've taken this trio internationally in the last few years. We have a refreshing show in which I interact with the audience and tell stories and jokes. It is very entertaining. That is why I like performing live," says Koven.

He has performed as a soloist or with the trio, at a number of jazz festivals, concerts and clubs in Canada, the United States, Europe and the Caribbean.

At the 1987 Barbados Jazz Festival, the trio opened for singer Nancy Wilson.

Koven returns to Barbados on an annual basis, often playing with favourite local musicians. He recently took part in a concert in the Bahamas to raise money to send music students from the island to schools in the United States.

He has been invited back for another concert in September.

In addition, Koven books the Crowne Plaza's Trellis Lounge – the trio appears two weeks out of each month, when in town.

He just completed a musical project with singer Michael Danso for the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, and he composes for film and television, including the horror film *Body Count* and the new theme music for CBC Newsworld's *Fashion File*.

With the help of Canada Council, the group is planning a tour of Japan in the near future.

Koven was born into a musical family. His father Irving, a surgeon at Mount Sinai Hospital, tickled the ivories at a number of upscale restaurants and nightclubs.

"I studied classical music growing up, but never pursued jazz. When I went to York University, I auditioned for a course on experimental improvisation with Casey Sokol.

"After graduation in '87, I played rock n' roll, then I went to a party with a friend and we started playing some jazz standards – just piano and saxophone.

"I got the idea at that point to form a band because I really liked jazz. Then I started studying privately with greats like Benny Green, Geoff Keeser, Bruce Barth, Mark Eisenman and Brian Rudolf."

For a few years Koven's group performed as a quartet.

"We then formed a trio because when you play with more musicians, the piano becomes more of a support to instruments such as the clarinet or saxophone. In a trio, the piano is the primary instrument," he says.

Tickets to the jazz cruise can be purchased at Ticketmaster outlets by phone at 416-870-8000 or at www.ticketmaster.ca.

CORRECTIONS

The story "Roll the tape! – Recording your party in style" (*CJN* Party Supplement, June 7, page B47) contained inaccuracies. Abe Salzman of Video Affairs has been in business since 1981 and has never been in a partnership with anyone. Also, the story implied that Video Affairs supplies raw footage, when in fact Video Affairs professionally edits the tape and invites customers to participate in the editing.

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The website address for Up & Coming Events in the story "Party planning now available online" (CJN Party Supplement, June 7, page B31) was incorrect. It should have read [www.upandcomingevents.makeparties.com]. Another website is [www.upandcomingevents.ca]

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

MEROVITZ MUSICAL OPENS FOR FOUR-WEEK RUN

If Cows Could Fly, **Allan Merovitz's** musical play about the Jewish-Canadian experience, is returning to Artword Theatre this summer.

Merovitz, a Dora Award-winning actor and klezmer musician, grew up in Smiths Falls, Ont., in a family of chassidic Jews. *If Cows Could Fly* traces the story of his family from Poland, Lithuania and Kishinev to the tiny community in the Ottawa Valley. The story reflects the Jewish experience worldwide in microcosm, he says.

Since the play was first performed at Artword last February, Merovitz and director **Ronald Weihs** had been revising it for a production on Prairie Public Television in Winnipeg. When a gap appeared unexpectedly in Artword's summer season, Merovitz and Weihs decided to restage the play, incorporating some of the changes they have been working on for television.

If Cows Could Fly features the two-piece **Simcha Klezmer** band. Previews June 20, runs June 21 to July 14. $27 - $22. Artword Theatre, 75 Portland St. 416-408-2783.

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Painting of Munich Massacre: Iowa artist **Carol Barenberg** has painted a dramatic three-part painting of the 11 Israeli athletes who were murdered by PLO-sponsored terrorists at the Munich Olympics in 1972. The painting is to be unveiled in Davenport, Iowa, early next month.

Barenberg spent at least two years studying the events surrounding the slaying of the Israelis.

"I have wanted to do this painting since 1972," she said. "I felt it was important to honour the memory of the courageous fighters that these Israelis were. But I struggled with the right way of doing it.

"Finally, I hit on the idea of the triptych, which gave the sense of motion I felt was needed. I didn't think a single painting would have done the athletes justice."

The painting, which is titled, *Munich Masacre, 1972*, is appearing in the 2001 Bi-State Competitive Art Exhibition, July 7 to Aug. 18, at the Davenport Museum of Art. The artist's Web site is www.barenberg.com.

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Fringe Festival: These two plays are among the many being performed as part of the Fringe Festival.

The first focuses on Viennese-born **Lilia Skala**, who became the first female architect in Austria, a stage star in **Max Reinhardt's** theatre, and finally a Hitler refugee who worked her way out of a New York textile factory to a career on Broadway and television and in film. Her most famous role was the mother superior in *Lilies of the Field*, for which she was nominated for an Academy award.

Lilia's granddaughter, Canadian-born **Libby Skala**, has written a play about her grandmother, *Lilia!*, in which she performs the title role. Poor Alex Theatre. $8. July 7 to 14. 416-862-2222. www.Liliashow.homestead.com.

Another Fringe play of note is *Slap*, by **Evan Brooker**, involving a trash-talk show host, some "gender-bender" characters and their "sordid sensuality," and a grandfather named Mordechai who survived the war as a Polish partisan. Tarragon Mainspace. July 6 to 14. 416-966-1062.

For details on the Fringe Festival, including its 24-hour playwriting contest, phone 416-862-2222.

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Arts Briefs

• *Fosse*, the Tony-award-winning musical about the legendary choreographer-director **Bob Fosse**, returns to Toronto for eight performances, June 19 to 24. $38 to $92. Pantages Theatre. 416-870-8000.

• *Tradition!* on TVO on June 23 features interviews with director **Norman Jewison** and actors **Rod Steiger, Sidney Poitier** and **Carl Reiner**; then a screening of Jewison's *Fiddler On The Roof*, starring **Chaim Topol** as Tevye, and **Norma Crane, Leonard Frey, Molly Picon, Paul Mann** and **Rosalind Harris**.

• The Canadian Stage Company is including a production of *Adam Baum and the Jew Movie* in its upcoming season. The play, by former Torontonian **Daniel Goldfarb**, won an award last year after its theatrical debut in Manhattan.

• *The Colours of Jazz*, a celebration of jazz in the paintings of **Telford Fenton, Michael Fisher, David Gnass, Myra Lowenthal, Marilyn McKay, Berge Missakian** and **Paul Peregal**, continues to July 15 at the Robert Mede Gallery, 321 Davenport Rd. 416-966-9362.

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By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Without tradition, says Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, our lives would be shakier than a fiddler on the roof.

And that is why, rather than continue to use its auditorium for theatre productions, the Bloor JCC held a fund-raiser recently to raise money for a new theatre, where plays are traditionally held.

An enthusiastic crowd of just under 500 people filled the Bloor Cinema, many of them dressed in beards and babushkas, to take part in a sing-along showing of the award-winning 1971 movie, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

"We were very pleased with the turnout," said Frances Enchin, cultural arts manager at the JCC and an organizer of the fund-raiser.

"We had no idea how many would come in costume, but everyone turned up in the spirit [to have a good time]."

The evening began to the music of a fiddler. Then, those in costume paraded across the stage, and prizes, such as bagels and rugelach, were awarded for the best and most creative costumes.

Just before the movie began, instructions were given out by the evening's host, actor, comedian, singer and Bloor JCC fitness instructor, David Gale. For instance, the audience was told to hiss when the Captain appeared and to wave their hands in the air whenever Tevye, the father and main character, did.

Yet the audience needed no instructions. With the words to the movie displayed on the screen, it seemed as if every person, young and old alike, joined the movie's characters in singing such well-loved songs as *If I Were a Rich Man*, *Tradition*, and *Sunrise, Sunset*.

Originally a successful Broadway show, *Fiddler on the Roof* tells the story of Tevye, a Ukranian milkman who clings to Jewish tradition while his daughters marry men he considers to be increasingly unacceptable. Meanwhile, the anti-Semitism of the ruling Russian government threatens to drive him from his home.

See picture on page 35

Arts & Travel

Experience the charm of a kibbutz

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

HAGOSHRIM, Israel — It's a hotel with a view.

A fabled river, the Jordan, runs through its manicured grounds. Mt. Hermon, the highest peak in these parts, rises majestically in the background.

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Hagoshrim, however, is far from unique. Kibbutz hotels are found all over Israel, from the Galilee to the Negev.

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It's a bucolic area, glinting with fish ponds, lagoons and streams and sparkling with dark green fields on bright, sunny days.

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Like many kibbutzim, it started as an agricultural commune and branched into industry and tourism.

The hotel was established with 24 rooms in 1953, before the age of mass tourism to Israel.

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Hagoshrim is a bird watcher's paradise, both in spring and autumn. During the migration season, in a sight to behold and remember, dazzling formations of winged creatures descend upon the Hula Valley, flying from Europe to Africa and back again via the Middle East.

Upon request, kibbutz guides can lead you to their nesting places.

Approximately three hours by car from Tel Aviv, the hotel is close to the region's natural attractions.

Guests can enjoy kayak and rafting rides on the Hatzbani River.

They can visit the Tanur, the impressive waterfall south of Metulla, Israel's northernmost settlement. The cataract is best seen in winter and spring.

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For further information about Hagoshrim, call or e-mail Hanna Levy at 011-972-4-681-6000 or hotel-hg2@hagoshrim.org.il. The hotel's fax number is 011-972-4-681-6002 and its Web site is www.hagoshrim-hotel.co.il.

MATCHMAKER, MATCHMAKER...Make me a match. These three young women wearing babushkas get into the feel of things at the recent sing-along to Fiddler on the Roof. See story previous page.

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Waterloo student talks Israel with JSA members

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

WATERLOO, Ont. — Mark Eltis doesn't think it's logical to ask Jewish students to support Israel – perhaps by attending a rally – if they are not informed about the situation there.

And, in the context of the ongoing intifadah, some students don't have the confidence or knowledge to take on critics.

In an effort to remedy that, Eltis, a University of Waterloo optometry student now entering third year, spoke recently to about 20 members of the Jewish Students' Association (JSA) at the JSA's new Albert and Temmy Latner Jewish Students' Centre of Kitchener-Waterloo.

A second lecture was planned for this week, and he hopes to give another talk in the fall. Because of Waterloo's co-op program, there is a turnover of students every term.

The JSA's executive in charge of Israel Affairs and a former JSA president, Eltis – who writes for the national Jewish student publication *Afterword* – stays informed by scanning almost a dozen newspapers and Web sites a day.

Mark Eltis

Among his staples, representing a wide range of editorial viewpoints, are the *Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, National Post,* three Israeli publications – the *Jerusalem Post, Ha'aretz* and the right-wing *Arutz Sheva*, as well as the Web sites of CNN, the BBC, Arabia.com and the *Lebanon Daily Star*.

It takes him at least an hour a day, but he feels even reading headlines is beneficial to get an overview of world perspectives.

"I felt people lacked the tools necessary to combat propaganda," Eltis said in a phone interview last week. "I think it's important for students to be informed and more pro-active."

Applied math student Sasha Gutfraind, who attended Eltis' lecture, considers himself well informed, having attended an Israeli high school. "I think Mark has shown a good example," he said. "I would like to help him."

Iris Barr, an engineering student and JSA executive member, said that although she also keeps herself informed about Israel and has "a lot of Israeli pride...it's good to have an ongoing awareness for the people who do care. I think [the lecture] increased my comfort level, put some facts into perspective."

At the Waterloo campus, students have been confronted with "numerous" anti-Israel displays and articles, over which the JSA and its Muslim counterpart have clashed.

Among other Canadian efforts to address Jewish student apathy – a related issue, which arose at this year's Canadian Jewish Congress plenary – were a blue-and-white ribbon campaign at Queens' University to support Israel and promote hopes for peace; and an activism training session put on in Montreal by UIA Federations Canada, noted Roseanne Brown, director of unfederated campus organizations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, for the past two years.

At the Montreal event, the Web site www.jewishpride.com was launched, she added.

Eltis' talk was "incredibly positive," said Brown. The turnout was good for the time of year, and people stayed for three hours, she noted.

Because the issues are so vast, Eltis decided to focus on the history of the conflict. The 1948 Arab rejection of the United Nations partition plan, under which Palestine would have been divided into a Jewish and an Arab state with Jerusalem as an international city, is key to understanding the context of the current conflict, he believes.

One of the scariest trickle-down effects, Eltis has found, is that some students become ashamed of Israel to the extent that they don't want to associate with Jewish student organizations. Although attendance has not dropped at JSA programs per se, Eltis has found that some students think Israel is "an indefensible cause."

Even when the JSA merged with its Wilfrid Laurier University counterpart in Eltis' first year, it was "a big struggle" to keep support of Israel as part of the JSA constitution, he noted.

"We don't have to be pro-Likud or pro-Labour," he said, "[but] I think we should support the government, the State and the people of Israel and it should be unconditional, just like we accept students who are Reform or Orthodox."

For the record, Eltis describes himself as politically "centre; centre right, perhaps. I think I'm rather open minded to concessions."

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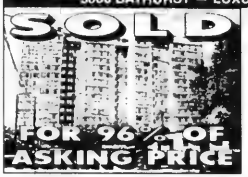

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Single female, blonde hair, green eyes, non smoker, loves life, dining and dancing, movies, the arts, seeks male with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1386**

ZEST FOR LIFE
Single Jewish female, tall, vivacious, independent, likes to go out and have a good time, seeks male, 53-56 yrs, has zest for life, down to earth, good sense of humour, looking for someone special, to spend a lifetime. **AD#1043**

LOVING & CARING
Single female, 40'ish, petite, slim, intelligent, passionate, fair skin, blue eyes, attractive, enjoys the arts, quiet romantic evenings, travel, seeks male, with similar and interest. **AD#1835**

LOVE WAITS
Single Jewish female, early 60's, slim attractive, caring, enjoys the theatre, dining and dancing, sports, travel, seeks Jewish male, with similar qualities and interests, for loving relationship. **AD#1212**

LOVING & CARING
Divorced Jewish female, 5' 6", 130 lbs, green eyes, blonde hair, non smoker, attractive, youthful, no dependents, good sense of humour, outgoing, seeks male, educated, fit, non smoker, sincere, secure, for long term relationship **AD#1152**

LET'S HAVE COFFEE
Single female, 39 yrs, down to earth, friendly, outgoing, with different interests, likes to dance, movies, seeks male looking for serious relationship, 39-50 yrs, hard working, like myself, let's go out have coffee talk. **AD#1071**

DOWN TO EARTH
Single Jewish female, 41 yrs, never married, petite, non smoker, down to earth, easy going, good values, enjoys Bingo, oldies music, seeks Jewish male, 39-46 yrs, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1596**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Petite, european, widow, financially, secure, enjoys music, the arts, travel, theatre, cooking, tennis, swimming, seeks male with similar qualities and interests, for friends first relationship. **AD#1017**

NORTH SUMMER NIGHTS
Single female, very cute, sweet sincere, 41 yrs, 5' 1", slim, long brown hair, green eyes, a devoted mom, enjoys movies, casual dinners, and up north in the summer, seeks attractive, caring male, successful at work but knows how to have fun. **AD#1302**

FRIENDS FIRST
Single female, 40 yrs, 5' 6", spontaneous, compassionate, spiritual, but sexy, good listener, seeks Jewish male, 5' 9", 40-55 yrs, legally available, with integrity, strong intellect, generous heart, loves to walk, travel, loves, old people and children, down to earth, friends first relationship. **AD#1138**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
Retired, female, still keeping busy, seeks male, to share time with and enjoys dancing, walking, bridge, movies, and wants a partner to enjoy life with. **AD#1175**

YOUR DREAM'S DESIRE
Independent female, charming, pretty, witty, who loves life, and everything living, seeks friendly nice male, 48+ and still full of spice, sensibly smart, kind, with a warm heart, healthy, non smoker, independent, reliable, who enjoys sport and good joke. **AD#1180**

LET'S CONNECT
Single female, pretty, petite, brunette, romantic, caring, optimistic, fit, professional, university educated, family values, seeks male, 50+, vegetarian, non smoker, enjoys theatre, music, movies, dining, dancing, outdoor activities, travel, who is confident, emotionally stable, to share the good things that life offers **AD#1528**

LET'S TALK
Beautiful single Jewish female, 31 yrs old, 125 lbs, green eyes and brown hair, professional, athletic, enjoys outdoors, swimming, dancing, travel, cooking, pets, spending time with family, and friends, trained in law, seeks professional, 30-45 yrs old. **AD#1538**

LET'S WALK
43 yrs old, female, searching, for a walking partner, tennis, a bonus, never married, no children, cute, fit, friendly, an animal lover, seeks someone who loves family and children, worldly, can share the outdoors and is classically casual. **AD#1606**

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Single male, 34 yrs, brown hair and eyes, 5' 10", 165 lbs, handsome, down to earth, honest, sincere, witty, self employed, financially secure, dining and dancing, seeks female, Jewish, 26-36 yrs, petite, sincere, sexy, lots of fun, down to earth. **AD#1350**

LET'S CONNECT
Single Jewish male, 38 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing, sincere, enjoys travel, cooking, hiking, computers, seeks female, 29-36 yrs, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1321**

YOUNG AT HEART
Single male, 75 yrs, 5' 4", young in spirit, healthy, fit, active, financially secure, seeks female, lively, attractive, 45-60 yrs, affectionate, for long term loving relationship. **AD#1002**

GIVE ME A CALL
A single male, 32 yrs, Scorpio, 6'2", 180 lbs, slim, muscular, build, seeks female, spontaneous, not into head games, leave name and best time to reach you. **AD#1072**

FUN TO BE WITH
40 yrs, single Jewish male, professional, fun, easy going, enjoys outdoors, baseball, roller blading, volleyball and basketball, in the winter, active, seeks Jewish female, 27-37 yrs, caring, fun to be with share same Jewish values, and eventually build a life together. **AD#1347**

NO HEAD GAMES
50 yrs young, 5' 10½", 175 lbs, good shape, attractive, passionate, active, works out, keeps busy, outgoing, open to new and different things, no head games, likes walks in the park, movies, seeks someone with similar qualities and interests, can connect one to one, passion is important. **AD#1634**

LET'S GO SURFING
Single male, 6' 3", 220 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, glasses, enjoys playing sports, golf, surfing the internet, watching TV, seeks female, 27-40 yrs, who enjoys golf, spending time with family, and having a good time. **AD#1060**

LOVING & CARING
Single male, 6' 1", 210 lbs, 39 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, handsome, clean shaven, kind, gentle, loves children, wide variety of interests, seeks female, 21-41 yrs, baby faced, soft milky skin, attractive, medium build, race not important, please be sure to leave your number. **AD#1303**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Single male, 48 yrs, humourous, employed, in the stocks trade, enjoys singing, dining and dancing, old movies, seeks female, nice, kind, considerate, good natured, status, not an issue. **AD#1067**

LOVE, HUGS & CUDDLES
Single Jewish male, 40+, grey blue eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, good sense of humour, enjoy the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, seeks female, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, orthodox preferred, intelligent, with similar interests. **AD#1188**

CALL ME
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue eyes, warm sincere, gentle, compassionate,good communicator, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking cooking, seeks female, orthodox, preferred, 35-45 yrs, intelligent, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1600**

FRIEND 1ST
Separated Jewish male, 63 yrs, 5' 11", self employed, new to Toronto enjoys, long walks, skating music, good sense of humour, seeks female, 45-55 yrs, professional, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1298**

LOVING AND CARING
Single male, 67 yrs, active, professional, semi-retired, caring, down to earth, enjoys fishing, cottage life, cooking, travel, seeks female, attractive, petite, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1401**

LOOKING FOR HONESTY
Young looking, good looking, self-employed, 48 yrs, old Jewish man, with brown hair, and eyes, and a great sense of humour, seeks someone who is, honest, Jewish, good looking, and who know when to speak up. **AD#1443**

GIVE ME A CALL
Divorced white male, retired, financially, secure, good sense of humour, enjoys dining and dancing, movies, travel, seeks female, 65 plus, slim, pretty, for loving relationship. **AD#1712**

LIFE IS A JOY
Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, mature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with. **AD#1295**

LIFE FILLED WITH FUN
Traditional Jewish male, 64 yrs, 5' 9", 168 lbs, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, slightly, tanned, divorced, doctor, compassionate, fun, upbeat, youthful, spiritual, resides in Florida, seeks youthful, Jewish female, 49-56 yrs, easy going, slim, sensuous, unencumbered, willing to move, Florida, and is ready for a quality lifestyle filled with fun. **AD#1632**

WANTS SOMEONE WHO IS EVOLVED
A fit, handsome, warm, creative, compassionate, 43 year old, Jewish male, seeks someone who is very evolved, loving, witty, determined, honest and somewhat intense. He is an independent thinker. **AD#1631**

DON'T OVERLOOK ME!
Single Jewish male, youthful, 70's, 5' 7", Silver hair, blue eyes, 175 lbs, semi, retired, romantic, honest, healthy, good sense of humour, seeks female, any age, caring, attractive, intelligent, slender, secure, for loving relationship. **AD#1296**

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Ken Kronson, chair of the Y Sports Dinner, and Paul Nusgart congratulating the nominees for the Jewish Athlete of the Year Award. From left to right: Ken Kronson, Dr. Allan Micflikier, representing his son, Jacob Micflikier, Josh Hechter, Jaimie Adelman, Elayna Hurtig, Paul Nusgart, Fern Yamron, Jill Swirsky.

Outstanding Winnipeg athletes named at annual Y dinner

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG —The annual Y dinner was held recently, but this year, the Athlete of the Year award was given to two athletes. The Idy and Max Nusgart Memorial Award was presented to budding hockey star Jacob Micflikier and all-round athlete Jill Swirsky.

The 18-year-old Swirsky, who just finished her first year of university, was the 2000 Manitoba Moose Provincial Female High School Athlete of the Year. She captained the basketball and volleyball teams at Garden City Collegiate and led the basketball team in scoring. She also played soccer and badminton, and was a track-and-field star, winning bronze medals in 3,000-metre, 1,500-metre, 800-metre and cross-country events. She is a graduate of the Hebrew bilingual program in north Winnipeg.

Micflikier, the son of one of Winnipeg's leading physicians, has been an all-star hockey player at all levels. Although only 16, he has played in international tournaments against teams from Russia, the Czech Republic and the United States. He is currently a student at Shattuck Prep School in Minnesota where he scored 41 goals and made 23 assists for the varsity hockey team, and he led the Shattuck-St. Mary's Sabres to the U.S. AAA Midget title. He is trying to catch on next season with the Brandon Wheat Kings of the Western Hockey League.

The other nominees this year for the Nusgart Award were Jamie Adelman, a budding 15-year-old tennis star and member of the Canadian tennis team who will compete in the Canadian Nationals later this year; Josh Hechter, another young hockey player who played for the Quesnel Millionaires of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League last season; track star Elayna Hurtig, who received an Athletics Manitoba Award of Excellence last year; and Fern Yamron, 27, one of the top female bowlers in Winnipeg.

This was the 29th annual dinner. Hal Bordy, executive director of the Rose and Max Rady Jewish Community Centre, the successor to the old YMHA, reports that the dinner drew about 800 people and raised over $65,000. The funds will be put towards Rady Centre children and seniors programming and summer camps and will help pay for new athletic equipment.

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Israeli cricketers vie for World Cup

TORONTO — Israel's top cricket players will be in Toronto at the end of the month to compete for the 2001 International Cricket Trophy.

Fifteen countries, including Canada, the United States, Scotland, Hong Kong, Bermuda and Namibia, will participate in the tournament. The top three teams qualify for next summer's World Cup of Cricket in South Africa.

Organizers are billing the Toronto event as the most important cricket tournament ever held in North America and the largest ever held anywhere in the world.

Israel will play a five-game round robin to determine whether it advances to the playoffs.

The brotherhood at Temple Har Zion will serve as a liaison for the Israeli team and will cheer on the Israelis, said Temple president Claude Heimann. The congregation and members of the Jewish community are being urged to attend the games and support the Israeli cricketers.

Israel's schedule is as follows:

June 28 versus Argentina at Eglinton Flats.

June 30 versus France at Eglinton Flats.

July 1 versus Malaysia at Sunnybrook Park.

July 4 versus East and Central Africa at the Ajax Cricket Club in Ajax, Ont.

July 6 versus Uganda at the Ajax Cricket Club.

All games begin at 10:45 a.m.

Memorial tournament showcases Jewish unity

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When he was alive, Joseph Edery could never accept that the Jewish people were fractured along lines of religious observance and that people seemed to focus on the differences between them and not on what brought them together.

Disunity troubled him, so when his sister Joyce organized a memorial tournament in his name, unity was the natural theme for the event.

About 100 young basketball players answered the call recently and got together at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre to play some three-on-three while paying their respects to Joseph.

Joseph died in a car accident about a year ago at age17.

"We wanted to do something in his memory," Joyce, 16, explained. "One of his goals was to create unity. He thought that people misjudged other people and he didn't like the differences between groups of Jews."

To honour his values, Jews from Orthodox, Conservative and Reform streams of Judaism were invited to the tournament, and there were even a few non-Jews from Joseph's old school, Vaughan Collegiate, who participated, she said.

Ironically, Joseph was not particularly into sports, but basketball offered the best chance of attracting young people, Joyce said.

Each participant was asked to ante up $10. Together with corporate and personal donations, the tournament raised about $2,000. The funds will go to partially subsidize three students for a year of study in Israel.

The event itself was organized by Joyce and a group of Joseph's teenage friends, including Uri Nadhim, Joobin Shemtov and Avi Ben-Zvi. David Abrahamovitz provided adult supervision.

ספרותנו

מאת: יעל זליגר

חדודה מיכל; סיפור לילדים מאת: מאיר שלו עם ציורים מאת: יוסי אבולעפיה. התנאת עם עובד.

חדודה מיכל הוא דגם מאוד מוצלח של שיתוף פעולה בין הסופר והמאייר. וכך צריך להיות בספרות לילדים. המילים צריכות להשאיר את רשות הדיבור והדמיון לאיורים ולהפך. לא צריך להיות יודע גדול בפסיכולוגיה חינוכית על מנת להבין את סוגיית ריבוי סוגי אינטליגנציה ותפיסה אצל ילדים. את הדודה מיכל הילד יכול לקרוא שוב ושוב הן דרך המילים והן דרך התמונות הגדושות בפרטי העלילה. חדוות היצירה המשותפת ניכרת אצל שלו ואבולעפייה והתוצאה: סיפור מצויין.

מיכל היא ילדה בת חמש שאוהבת להסתובב ברגליים יחפות, לטפס על עצים ושערה באור השמש בוער כמו אש. יש לה צחוק ענקי ורם. אבא מכנה אותה: פרא אדם. אמא כועסת: "מיכל כל היום לטפס! לרוץ בשדות! להרביץ לילדים! שוב נפלת מראש העץ! שוב קרעת את הבגדים!" מיכל אמנם ציירה ציור נחמד לאמא אבל בלפיסטיק אדום על הסדינים הלבנים.

למיכל אחות שגדולה ממנה בשנים רשמה על. האחות הגדולה מחזקת עוד יותר את הדימוי התמהוני והשלילי של מיכל. בניגוד למיכל, יעל הבוגרת מנומסת, נקיה ומסודרת. "ימאז שהיא נולדה, יעלי נהדרת" אמא אומרת. הצצה באלבום התמונות מספרת תכל; הנה תמונה של יעל במדים, חניכה מצטיינת בקורס קצונה וחנה עוד תמונה, מליל הסדר; מכבי-האש מורידים את מיכל מהגג; "היא הרסה לכולם את התי"... כך אמרו.

אך יום אחד בא המחפך. האחות הגדולה התחתנה "עם הבחור שלה - המוצלח, הגבוה, היפה, החכם" ונולדו לה תיכף ומיד תאומים. מיכל מאוד נרגשת והיא מאמצת את תיפקודה כדודה באופן רציני ומחייב. "יש ילדות שנולדו דודות ויש דודות שצריכות ללמוד." את התרגול "להיות דודה" היא לוקחת מכל הדודות במשפחה. היא משתתפת בשיחות על זיקנה, בעיות פרנסה ופוליטיקה. היא לומדת איך לתת נשיקות רטובות ואיך לצבוט את הלחי. היא כבר יודעת למלמל "ברוך השם, הקטנים גדלים...וככה זה בחיים...".

שנה חלפה ומיכל בת שש והיא אכן דודה למופת. היא יודעת לחתל את התאומים ולטפל בהם במלוא הדאגה. אלא שהחיוך כמעט נעלם מפניה. רק בחלומותיה היא נזכרת בפרחים, בסתר נרקיסים ורקפות והיא מיכל של אז, ברגלים יחפות קופצת בין סלעים.

וכך עובר הזמן עד שיום אחד אמא מכריזה: "נמאס! בתור דודה את ממש טובה, אבל בתור את, את נראית לי קצת עצובה." נכון מאוד אומר אבא, "את כבר לא אותה מיכל, עוד מעט תאפי עוגות בוועד למען החיל... אני רוצה את השדה שלי בחזרה."

זה כמובן סופו הטוב של הסיפור; בעידודם של הוריה, מיכל תוזרת לעצמה. ועוד יותר טוב, לאחיינים הקטנים תהיה מעתה דודה שתשתולל אתם בשדות, תתגלגל עמם בבוץ והם יאהבו את דודה פרא אדם ושד משחת וצחוקם יהיה אף הוא, גדול ורם.

שיעור טוב ונוגע ללב לנו, למבוגרים, בכל האמור לעומס ציפיות שיש לנו לעתים מילדים.

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About Food

Dear Norene

If you're looking for flavourful ways to include easy, healthy recipes in your meal planning, check out *Nettie's Vegetarian Kitchen* (Second Story Press) by Nettie Cronish of Toronto. It provides down-to-earth information on vegetarian cooking and is an excellent resource. You'll find delicious recipes, from hearty main courses to delectable desserts, including Picnic Nori Rolls, Vegetarian Moussaka and Sesame Banana Cookies.

Nettie teaches vegetarian cooking classes, and is a former health spa chef and a founding member of Women's Culinary Network in Toronto. She says, "Salads don't have to be rabbit food; with a little imagination and decent leftovers, they can be transformed."

Here are two simple salads from her book that are perfect for summer – or any time!

BROCCOLI WITH ROASTED PEPPERS, OLIVES & FETA CHEESE

1 large bunch broccoli
2 tbsp. olive oil
⅓ cup olives, pitted and sliced
1 roasted red pepper, diced
1 tsp. dried marjoram
2 tbsp. chopped fresh dill
⅓ cup feta cheese, crumbled
2 tbsp. toasted pumpkin seeds
pinch of pepper

Cut broccoli into fairly large florets. Steam for 3 to 5 minutes, until tender-crisp. Rinse under cold water to stop cooking.

Heat oil with sliced garlic in a large skillet. Remove garlic when browned and add steamed broccoli, olives, peppers, marjoram and dill. Cook until just heated through.

Sprinkle feta, lemon juice and pumpkin seeds over broccoli and toss to coat. Add pepper to taste. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 4 servings.

TABBOULEH KASHA

1 cup kasha
½ tsp. salt
4 green onions, chopped
¼ cup chopped parsley
2 tbsp. chopped fresh coriander
1 small carrot, grated
1 cup corn
2 cloves garlic, minced
⅓ cup lemon juice
1 tbsp. soy sauce
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
1 large tomato, sliced in small wedges
¼ cup green olives, sliced

Toast kasha in dry skillet over medium heat, stirring constantly, until kasha turns amber and smells fragrant, about 5 minutes. Bring 2 cups water to a boil, add toasted kasha and salt. Cover and simmer 10 minutes, until water is absorbed. Cool.

Combine green onions, parsley, coriander, carrot and corn. Toss; add to kasha. Whisk together garlic, lemon juice, soy sauce and oil. Pour over kasha mixture; stir together. Garnish with tomato slices. Sprinkle with olives. Chill 30 minutes. Serve on lettuce-lined plates. Makes 6 servings.

Norene Gilletz is a Canadian author of kosher cookbooks, including MealLeaniYumm! (All That's Missing is the Fat). She gives lectures and cooking demonstrations throughout North America. Submit cooking questions to The CJN. *Contact Norene at goodfood@gourmania.com.*

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The Canadian Jewish news

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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1 "High Hopes" lyricist
5 Sends packing
9 Cartoonist Feiffer
14 Prefix with gram or logue
15 October birthstone
16 East Germany's Honecker
17 Sassy
18 Sephardic lad
19 Hang up again
20 Gershwin standard
23 Biblical palindrome
24 One of Barbara's ABC colleagues
25 Striped worker
28 Much US aid to Israel
31 Loses steam, as a flower
35 Working hard
37 He fought the Nazis in Yugoslavia
39 Heart adjunct
41 Everything
44 Prime Minister Zubi's land
45 About 2.2 pounds
46 Zeta __ Tau (Jewish fraternity)
47 "Wonder Woman" Carter
49 Zippo
51 Singer Friedman, for short
52 Passover's mo., in 2000
54 Corn or peas: abbr.
56 Jewish "The Simpsons" character
64 "Growing ___" (Tracey Gold's show)
65 Mezuzah location
66 Shout heard at sea
67 Disraeli acquired it for England
68 ___ *V'Emunah*
69 Letter start
70 Saw things
71 The Rosenbergs, supposedly
72 Not quite 41-across

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2 "Saving Private Ryan" actor Goldberg
3 '96 Pulitzer-winner Caen
4 Part of a Paris building
5 Mendelssohn work
6 "...baked in ___"
7 Grandma
8 Felix Unger couldn't stand them
9 Leonard Bernstein's ___ *Symphony*
10 Chemistry Nobelist Harold
11 Beach resort
12 Beige
13 Unlike Bette Midler
21 Actress Gardner
22 Breyer's field
25 "Ay gevalt!"
26 ___ alcohol
27 Like much Middle East rhetoric
29 Kashrut word
30 Game show host Ben
32 Bausch's partner
33 Trapped
34 Israel, since '48
36 Esau or Jacob
38 Frogner Park's city
40 "Empty Quarter" resident
42 American Zionist women's organization
43 Elizabeth Taylor and others
48 "___ Pupil" (1998 movie about the Holocaust)
50 "That mouse is going to get me!"
53 Winona born Horowitz
55 *The Voyage* composer
56 Carol of "The Princess Bride"
57 Trailblazer for Resnik
58 Apartment, to real estate agents
59 Mailer's *Harlot's Ghost*, e.g.
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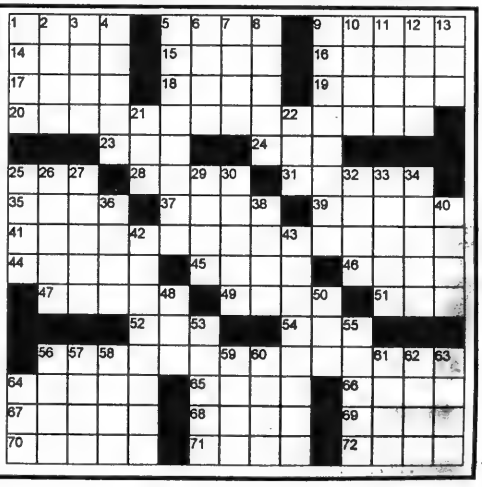

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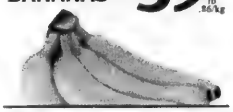

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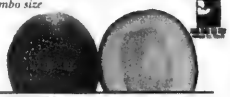

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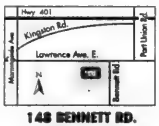

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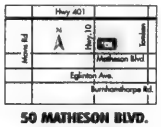

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Asper slams Canada's ME policy

By FRANCES KRAFT and RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporters

TORONTO — Media mogul Israel Asper strongly condemned the Canadian government for its policy on Israel in a blunt speech at a tribute dinner in his honour last week.

The Winnipeg-based executive chair of CanWest Global Communications Corp. told the audience of about 900 people that it was "a dismaying sight" to watch foreign affairs minister John Manley – "either a prisoner of naiveté or political opportunism, embracing this war criminal, [Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser] Arafat – on Mr. Manley's recent visit to the Middle East."

Speaking at a June 18 Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem dinner at the National Trade Centre, Exhibition Place, Asper referred to Canada's "shameful and wrong-headed policy on Israel, as represented by its pro-Palestinian votes at the United Nations."

One of his objectives in speaking out, said Asper in a phone interview with *The CJN* last week, was to "urge the government of Canada publicly to reveal and abandon its attempt at even-handedness, when there are clearly good guys and bad guys. You can be even-handed in a dispute where you don't know all the facts. But where the facts are patently obvious, it behooves a government of integrity to take a position."

Asper minced few words in his speech to the Hebrew U friends. Arafat and his "brutal" colleagues, he said, "are the voice, the arm and the fist of their terrorist-sponsoring state partners, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Lebanon and Syria."

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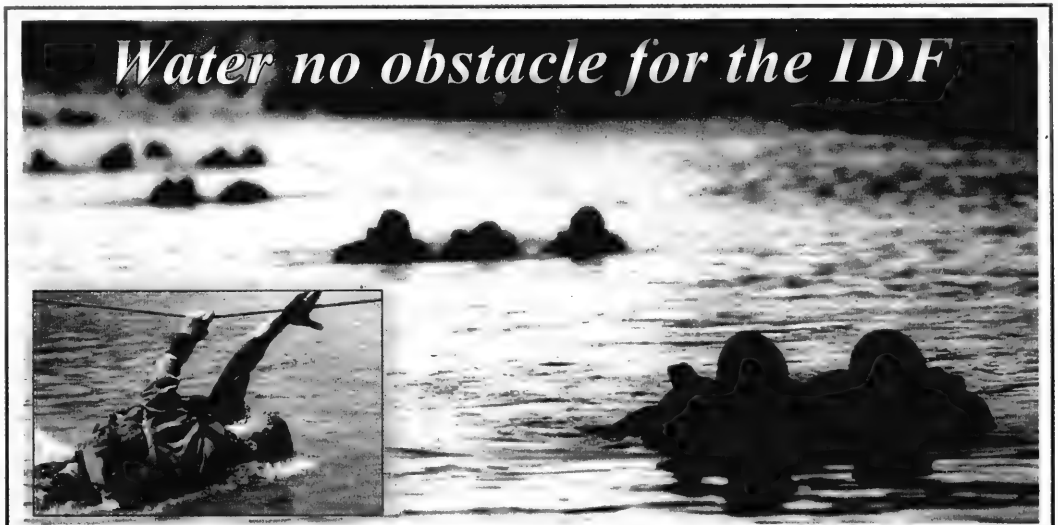

The "Yael" special unit of the Israel Defence Forces practises passing a water obstacle. (The inset photo has been altered to protect the identity of the soldier.) Volunteer special forces such as Yael have played a very important role in Israel's history. In this issue of *The CJN*, we commemorate and recall one of the most successful operations ever undertaken by Israel's special military forces; the Entebbe rescue. *[Israel Sun photo]*

The CJN wins Quebec award

MONTREAL – For the fifth year in a row, *The Canadian Jewish News* has been named Best Overall Specialty Publication by the Quebec Community Newspapers Association (QCNA).

The awards were announced at the QCNA annual general meeting held in Laval.

The QCNA represents 32 English and bilingual publications throughout the province.

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The News in Brief

Canada

Lastman Apologizes

TORONTO — Mayor Mel Lastman apologized last week for an allegedly racist statement about his recent visit to Kenya, where Toronto 2008 Olympic Games officials lobbied African International Olympic Committee delegates. Earlier this month, the mayor jokingly expressed fear of being "in a pot of boiling water with all these natives dancing around me." In a statement last week, Lastman said the comment "was made off the cuff and was never intended to offend anyone. I should not have made this comment. I wish to extend my apologies to anyone who was offended by my comments. I am sincerely sorry for any offense I have caused."

Hate Material

BROOKS, Alberta — Local citizens were shocked recently when a U.S.-based hate group, the National Alliance, distributed pamphlets in the town, southeast of Calgary. Over 30 flyers and posters proclaiming, "Too White to be Hate Crime Victims" were reported to the RCMP, according to B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights.

Training for Military

TORONTO — Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee, has been chosen by the Canadian military for its extensive experience in global humanitarian and medical relief to train an elite squad of military medical personnel for emergency deployment of small field hospitals and the treatment and study of various diseases. On June 18, health care professionals associated with Ve'ahavta conducted a series of seminars at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa.

Book Launch

TORONTO — Immigration minister Elinor Caplan last week helped launch *From Immigration to Integration, the Canadian Jewish Experience: A Millennium Edition*, a book released by B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs, part of Canada's millennium initiative.

Tapes Raise Ire

OTTAWA — The narrator of an evangelical Christian videotape mailed anonymously to more than 150 Jewish homes in Ottawa this month says he's "appalled" by the mailing and is trying to find out who's behind its distribution. The videotapes, containing a 10-part series called *Israel in Prophecy* produced by the Texas Media Centre, were mailed in brown envelopes with U.S. postage. There was no return address on the packages, sent to Jewish households and some non-Jewish homes.

Israel

Yesha's Call

JERUSALEM — A group representing Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip urged right-wing parties that belong to coalition to bolt the unity government. The Yesha Council cited Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's policy of restraint in dealing with Palestinian violence.

Sperm Bank?

JERUSALEM — An Israeli group has proposed setting up a sperm bank for Israeli soldiers to protect their ability to have children in the event of injuries suffered during military service. The New Family organization said the sperm bank also would enable army widows and wives of MIAs to have children from their spouses.

World

New Book

MOSCOW — A book on Russian-Jewish relations by Alexander Solzhenitsyn debuted in Moscow bookstores this month. In an interview, the Nobel Prize-winning author said he expects the book to spark controversy.

Gay Fund

CHICAGO — This city's Jewish federation is establishing what is believed to be the first federation fund in North America designated for gay and lesbian needs.

Dynamite Sales

MADRID — A militant Basque separatist group sold dynamite to Hamas last year, according to a Spanish newspaper. But some of the explosives Hamas purchased from the Basque group ETA could not be used because of its poor quality, according to *El Mundo*.

Scientists Apologize

BERLIN — A German scientific society has apologized to the victims of medical experiments carried out during the Nazi era. As part of its efforts to come to terms with the past, the Max Planck Society invited former victims to attend a reconciliation ceremony later this month in Germany.

Remembering the 'King of Kensington'

TORONTO — An MPP and a downtown businessman are spearheading a campaign to erect a statue and a memorial garden in the heart of Kensington Market in memory of award-winning actor Al Waxman.

The garden and full-size bronze statue will be placed in Bellevue Square in front of the Kiever shul, hopefully some time in the spring of 2002, said MPP Mike Colle.

Colle, along with Tom Mihalik, proprietor of Tom's Place on Baldwin Avenue, kicked off the project on May 30 and so far they have collected more than $20,000 towards the estimated cost of $80,000.

Waxman died unexpectedly in January at age 65 from complications resulting from heart surgery. His funeral witnessed an outpouring of grief as he was remembered as a proud Canadian, a great actor and a real mentsch who gave immigrants pride in their heritage.

Waxman had the lead role on the 1970s TV show *King of Kensington*.

Response to the fund-raising effort has been widespread, with hundreds of people donating amounts as low as $5 and $10, Colle said.

"We knew and respected Al Waxman, so we said, why not do something in the market, which was so close to him and a part of his life, to commemorate this great Canadian.

"We wanted to celebrate his great life and what he meant to us. Al Waxman made us feel comfortable as new Canadians in our own country and proud of our heritage."

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Tuition subsidy form reviewed after complaints

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Many parents opening up Jewish day school applications this year found new tuition subsidy forms included in their packages.

"This form differs from every form that I have ever seen before in the detail that it requires," says York University Prof. Martin Lockshin.

The six-page questionnaire was recently adopted by Associated Hebrew Day Schools, the Bnei Akiva schools, Leo Baeck Day School and Netivot HaTorah. The Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) has been using the form for the past four years.

This specific UJA FEDERATION Board of Jewish Education's (BJE) questionnaire asks for unprecedented detail such as amounts spent on groceries, toiletries, household supplies and grooming, Lockshin said.

It is very difficult for many families to seek community support for their children's education in the first place. Lockshin believes that this application adds further humiliation for no valid reason.

After receiving complaints about the form, BJE's executive director Seymour Epstein decided to take it back to committee for reconsideration.

"I agreed with the complaints that the questions were demeaning," Epstein said, adding that it was decided after committee consultations that the "UJA would take all steps to remove the communal name from the form and recommend to the schools that the form never be used in the first instance."

The BJE is suggesting that the schools go back to the more limited form which was used by many of the schools until this year, and that the more intrusive form be required only in special cases where more information is needed.

However, because the BJE is not a public board and doesn't control the schools, it would be up to each individual school to decide which of the two forms to use, Epstein said.

The decision by the schools to implement the forms this year may have been based on a desire for standardization. Since CHAT had already been using the forms for several years, it was felt by the other schools that they should follow suit.

Brian Lass, current CHAT president and former chair of the tuition committee, feels that for many families it is the process of applying for financial assistance itself that is difficult. Once that decision is made, Lass said, intrusive questions won't keep parents from applying to Jewish day schools. However, CHAT will look at the issue again and may decide to remove some of the questions, he said.

All parties agree that finding the right balance between fiscal responsibility and treating people with compassion and mentschlichkeit is always hard.

Bernard Shoub, BJE director of school finances, said that while the primary responsibility for the education of a child lies with the parents, the community attempts to assist those families who cannot afford full fees.

The forms are distributed in an effort to direct community resources to those who honestly need the finances.

"If [the system] becomes fiscally irresponsible, the community and the school is put in financial danger," Epstein said. "If you become overly demeaning and insulting to parents, you violate a very important value."

Most people – those who work on subsidy committees and those who apply for assistance – are good-hearted and honest, Shoub said.

And in most situations the general handling of this particular piece of community work is done quite well. On the other hand, when inappropriate forms are used or when committee members become rude in their investigations, the balance has clearly been violated, Epstein said.

Indeed, Lockshin said it is a very important tenet of Jewish tradition not to humiliate those who need help. And for many people, the level of detail required on these forms is demeaning.

In today's environment, part of the problem may be that many of us find it difficult to justify subsidizing those who earn an income of $80,000 to $120,000. However, a family with an income of $100,000 with three kids in Jewish day schools needs help, Lockshin said.

"Throughout rabbinic literature, one of the big questions for the community has been regarding the giving of charity and the standard of living that a recipient of communal aid should receive."

In deciding between fiscal responsibility and personal compassion, Lockshin feels that it would be more Judaic to err on the side of compassion.

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Aspects of Entebbe

From the editor's desk

These are difficult times for Israel and its supporters around the world. Israelis yearn to make peace with the Palestinians, but the Palestinian leadership resists. Israel strives to resist war, but the Palestinian leadership seems intent on no other course.

Without any apparent immediate or medium-term solution for this worrisome, potentially very bloody dilemma, Israel and Israelis conduct their daily lives under a sense of crisis.

The future is cloudy. Sometimes, however, we can find, in the past, a light to help us shine a path through those clouds.

Twenty five years ago this week, on the 6th day of Tammuz (July 4th), the Israel Defence Forces travelled more than 4,000 kilometers to Entebbe, Uganda to rescue more than 100 Jewish men, women and children being held hostage there.

It is important we remember that historical moment.

In this issue of *The CJN*, therefore, in addition to this page, readers will find items about the Entebbe rescue in the editorial, Perspectives and Jewish Life pages.

This column recounts a number of different aspects of the rescue.

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Consistent with the moral inversion that beset the United Nations after the Six-Day War of 1967, Israel was brought before the "bar of justice" in the Security Council on complaints by members of the Organization of African States, including Egypt and Uganda, for having committed an act of aggression against Uganda in the rescue of the Jewish hostages.

Israel's ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog, delivered an impassioned and powerful defence of the Jewish State. In the process, he exposed the vulgar and vicious ruler of Uganda, Idi Amin, to have been thoroughly complicit in the hijacking even from the planning stages. (The full text of Ambassador Herzog's address appears in *Who Stands Accused? Israel Answers its Critics*, Chaim Herzog, Random House, 1978.)

In the course of his fiery remarks, Ambassador Herzog said: "It has fallen to the lot of my small country, embattled as we are, facing the problems which we do, to demonstrate to the world that there is an alternative to surrender to terrorism and to blackmail.

Last photo of Yoni

"…We come with a simple message to the Council. We are proud of what we have done because we have demonstrated to the world that in a small country in Israel's circumstances… the dignity of man, human life and human freedom constitute the highest values. We are proud not only because we have saved the lives of over one hundred innocent people… but because of the significance of our act for the cause of human freedom."

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Ambassador Herzog also made the following telling point. "…some delegations have tended to ignore the group which organized this hijacking – namely, the PLO. The PLO has issued a statement disassociating itself from this operation. This is a lie. The PFLP, to which the hijackers belonged, is a constituent member of the PLO. Members [of the Security Council] will recall in the past, the PLO denied any knowledge of the Black September organization, although Yasser Arafat's second-in-command actually commanded it."

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Three of the hostages lost their lives in the operation. Another hostage, 73-year-old Dora Bloch, was dragged from her Kampala hospital where she had been taken during the hostage ordeal after choking on some food. She was savagely beaten and murdered by Idi Amin's men.

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Sergeant Sorin Herscu, an immigrant from Romania and nearing the time of his release from the IDF when he volunteered for the Entebbe operation, was wounded in the spine. As a result, he became quadriplegic. In 1990, he was working as a computer operator.

Lieutenant Colonel Yonatan (Yoni) Netanyahu, the commander of the rescue operation, was the only IDF soldier killed.

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Shlomo Gazit, then chief of military intelligence, summarized the rescue with these words. "The operation was a brilliant military victory, reflecting imagination, daring, courage and professional skill of the highest quality anywhere in the world. The success of the main objective of the mission – storming the terminal building, wiping out the captors and guards and speedily liberating the hostages so that nearly all of them remain unharmed – must be credited in decisive measure to the commander of the force who planned, prepared and rehearsed the breakthrough, that is to the credit of Yoni."

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REMEMBERING MATTI: Toronto city councillor Mike Feldman and Olga Baranovski last week unveiled a plaque in memory of Matti Baranovski. The marker is near the spot where the Jewish teenager was beaten to death in G. Ross Lord Park in 1999. [Ron Csillag photo]

Greater Toronto Area

Yad Vashem slammed for choice of Clinton

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem is being accused of showing insensitivity to the Rwandan genocide by inviting former U.S. President Bill Clinton to address a major fund-raising event in Toronto this week.

Representatives of the Rwandan community say Clinton should be the last person to address an organization that memorializes Holocaust victims, because he did so little to prevent the Rwandan genocide in which as many as one million people were killed in a three-month span.

Rwandan expatriates and their supporters promised to picket Clinton's appearance at the fund-raiser, which was scheduled for Monday evening at the Hummingbird Centre in downtown Toronto.

A spokesperson for the Yad Vashem society, while acknowledging the tragic events in Rwanda, rejected critiques of their choice of Clinton. "Our event was never intended to become a platform for politics. As a charitable organization, we find this disheartening," said Marilyn Somers, executive director of the Canadian Yad Vashem society.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Keith Landy said Clinton has already apologized for America's lack of action and that others too – including UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, the Belgian government and even Canada – could have done more. But it is improper to denigrate Yad Vashem over its choice of Clinton, he said.

Rwandans in Toronto, who lost family in the 1994 genocide, described the issue raised by the Yad Vashem invitation to Clinton as a moral one.

In past speeches on the Holocaust, Clinton intoned the phrase, "never again," which speaks about preventing mass murders. Yet "when he was in power he did not do anything about [the Rwandan genocide]," said Gilbert Gatali.

"Clinton is not the right person to talk about [the Holocaust] because of his moral record," said Juliet Karugahe. "He was completely cowardly in the face of genocide."

Karugahe, who recently participated in the March of Remembrance and Hope, a mission that brought international students to witness Nazi death camps in Poland, said she supports Yad Vashem's goal of raising funds for a Wall of Remembrance. She urges the Rwandan community to help the organization attain that goal. She said she understands Yad Vashem chose Clinton as a high profile speaker who could help it reach its financial goals.

"But I don't think the end justifies the means. It's an immoral way to get a moral end," she said.

Somers said the decision to invite Clinton – who commands a $100,000 (US) fee – "is based on his familiarity with Yad Vashem and all it stands for, as well as his obvious affinity for Israel. We expect his appearance will raise awareness of our organization and specifically the Holocaust Wall of Remembrance."

Rwandan Leo Kabalisa, who lost 82 relatives in the genocide, including four brothers and his father, said it would be hypocritical for Clinton to speak about the Holocaust. "When he was president and had a Security Council vote, he refused to send UN troops to Rwanda," he said.

Kabalisa's wife, Melanie Simons, who is Jewish, recently completed a thesis on the Rwanda genocide. Simons said the UN Security Council knew about events in Rwanda and were warned by UN personnel on the ground that events were about to unravel. "President Clinton had the power to act and he did not. In my opinion, it was because there was no American stake in Rwanda, no mineral or oil. Strategically, it is not an important area."

Nazi hunter Efraim Zuroff, head of the Jerusalem office of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said Rwandan critics of Clinton "are 100 percent right in terms of their assessment of his role in the Rwandan genocide. He bears a certain amount of indirect responsibility for the failure of the world to stop that genocide.

"I understand their frustration and rage but I don't think he should be disqualified."

Clinton subsequently travelled to Rwanda and apologized for the U.S. inaction, Zuroff said. (Rwandans interviewed by *The CJN* called the apology "arrogant" and unsatisfactory.) The creation of the International Tribunal on Rwanda, which prosecutes war criminals, would never have been established without U.S. support.

"And I have no doubt that the decision to send troops to Kosovo was a result of the lessons learned in Rwanda and Bosnia," he said.

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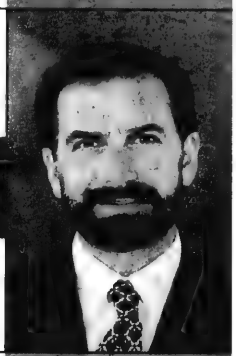

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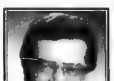

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Greater Toronto Area

Sudden board decision leaves Lodzer without a rabbi

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation has been without a spiritual leader as of June 1.

Members of the 250-family synagogue – which is unaffiliated but holds traditional Conservative-style services – were notified last November that Rabbi Ronnie Cahana's employment contract would be completed on Aug. 31 and that he would continue to fulfil his obligations to the congregation until that time.

But on the morning of May 31, the mother of a boy who celebrated his bar mitzvah on June 2 was notified by phone that Rabbi Cahana was no longer with the synagogue. Instead, Rabbi Louis Schechter, Rabbi Cahana's predecessor, who retired in 1998, was brought in from Texas for two weeks.

"You can imagine my shock," said the mother, who did not wish to be identified. The previous night, her family had been with Rabbi Cahana at the synagogue for the bar mitzvah rehearsal. When they left for home at 9 p.m., there was no indication that anything was amiss, she said, adding that the decision was apparently made that night.

Board members are tight-lipped about the reason behind their decision to discontinue the rabbi's service to the synagogue. Attempts to interview president Sidney Silver were not successful.

In its letter to members dated Nov. 1, 2000, the board of directors wrote that the decision not to renew the rabbi's contract was "based on several considerations, the most substantial being financial."

The letter thanked Rabbi Cahana and his wife Karen for their warmth and dedication and wished the family well in future endeavours.

Rabbi Cahana, who headed a Conservative congregation in Gothenberg, Sweden, before moving here, is still teaching bar mitzvah students and has officiated at a wedding that was not held in the synagogue, he confirmed recently.

"I considered it to be holy work to be part of a Holocaust community," he said. In fact, he still attends daily services at the Lodzer. "Whatever this issue is, it's not something I understand."

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Board distances self from 'racist' material

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — Facing increasing pressure, the chair of the York Region District School Board has publicly distanced the board from the actions of a member of its race relations advisory committee who distributed anti-Semitic material.

At a board meeting last week, Bill Crothers read a statement in which he said the actions of Bader Abu-Zahra were "antithetical to the principles on which the board has been built."

The board "dissociates itself from the distribution of anti-Semitic materials in any form, to any group operating under the board's auspices, at any time, under any circumstances," Crothers stated.

Abu-Zahra's actions "were taken without the knowledge of the board. Had the materials in question been submitted to the board prior to their distribution, they would never have been approved. We strongly criticize this action."

The controversy was sparked in April, at a board-sponsored conference on teaching racism. At a workshop on teaching the Holocaust, Abu-Zahra handed out copies of a review of Norman Finkelstein's book *The Holocaust Industry – Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering*, which argues that Jews use the Holocaust for political and financial gain.

Alan Shefman, a school trustee and chair of the race relations committee, called the material "a sophisticated form of anti-Semitism," and he asked for Abu-Zahra's immediate resignation.

Abu-Zahra refused to quit, saying Shefman's demands "only confirm Finkelstein's point."

In May, race relations committee members voted 12-9 that Abu-Zahra should not be removed from the volunteer post.

Canadian Jewish Congress then got involved, saying further action against Abu-Zahra was needed. Crothers said he would welcome any resolution, short of removing Abu-Zahra from the committee.

Ed Morgan, chair of CJC's Ontario region, welcomed Crothers' statement last week. Morgan said he feels Abu-Zahra should be removed from his post, "but we're willing to discuss it further."

CJC, board members and Shefman are scheduled to meet this week to further take up the matter.

Greater Toronto Area

Beit Rayim and Adath Sholom to tie the knot

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It may seem like a mixed marriage, but members of the egalitarian Conservative Beit Rayim Synagogue in Richmond Hill and the traditional Conservative-style Adath Sholom Synagogue in Toronto have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a merger.

The two congregations plan to build a synagogue in a new Thornhill development just east of Bathurst Street, south of Highway 407.

Pending government approval of the merger and the building plans, the new synagogue, which has yet to be named, is expected to be built on a 2.5-acre lot in time for Rosh Hashanah 2003. Until that time the synagogues will operate in their current facilities – Adath Sholom on Sheppard Ave. W., and Beit Rayim in rented premises on Bayview Ave.

The land purchase is set to close on Nov. 1.

The synagogue will be affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, as is Beit Rayim, and will hold egalitarian services. It would be the first such synagogue in Vaughan.

Adath Sholom members have "fully embraced our approach," said Harris Korn, chair of the communications team for the combined entity. The decision to merge was endorsed by well over 80 percent of voters, he said.

Beit Rayim practices "voluntary egalitarianism," according to Doron Kaminski, a co-chair of the merger committee. Women are counted as part of a minyan, receive aliyot, wear tallitot and read from the Torah, but the customs are "embraced only by those members who feel they wish to participate," he clarified.

The merger is a "wonderful" match, said Korn. "A lot of the members in Adath Sholom are seniors, and they want a home for their children. We look to them as a group that can bring a lot of history. We're a young and growing congregation looking to have a permanent home. They look to Beit Rayim because we're a young congregation and they see the opportunity to join with us to secure a future for their congregation."

Beit Rayim was established in 1992, and Adath Sholom dates back to 1926 when it was established as a social club called the Young Men's Minsker Farband.

Adath Sholom's late president, Mike Rogow, who died recently, had a vision of the congregation being revitalized by joining with a young congregation in York Region, according to a news release from the two synagogues. "We regret that his recent passing made it impossible for him to see the realization of this dream," said Mark Lockwood, the synagogue's executive director, in the news release.

"Our shared goal is to build a new, vibrant home for our congregations, a place where we, our children and future generations can share in the haymishe tradition and philosophy that we are all so proud of," said Kaminski in the release.

Although the size of the building has yet to be determined, it would have enough space to accommodate all existing congregants (about 300 families from Beit Rayim and about 250 families from Adath Sholom) and have room for growth, said Korn.

Ronda Goldberg, president of Beit Rayim, and the late Mike Rogow, past president of Adath Sholom, sign documents earlier this year to mark the merger of the two synagogues. They are joined by Stan Saltzman, Chairman of the Board of Adath Sholom (standing, left) and Jack Holder, a co-chair of the merger committee.

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All who love freedom and believe in the inherent dignity of man, will remember with reverence and awe that unbelievable moment 25 years ago when the news bulletin flashed across television screens. The Israel Defence Forces had rescued the more than 100 hostages from their captivity at the Entebbe airport in Uganda.

The date was the sixth day of Tammuz in the Hebrew calendar, July 4, 1976. Americans were celebrating their bicentennial and in one of those profoundly inspiring ironies that history records very infrequently, Israel had given the Americans, indeed, the entire freedom-loving world, the most precious of all celebratory gifts: a breathtaking, heart-rending affirmation that freedom must eventually triumph over enslavement, just as good must eventually triumph over evil.

It was a rare occasion of the highest human significance when resolve, courage dignity and freedom met. For the Jewish people of course, the occasion held extra meaning and extra significance.

On Sunday, June 27, 1976, Air France Flight 139, carrying 256 passengers and a crew of 12, en route from Tel Aviv to Paris, was hijacked shortly after a stopover in Athens, where armed PLO thugs were able to board the plane.

After a forced landing in Libya, the plane settled down in the Entebbe airport in Uganda.

Two days later, on June 29, the hijackers made known their demands: the release of 52 convicted terrorists, 40 from Israeli jails, five from West Germany, six from Kenya and one from Switzerland.

Two days after that, under the supervision of Ugandan soldiers, the hijackers completed the separation of the Jewish from the non-Jewish passengers. The non-Jewish passengers, except for the crew, who chose to remain with the Jews, were sent safely back to Paris.

That singularly sinister and evil act caused an explosion of light and purpose in the metaphysics of Jewish history that every single Jew on earth understood at that horrible moment. The choice was clear: "We shall not die, but live."

The four indispensible strands of the modern Jewish condition – peoplehood, sovereignty, empowerment and justice – intertwined in a fourfold cord, binding the shield to the sword on the outstretched arm of the IDF. That arm, through the darkened skies of night, dared to reach some 4,000 kilometres to bring freedom to 103 Jews held captive for no reason other than that they were Jews.

Some years later, Chaim Herzog summed up the extra meaning and significance for Jews of that rare occasion. "The lesson of Entebbe is that, as opposed to the situation in the past, wherever Jews are in danger, they know that someone is worrying about them. They may sometimes find themselves living in fear, but never again do they have to live without hope."

Hope, indeed, because of Israel and especially on behalf of Israel, must now occupy the centre of modern Jewish life.

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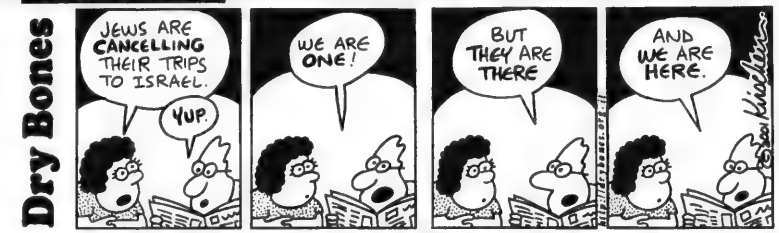

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Israel not just a vacation resort

"Am I my brother's keeper?" This is the question which Jews from around the world must ask themselves as they withdraw from scheduled trips to Israel. Distancing themselves from the Jewish State may be equated to the abandoning of an injured soldier.

The Israeli people are currently facing their most difficult situation since 1948. It is now that they are most in need of support and encouragement.

The intifadah has unmasked a disheartening picture of what Israel means to certain Jews in the Diaspora who act as if it's some sort of Caribbean resort which is unfit for vacation when service is not up to par. For them, Israel is only a luxury. But Israel is a necessity for the safe continuation of the Jewish people. It has the responsibility of keeping Jews and Judaism united and respected as well as safe.

Now is the time for Jews all over the world to assume their responsibility towards the Jewish State, and to support the country not only as it flourishes, but as it stumbles, too.

Oren Tapiero
Montreal

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Cancellations are justified

Montreal high schools are doing the right thing by cancelling their trips to Israel.

The non-cancellation of trips has caused unnecessary tension between parents and children. Kids at this age think they are invincible, that no harm will come to them. Parents' concern for their children's safety is seen by the children as just an overreaction.

Israel has gone through many crises and violent uprisings, but the events of the past nine months have been extremely disturbing and brutal. The bombings and the attacks are no longer confined to the outskirts of the desert; they are happening all over the country, in places most frequently visited by tourists and students.

As a parent, I can only imagine the mental anguish and emotional roller-coaster I would experience if I had a child travelling there at this time.

Such a trip should be uplifting and joyous, filled with a sense of pride and celebration at who we are and where we come from. Having to look over your shoulder at every crossroad and every public place is definitely not a way to see and experience the Jewish State.

As Jews, it is our moral obligation and duty to visit Israel, but not at the expense of our children's lives.

Anita Vatch-Altman
Dollard des Ormeaux, Que.

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Reporters, investigate Hobeika

Why do reporters continue to lay blame on Ariel Sharon for the Sabra and Shatilla massacres?

Why don't they lay the direct responsibility on the perpetrators themselves: the Christian militiamen and the commander of Christian forces who carried out the Sabra and Shatilla massacres, a Lebanese named Elie Hobeika?

Why don't reporters investigate Hobeika, who was a Syrian double agent at the time?

Yes, an Israeli state commission found that Sharon bore indirect responsibility because he was the Israeli military commander at the time. But neither Hobeika nor any other Lebanese perpetrators were ever brought to trial by Lebanon or any other criminal court.

Israel alone, the only democratic state in the region, felt the moral obligation to investigate whether an Israeli had any link to the crime. It did not have the jurisdiction to investigate the Lebanese for their involvement.

Reporters should investigate why Lebanon and Syria do not feel a similar moral obligation to reveal the truth and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Gabe Gewurtz
Toronto

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Adding to Wallenberg story

As the president of the Raoul Wallenberg International Movement for Humanity, I wish to point out some shortcomings in the article about the declaration of Wallenberg Day (*CJN*, June 14).

Wallenberg did not die in 1945. The Soviet government claimed that Wallenberg had died in 1947. The final report of the Russian side of the Swedish-Russian Working Group on the Fate of Raoul Wallenberg, published on Jan. 12, 2001, gave the same date. The report also states that Wallenberg was shot in the prison. The Swedish side of the group did not agree with either conclusion. It considers the question still open and insists on further research.

There were two ghettos in Budapest with different names. Wallenberg saved the Central Ghetto with more than 69,000 people in it. The total number of Jews he saved, 100,000, consists of people who received so called Schutzpasses (faked Swedish passports), their under-aged children and the inhabitants of the Central Ghetto. There are attempts to diminish Wallenberg by disputing the number of people he rescued.

As for his alleged arrest by the Soviet army, the whole story is still not known.

Canada, as one of the world's democratic countries, has chosen the day of Wallenberg's arrest to express its objections to the totalitarian regime of the former Soviet Union, which ignored international law, arrested the Swedish diplomat and kept him secretly confined without trial for years.

The struggle for the truth about Wallenberg's arrest and imprisonment continues; it demands accurate information. It is a matter of great importance that children will know about Wallenberg and all that he stood for.

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Remembering the Entebbe rescue

Twenty-five years ago, on the 6th day of Tammuz, July 4, 1976, the Israel Defence Forces travelled some 4,000 kilometres to rescue their fellow countrymen and others who had been seized by Arab and German terrorists and held hostage under the bombastic, watchful eye of Idi Amin at his airport in Entebbe, Uganda.

It was a military operation of breathtaking daring, skill, imagination and courage.

On this page, we recount some of the images of that remarkable rescue.

The only soldier to die in the operation was its commanding officer, Yonatan (Yoni) Netanyahu, seen at the lower left.

At Yoni's funeral, the then minister of defence Shimon Peres spoke these words: "Of him and of his men, we might say, in David's words: 'They were swifter than eagles and more valiant than lions... 'Yonatan is slain on the high places... I grieve for you, Yonatan my brother, you were very dear to me. Your love was wonderful."

The grief of the Jewish people over Yoni's death was as great as the celebration over the great rescue he led.

We remember him and the great heroism of the IDF.

Opinions

Mr. Arafat's problem

Having read a multitude of comments on the intifadah over the past half year, one of the most concise I have found was written by Thomas Friedman which, in excerpt, says the following:

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

"U.S. Senator George Mitchell is a good man, and the central argument of his report is right, in the narrowest sense: If you want to stop the latest Israeli-Palestinian slide into the abyss, first there must be a cessation of all violence, and then confidence-building steps, including a settlements freeze and Palestinian security measures, can be addressed.

"The settlements are not the core problem. The core problem right now is Yasser Arafat – the Palestinian leader who cannot say 'yes' and will not say 'uncle'.

"President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Ehud Barak put on the table before Mr. Arafat a historic compromise proposal that would have given Palestinians control of 94 to 96 percent of the West Bank and Gaza – with all the settlements removed, virtually all of Arab East Jerusalem, a return to Israel of a symbolic number of Palestinian refugees, and either the right of return to the West Bank and Gaza or compensation for all the others.

"Not only would Mr. Arafat not take it, he would not even say: 'Well, this was insufficient, but this is the most far-reaching and serious proposal Palestinians have ever seen. Now, I want to enter into a dialogue with the Israeli people and government to see if I can get them to 100 percent.'

"Instead, Mr. Arafat launched the intifadah. He did so because he apparently has not given up his long-term aim of eliminating Israel and is afraid in the short run that if he took 99 percent, he would be killed for the one percent he left on the table. Mr. Arafat has never been willing to tell his people he got them most of what they wanted, and now is the time to end the suffering of as many Palestinians as possible and move on.

"The real problem is that the Palestinians are leaderless today, and that is what the United States, the UN and the Arab world have to face up to. Deep down, they all know it and they admit it to each other in private. There is no Palestinian leader right now willing or able to say yes to a fair historic compromise, and we simply fool ourselves with commissions that don't acknowledge that. Unless the Arabs can stiffen Mr. Arafat by supporting him in any grand compromise, or by creating a context in which an alternative leadership can emerge, this bonfire will rage on and it will consume many, many others."

All too many Palestinians and Arabs in general have not yet given up the idea of eliminating Israel. As long as that hope exists, the intifadah is likely to continue in some fashion – and that may be for a long time.

Russians in life, Israelis in death

The tragic death of close to twenty young Israelis of Russian origin has put a spotlight on the predicament of Israel's nearly 1 million "Russian" immigrants. If a common adage in the past was that "Israelis like immigration, but they don't like the immigrants," the disco-bombing, as it is now referred to, has forced the country to face this reality squarely and painfully.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

Nothing brings Israelis together like tragedy. But for most of the Russian immigrant community, the test of their integration is in the texture of life in "normal" times. They have endeavoured to become Israelis while preserving a clear sense of identity and culture. This has resulted in accusations of a self-imposed ghetto lifestyle – which, for the Russians, amount to a rejection.

Historically, Israel's immigrant experience was completely different. The waves of mass immigration in the fifties came at a time when the Israeli version of a melting pot prevailed, and the immigrants were expected to fit into that mould. Today, Israeli society is more fragmented and individualistic. While this should create more tolerance for the Russians' desire to lead a different lifestyle, it has not resolved the tension between old and new Israelis.

The tensions exist on various levels. First is the cultural divide. Russian Israelis feel strongly about preserving their culture, language and customs. They are more reserved and taciturn, and their young people feel alienated from Israel's street culture.

Second is the ideological divide. Many of these immigrants were not motivated by Zionist ideology. They came to Israel, like many immigrants to the West, to create a better life for themselves and their children. They have little knowledge of Israeli history, heritage and national customs – especially the rituals of mourning.

Third is the religious divide. Over 20 percent of the Russian-Israelis are not Jewish according to Halachah, but are Israeli citizens. Since in Israel, personal status on matters of birth, marriage, divorce and death is governed by religious law, this creates an anomaly. Young Russian Israelis were especially pained by the different burial ceremonies for victims of the bombing who were considered Jewish and those who were not. While in secular societies such as ours, different burial ceremonies are the norm, Israelis are first sorting through these matters through the experience of the Russian aliyah.

Through this tragedy, Israelis are also forced to re-examine perceptions about the Russian community's politics. It is viewed as right-wing on the Palestinian question, and close to the left on matters of religion and state. Today, the community is represented in the Knesset by three parties: Avigdor Liberman's Yisrael Beitenu on the right, Natan Sharansky's Yisrael Bealiya in the centre and Roman Bronfman's Democratic Choice on the left. All three reject the melting pot concept and defend the immigrants' right to define their Israeliness in a new way. Sharansky, who formed the first distinctly Russian party in 1996, speaks eloquently of the need for veteran Israelis – rather than the immigrants – to change their thinking.

Ironically, two separate developments may alter this particular Israeli phenomenon of a "distinct society." The tragedy on Tel Aviv's beach has apparently broken down barriers. Israelis now see the Russian immigrants as part of the native Israeli cycle of burial and grief, while the Russians have been touched by the outpouring of support in the aftermath of the bombing. As the relative of a victim said, "I used to think that one percent of Israelis were good people. Now I think that all of those came to our home this week."

And in the realm of politics, the return to a one vote for one party system from direct election of the prime minister and a two-ballot system may force the small Russian parties into larger blocs on either the right or left. Only the two-ballot opportunity allowed such small parties to gain any strength in the Knesset. Faced with one vote, even Russian Israelis will likely prefer to vote for a larger party with a leader they support for prime minister. As a result, it may be the Russian community's political representatives who have to take the first step towards greater integration into existing political frameworks.

Israel in a moment of need

The Jewish press has been full of stories about the decision of various Jewish organizations, such as day schools and the Reform movement, to cancel student trips to Israel this summer. These organizations, no doubt, cannot assume the moral and legal liability for the safety of students and children. And as parents cancel, some trips lack the critical mass to go ahead.

Morton Weinfeld in Montreal

These stories also point out that general travel to Israel is down dramatically from normal levels. The fate of the Maccabi Games is unclear. Though the Games will go on and Canada is sending a team, it is unclear how many participants that team will have.

Israeli leaders have complained about this abandonment, but it's hard to blame parents of young teenagers who fear for the safety of their children. As the bombing in the Tel Aviv disco demonstrates, no spot in Israel is truly safe.

But this is not the time for adults to abandon Israel. Now is the time for North American Jews to go the extra mile. I am planning to go to a Jewish studies conference in Jerusalem this August. I suppose a major deterioration in the situation would dissuade me from going, but if things are as they are now, I will go.

Over the past months, the Israeli government has been using full-page ads to try to persuade North American Jews to visit. These ads have relayed mixed messages. On the one hand, they have pointed out the normalcy that prevails and the possibilities of doing fun things like going to concerts or to the theatre. On the other, they have tried to tap into the sense of loyalty of Diaspora Jewry, arguing how important it is to visit and celebrate a bar mitzvah there, "especially now." Everyone understands the meaning behind the "now."

I think these ads would be more effective if they emphasized solidarity more than fun and normalcy. Shops and cafes have never been the main reason for travelling to Israel. Visiting now is making a moral statement.

I recall a visit I made to Israel early in the first intifadah in the late 1980s. My Jerusalem hotel was empty – you could have played ball hockey in the main lobby. North American Jews were staying away in droves. One day, two buses pulled up to the hotel. The first was full of German tourists, the second was full of Japanese. I gave a silent prayer of thanks for the brave former Axis powers.

Many regular visitors to Israel know full well that dangers tend to be magnified outside the country, and that life is going on. But it is also true that now there is a strong sense of demoralization in certain Israeli sectors, which is only exacerbated by isolation from Diaspora Jews.

I confess that as I made up my mind to visit Israel this summer, for the first time, I thought about the element of danger. (I admit it has been many years since I took an inter-city bus.) After all, the conference is being held in Jerusalem, where dangers are likely greater than elsewhere in the country. I am not a foolhardy person. But it is important for me and my children that I stand with Israelis in this moment of need.

Visiting Israel, on whatever pretext, is only one thing Canadian Jews can do. Another of equal importance is to mount a campaign directed at the Canadian government to prevent backsliding in official positions in the months and years ahead. There will be enormous pressure on Canada to adopt an "even-handed" approach to Middle East issues. This will mean further UN votes on resolutions which may be one-sided against Israel or Israeli interests.

Canadian Jews, directly and through their organizations, will have to redouble their efforts to convince the government to remain firmly with Israel. Depending on how events unfold, this may create situations that are particularly difficult for Jewish cabinet ministers as well as MPs. They will need the full support of Canadian Jews, and indeed all supporters of Israel, in the near future.

The Kirshner File

Writer debunks Holland's heroic role in war

Holland's self-image as a morally courageous nation that fiercely resisted the German occupation at every turn and tried mightily to protect its Jewish citizens from harm during the Holocaust does not conform with the melancholy facts.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Marcel Moring, one of Holland's foremost novelists, levelled this accusation recently during a tour to publicize his latest novel, *In Babylon* (HarperCollins).

Moring, 43, attacked Holland's wartime record in spite of the fact that his parents, Lena and Dick, were hidden by Dutch Christians and despite his acknowledgement that Holland was a safe haven for Jews from the 17th century onward.

Far from resisting the Nazis on a sustained basis, the Dutch government basically complied with their demands. "The whole system was geared to co-operating with the Germans," said Moring. "The Dutch were not heroic. They were like the rest of Europeans. There is no reason for [them] to be proud of their role in the war."

Moring, whose novels are bestsellers in the Netherlands, claimed that the Dutch did precious little to help Jews. "The rule was to cooperate with the Germans."

"The Dutch have a very unsatisfactory record with respect to Jews," he added, pointing out that more than 80 percent of Holland's Jews were murdered in the course of the Holocaust, one of Europe's highest genocide rates. "They did not valiantly defend the Jews. The Dutch just didn't care. It was every man for himself. I can come to no other conclusion but that they considered Jews expendable."

It may have been a case of sheer self-preservation, or simply indifference to the fate of the Jews, he speculated.

The situation was not much better even after Holland's liberation by the Allies. "In some cases, Jews, having lost their identity papers, couldn't reclaim their homes. Quite a lot of Jews emigrated after the war."

Strongly believing that Holland has yet to fully come to terms with its past, Moring said, "The Dutch always thought that they were good. They had Anne Frank."

If nothing else, he suggested, Holland has used the memory of the young, precocious Jewish diarist to shield itself from criticism. "Everyone in Holland has exploited the legacy of Anne Frank," he observed. Yet it is often forgotten that she and her family were betrayed by a Dutch person.

To Moring, Anne Frank House, the museum in Amsterdam dedicated to her life and craft, is "an empty symbol" because it glosses over the Nazi era.

Referring to Holland's attitude toward its Jewish citizens during this tragic period, Moring said: "There has not been a fundamental debate as to what went wrong during the Holocaust. The Dutch have always blamed the Germans. They have difficulty accepting that they let the Germans take the Jews away. They are afraid to shatter the self-image of themselves."

Be that as it may, he gives Holland credit for having made reparation payments to Dutch Jews whose property was swallowed up by the Nazis. And he concedes that Holland's reputation as a sanctuary for Jews on the run from persecution is historically accurate. "The Dutch," he said, "consider themselves tolerant."

Moring, whose mother lost 50 relatives in the Holocaust, was born in Enschede, an industrial town near the German border where his father went into hiding. Later, the Morings lived in Assen.

At the age of 13, he wrote his first story, the theme of which was the apocalypse. It was such an accomplished piece that his teacher accused him of plagiarism. "So I wrote another story," said Moring, who ended his formal education after finishing secondary school.

He published his first novel, *Mendels Erfenis*, to almost unanimous critical acclaim in 1990. "It was a very Jewish novel, dealing with the Jewish generation born after World War II." His second novel, *The Great Longing*, examined historical memory, and won the Dutch equivalent of the Booker Prize.

A family history, love story and fairytale all rolled into one, *In Babylon* turns on a Jewish dynasty of clockmakers. The narrators are Nathan Hollander and his niece, Nina. Trapped in a lodge during a blizzard, they explore their family's convoluted history. "In scope, it is my most Jewish novel so far," said Moring, a resident of Rotterdam, his mother's birthplace. The novel, which begins with Isaac Deutscher's epithet, "Trees have roots, Jews have legs," explores the notion that Jews are nomadic.

Marcel Moring

Yet he does not consider himself a "Jewish" novelist. As he put it: "I don't want to narrow myself down to just being Jewish. Most of all, I'm a writer."

Moring, whose works have been translated into some 15 languages, including English and Hebrew, works hard. He constantly rewrites, and on average, he needs five years to produce a novel.

"I have never found it difficult to write or come up with a story. The hardest thing about writing is changing myself. I want every book to be different, and that means pushing myself into directions I previously shunned, and experimenting with style and structure. I like to aim high. I'm a very critical person. I want to grow as a writer from one book to another."

One of Holland's most admired novelists, in addition to fellow Jewish writers Leon de Winter and Harry Mulisch (who is actually half-Jewish), Moring never imagined that he would attain success. "I didn't really care. I just wanted to write, and be read."

For the last two years, Moring has been working on a new novel with a strong Jewish theme. His newest piece of fiction, a very light novella entitled *The Dream Room*, is a meditation on the nature of happiness.

Ever the iconoclast, Moring is no longer an official member of Holland's 40,000-strong Jewish community. "If you're not religious, why bother? Besides, I don't like to belong to groups. But if it's absolutely necessary, I'll be there."

The past in the present

"The past," mused Rachel Seiffert, "is ever present in Germany."

Drawing on Germany's Nazi interregnum, Seiffert has written a novel that plumbs the soul of 20th century Germany. It unfolds through the eyes of three ordinary Germans during different but converging decades of Germany's turbulent history. *The Dark Room* (Alfred A. Knopf), described as "ambitious and powerful" by *The New York Times*, deals broadly with themes such as memory, denial, guilt, moral awareness and responsibility. More pointedly, the novel, three years in the making, grapples with the emotional fallout of the Holocaust.

A 30-year-old former movie editor and director, Seiffert is familiar with these sensitive issues, having been all but weaned on them. Of German ancestry, she was born and raised in Britain, and has been living in Berlin since last summer.

Brought up in a bilingual household, Seiffert was encouraged by her mother, a German peace activist, and by her father, a professor of German at Oxford University, to ask tough questions about Germany's descent into barbarism. In retrospect, she appreciates their "questioning attitude."

She explained that she spun *The Dark Room,* her first book, from a film script. "I hadn't consciously thought of writing a novel," explained Seiffert, who studied theatre, film and television and then segued into creative writing as a post-graduate student.

In *The Dark Room*, which she found stressful to write, she examines the lives of Helmut, a photographer's apprentice in Berlin who lacks an understanding of the events swirling around him, including Kristallnacht; of Lore, a teenaged refugee whose pro-Nazi parents have been taken into captivity by the Allies; and of Micha, a teacher obsessed with finding out why his grandfather, an SS soldier, was imprisoned by the Soviets. Although the trilogy of stories in *The Dark Room* are strictly fictional, art imitates life: Seiffert's paternal grandfather was a member of the Nazi party. Relating to this point, she said, "Anti-Semitism isn't a uniquely German phenomenon, though Nazism is."

Rachel Seiffert

Bullied as a child because of her German background, Seiffert supports efforts to memorialize the Holocaust through plaques, monuments, books, school courses and the preservation of former concentration camps. However, she does not believe that Germany has really come to terms with its Nazi legacy.

"It's been only two generations since the Holocaust, so it isn't surprising," said Seiffert, who was pleased by her novel's positive reception in Germany.

In the future, she has no intention of revisiting the Third Reich in her stories. "I don't want to write about it again," she said emphatically, disclosing that her next novel will be about economic migrants.

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Jewish Life

'Healers, be healed!'

By RABBI MARK BILLER

Moses cries to God: "They want meat! They regret we left Egypt. They miss the 'free food'... and now they want *meat*!" Moses continues: "Lord, Why did you saddle me with these people? Nothing is enough for them, *and now they want meat*. Help me, dear Lord!"

God's response? "Moshe, gather seventy people and they shall help you."

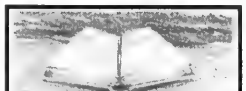
It sounds like a non-sequitur, but the message is clear. Helping Moses doesn't mean helping him find meat. Helping Moses means teaching him that "those who help" need others who help and support.

Moshe needs a network, not a line on kosher rib steak.

It's a message for Moses, and it's a message for us all.

Society encourages independence. The mastery of skills and self-reliance are the first steps to accomplishment and success. As life's tasks become more complex, however, independence can lead to pride and obstinacy.

An inability to turn to others for help, to use others' skills in planning, or to simply take the opportunity to replenish oneself while others offer support, is arrogance – and stands in the way of continued success. Unaided and unreplenished, we become the very rock hit by Moses – hard and ungiving things instead of sources of nourishment and renewal.


Rabbinic Reflections

In this week's Torah portion, *Chukkat*, we are presented with the enigma of the red heifer – a red calf whose body was burned and whose ashes were used in ritual purification ceremonies. The red heifer is consigned to the category of *chok*, of rules we do not fully understand yet are commanded by God to follow. *Chukkim*, however, are not without their lessons.

The mystery within the enigma of the red heifer lies in the ceremony in which the animal's remains are used. The ashes of the heifer spiritually cleanse the ritually impure, while at the same time cause the one who administers this "medicine of ashes" to become ritually impure himself.

Commentators have struggled over why this "spiritual soap" cleanses the patient but robs the handler of his own purity. The answer may be more accessible to the modern reader than to the ancient Israelite.

We live in an age of heightened stress levels and accelerated, complex demands. In our homes, classrooms, doctors' offices and hospitals we see why ours is the age that has coined the term "burn-out." In fact, as any parent, nurse or helper knows, administering the "healing ash" takes a little piece out of the practitioner, until finally the helper needs help herself.

Perhaps the issue of the red heifer is illuminated by God's response to Moshe as the Israelites harangue him for dinner. If I give you meat, God says, I don't really help you. If I teach you how to create support when dealing with all the clamouring people, we have real leadership development.

Chukkat teaches us that those who do the cleansing – the doctors, social workers, psychiatrists, teachers, parents and others among us – get a little used in the process and need cleansing and replenishing.

God orders Moshe and orders us: replenish yourself. It's a mitzvah to find the help and support that enables us to continue our life's work.

Rabbi Biller, a native of Toronto, is the spiritual leader of the Conservative Beth Jacob Synagogue, Hamilton, Ont.

New supplementary high school launched

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — This fall, five Conservative synagogues will join to form a new supplementary high school.

Adath Israel, Beth David, Beth Emeth, Beth Shalom and Beth Tikvah will bring students and faculty together with the creation of The Congregational High School – Jewish Studies Program, Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum of Adath Israel said.

"This is an exciting venture, something new and much needed in this city," Kirshblum said.

Cantor Kirshblum

Open to all post bar/bat mitzvah members of the community, Kirshblum noted that "there are no report cards, no assignments and no homework. We appeal to students' interests."

An after-school program has already been running for the past three years in Adath Israel for grades 8 and 9.

"Initially, Baruch Hoffman and Rabbi Steven Salzman joined me and we had a wonderful year of study," Kirshblum said.

Chaim Klein came on board last year when the Beth Tikvah students joined the Grade 8 class and the faculty was able to meet the needs of the 47 students.

"The kids who finished Grade 9 wanted to come back," Kirshblum noted, "but I didn't have the teachers to offer [an after-school] Grade 10 program."

Now, Kirshblum added, "with the other rabbis from the five shuls volunteering their services to teach, the school will be able to add a seminar course for grades 10 to 12 this October."

The Monday night classes will meet from 5 to 7 p.m., and supper will be included.

"The courses offered are relevant and contemporary – meant to challenge the minds of teenagers and address their world.

"And the kids love it – there are heated debates on contemporary issues – biomedical ethics, abortion, euthanasia and genetic manipulation. There are discussions on Jewish philosophy dealing with God and religion, good and evil, revelation and observance.

"We know we're doing a good job when our attendance is at a 90 percent level every week."

Kirshblum considers the program a social as well as an educational experience.

Recognizing that the social aspect of the school is important to students from 13 to 17 years of age, Kirshblum has planned occasional field trips in the city, as well as a four-day March-break trip to Washington D.C., which will include a visit to the Holocaust museum.

"Last year's trip to Washington was very popular with the students," Kirshblum said.

Next year, a Shabbaton and other programs will be added so that students can get together with some of the other congregational high schools in the city, such as Beth Tzedec, the downtown Jewish Community Centre and Shaar Shalom.

As educational director of the school, Kirshblum said that "this has been a dream of mine ever since my arrival [to Adath Israel] in 1967.

"There was one experimental school that we started... about 25 years ago, but it petered out.

"It's a crime that in a city like Toronto, with the community and shuls that we have, there is no viable supplementary high school program.

"In the future, this program may be a sign that shuls will have to come together, and through combined resources, successfully meet the educational needs of teens in the community."

For further information, call school administrator Linda Schwartz at 416-635-5354.

Jewish Life

Entebbe raid on the Web

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Twenty-five years ago this week, the world was riveted by a drama that began in the eastern Mediterranean with the hijacking of a jet. It culminated seven days later with a spectacular rescue by the Israel Defence Forces in Uganda. Today, a look at the raid on Entebbe as told on the World Wide Web.

The best Internet summary of the events was written by Maj. (Res.) Louis Williams, a senior press officer for the Israel Defence Forces [**http://www.idf.il/english/history/entebbe1.stm**]. Williams' Entebbe Diary follows the flight of Air France 139 as it took off from Ben-Gurion Airport on June 27, 1976. Later, four terrorists boarded in Greece and hijacked the plane to Entebbe. In exchange for more than 100 Israeli and Jewish passengers, the release of terrorists was demanded. This is a suspenseful read, full of details possibly forgotten.

One of the names most closely linked to the raid on Entebbe is Jonathan Netanyahu. Born in the United States and educated there and in Israel, Netanyahu was a veteran of the Six Day War. He led the storming party to free the hostages at Entebbe and was the lone Israeli casualty. After the raid, the letters he had written to relatives and friends were collected and published in 1981. Today, *Self Portrait of a Hero* has just been republished. The *Boston Globe* wrote: "Yoni's unpretentious accounts of his accomplishments, simply written and thus the more grand, make him the convincing hero he was and make us wish that more like him were among us" [**http://www.jpost.com/Editions/2001/05/03/Books/Books.25560.html**].

On the day of the hostages' liberation, then-prime minister Yitzhak Rabin addressed the Knesset. "The Israel Defence Forces have achieved one of their most exemplary victories from both the human and moral and the military-operational points of view, a remarkable manifestation of Jewish fraternity and Israeli valour…" You can read Rabin's address online [**http://www.usisrael.org/jsource/Terrorism/entebbe1.html**].

The raid's impact on Uganda is also interesting. Ugandan political commentator Charles Onyango-Obbo says before the raid Amin had established an army that terrorized his people into submission. The raid "shattered his aura of invincibility. Nothing former Ugandan president Idi Amin did after that could rebuild his grip on the country" [**http://www.africanews.com/obbo/article95.html**].

Amin was dethroned in 1979 by Tanzanian troops and Ugandan dissidents. The *Christian Science Monitor* reports that Amin fled to Saudi Arabia reportedly arriving with his two wives and 24 children. He has been there for 22 years, now living in an exclusive community outside Jeddah. In a 1999 interview with a Ugandan newspaper, Amin said he is fond of fishing, watching sports and CNN and playing his accordion [**http://www.csmonitor.com/durable/2001/04/19/p23s3.html**].

The Internet movie database [**http://www.imdb.com**] lists four Entebbe-based productions including *Victory at Entebbe* (1976), *Raid on Entebbe* (1977), and *Operation Thunderbolt: Entebbe* (2000). According to reviewer Leonard Maltin, the version you should watch is *Mivtza Yonatan* (1977) [**http://us.imdb.com/Maltin?0076398**].

The raid on Entebbe had a profound effect on anyone who cared about the fate of Israel. Jonathan Rosenblum was studying in a 1976 summer ulpan and remembers the tension and then joy that filled the air. "Complete strangers were embracing on the bus. For once, Jewish unity seemed like a reality, not a fundraiser's slogan" [**http://www.jewishworldreview.com/jonathan/rosenblum070999.asp**]. Decades later, Rosenblum puts those events into perspective. "While the first realization of the miracle of the Entebbe rescue will always rank as one of the happiest memories of my life, the memory today is a bittersweet one. For it always calls in its wake the question: Will we Jews in the land of Israel ever again experience the same feelings of unity we did that morning?"

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The passing of a leader

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

In the Torah readings this week, Miriam dies and we begin the end of an era. The text does not describe any national mourning period for Miriam; in fact, the people immediately complain of being thirsty. It is as if this great woman passed away unnoticed. It is a disturbingly real picture of how fleetingly we treat our leaders.

We first meet Miriam as a young girl when she watches over Moses in the Nile. It is she who seizes the opportunity to suggest to Pharaoh's daughter that she call a Hebrew woman to nurse him. Miriam, responsible for uniting Moses with his mother, introduces a major theme in the Exodus narrative: to recognize and act upon the magic of a moment. Moses learns this lesson of leadership as he ushers Israel out of Egypt.

Miriam emerges as a leader of women at the Red Sea. Once Israel is safely across the sea Moses leads the people in a song of praise to God.

Miriam subsequently leads the women with a recitation of the same song expressed through music and dance. Understanding that the women may want to express themselves in their own unique way, she again seizes the moment.

Yet Miriam leads not only the women, but quite literally all of Israel. The nation travels in the desert by watching the cloud that signifies God's presence among them. When the cloud lifts, the camps pack and are ready to move. To signal their readiness, each tribe raises its flag, but the midrash adds that even with the flags raised, nothing happens until Miriam moves to the head of the camp.

Miriam also sustains the people as they travel. Her strong connection to water is reflected in the midrashic statement that a well – called Miriam's Well – travels with Israel through the desert. Upon her death, the well disappears, which explains why the people complain of being thirsty immediately after she dies.

Although identified as a prophet, Miriam, like all Jewish leaders, was not a saint. The text describes an incident of gossiping and sibling rivalry that occurred between her, Aaron and Moses. After she is punished, it is Moses, the object of her gossip, who prays to God for her healing.

The midrash tell us that it is Moses and Aaron who privately bury Miriam and mourn her passing. Yet their personal loss and private sorrow is interrupted by God instructing them to address the people's need for water.

The nation does not make room for their leaders as people. They mourn Miriam only because her death deprives them of the well. The text presents a true picture of the personal challenges involved with being a leader, but it also presents a lesson to the community.

The Jewish people of the desert are not our role models for a healthy community. Time and again they remain self-centred and unable to learn and grow. Ultimately, due to these failures and to their failure to recognize Miriam as the exceptional person she was, they do not enter the land of Israel.

The Talmud states that anyone appointed over a community becomes a slave to that community. Yet we must always remember that the Torah has strict rules protecting the dignity of the slave.

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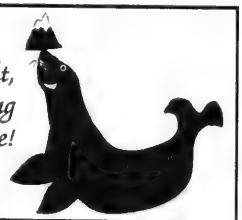

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Masorti Judaism offers alternative for secular Israelis

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Like many Israelis who choose not to marry under the auspices of the Orthodox rabbinate, Rabbi Ehud Bandel – president of Israel's Masorti (Conservative) movement – and his wife of eight years have a civil marriage certificate from another country, in their case Japan, where Rabbi Bandel's wife was studying at the time.

Unlike some Israelis who marry elsewhere, they do have a Jewish marriage document, but the ketubah that testifies to their Masorti (Conservative) chuppah is not recognized in Israel. (Civil and non-Orthodox Jewish marriages are recognized by Israel only if they were performed outside of the country.)

Rabbi Ehud Bandel

Yet, more and more Israelis are seeing Masorti weddings as an option, said Rabbi Bandel in an interview at the Inn on the Park Hotel, when he was in town for the Rabbinical Assembly convention at the beginning of June.

In fact, he officiated at three weddings the week before he came to Toronto.

"Israelis are beginning to realize the importance for them of having a meaningful religious ceremony, but one they can identify with, with a rabbi they can relate to."

While it can be disheartening to have a religious ceremony such as marriage or conversion not recognized as valid, the Masorti movement suffered a different kind of blow last year when its Ya'ar Ramot Synagogue was torched.

In May, the perpetrators were convicted and sentenced to three years in jail.

But Rabbi Bandel, 45, who was the first sabra to be ordained as a Masorti rabbi in Israel in 1988, says he likes to look at the cup as half-full, not half-empty. Two nights after the fire, a support rally was held in the courtyard of the synagogue – to enable Orthodox Jews who offered support but would not enter the Masorti building to attend.

In the past nine months of the ongoing intifadah, Rabbi Bandel's work – like the work and life of all Israelis – has become more challenging. "[But] I don't want to allow our enemies the victory of distracting us from our daily routine."

A second-generation Jerusalemite who grew up "totally secular," Rabbi Bandel believes the Masorti movement has an important role to play in strengthening Jewish identity by exposing more Israelis to Jewish tradition.

For many Israelis, he said, just crossing the threshold of a synagogue is something they have never done. In fact, he noted, on Rosh Hashanah there are more Israelis on the beach than in all the synagogues in Israel.

> *'They are beginning to realize importance of having a meaningful religious ceremony.'*

From his standpoint, Masorti presents "an alternative to this either/or approach: Orthodoxy or total secularism. For years there's been an unholy alliance between Orthodox and secular. It resulted in most Israelis, the vast majority, being known as chiloni [secular]. We see this as a very dangerous phenomenon for the future of the Jewish state and the Jewish character of the Jewish state."

It is also dangerous for the future relations between Israelis and Diaspora Jews, he believes. "If Israelis see their Judaism only in national terms...then we are losing the common language. I am concerned about this."

It's important for Diaspora Jews to ensure there is a strong Masorti movement in Israel, he said, adding that it's no secret financial resources are needed. "Orthodox institutions get their money from the government," he pointed out.

Over the past three decades, Masorti, which has grown to more than 50 synagogues along with a system of schools and youth groups in Israel, has undergone a shift from its North American roots. "The movement is no longer seen as an American import."

In some congregations, Rabbi Bandel said, 60 percent of the congregants are not "Anglo-Saxon," as English-speakers are known in Israel. They include sabras, Sephardi Jews and new immigrants from South America and the former Soviet Union.

While Masorti still has a long way to go, said the rabbi, Israelis have begun to realize that they've "lost out by giving Orthodoxy a monopoly on Judaism." His goal is to draw the secular community back to tradition.

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Three Masorti (Conservative) Israeli rabbis from different regions of the country spoke with The CJN *during the Rabbinical Assembly and described their day-to-day lives.*

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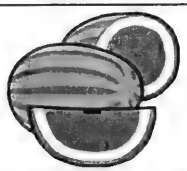

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Survivor to serve on Claims Conference board

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the first time, a Holocaust survivor will represent Canada at the board of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Michael Rosenberg, president of Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Canada, will take his place at the board table when the New York-based claims conference meets next month in Washington, D.C.

Traditionally, Canada has been allotted two seats at the board, which numbers between 40 and 50 and is dominated by the United States and Israel. Since the claims conference began in 1951 to negotiate with Germany for reparations and restitution for survivors, Canada has been represented by the top two officials of Canadian Jewish Congress – its president and top professional – through CJC's affiliation with the World Jewish Congress.

But recently, Jack Silverstone, CJC's national executive vice-president, relinquished his seat to Rosenberg. Canada's other representative at the claims conference board is current CJC president Keith Landy.

"I felt good about giving up my seat," Silverstone told *The CJN*. "I was glad to do it. [Former CJC president] Moshe Ronen and I felt it was about time to bring a survivor on board, and that it was entirely appropriate."

He said the board decided months ago to appoint four survivors, but there were no guarantees any would come from Canada.

Rosenberg said he has two main priorities.

One is to convince local institutions that work with survivors to fully tap into funds the claims conference has available.

"Places like Baycrest, Circle of Care and Jewish Family & Child Service don't always take full advantage of the health funding the claims conference offers," Rosenberg said, explaining such funds are available for physical and mental health care.

He's now putting together a brief to be sent out to local agencies apprising them of the availability of the funds.

Another priority is the start of payouts to Nazi-era slave labourers.

Compensation from the $7.9 billion (Cdn) fund established by Germany and German industries is expected to begin later this summer. But, Rosenberg explained, former slaves will, at first, receive only half their payments of roughly $10,000 each until all recipients get a cheque. Then, the other half will be sent out.

It's not an issue before the claims conference, but Rosenberg decried the massive fees paid to U.S. lawyers who worked on the compensation package.

Recent reports said 51 lawyers who represented survivors in the class action lawsuit against Germany will split $60 million (US), with 11 lawyers to earn more than $1 million each in fees. The biggest chunk will go to a New York attorney who will get $7.3 million.

"The [one-time] slaves are getting roughly 20 cents an hour for their suffering, and the lawyers are getting millions. This is a blood stain on lawyers," Rosenberg said. No Canadian lawyers will benefit from the German compensation package.

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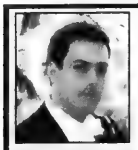

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Rabbi Bielfeld retires after 33 years at shul

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld came to Temple Emanu-El 33 years ago, he did not view it as a long-term position.

"I had learned early on from my father not to anticipate too much in the way of the future, to hope for the best and to settle for what I get. Therefore, I had no thoughts on the duration of my stay," said the rabbi, who is retiring at the end of this month.

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld

Rabbi Bielfeld, a native of Worcester, Mass. went to Yale University and Harvard Law school before attending Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, where he was ordained in 1964.

While serving a congregation in Chicago, he heard about "a small congregation in an exotic place called Willowdale, Ont. that was looking for a rabbi.

"When I arrived here, I was whisked away to a suite at the Inn on the Park, where I concluded that if all Canadians were as charming and devoted as the [men who interviewed me], it might be a wise decision making this my home."

When he started at the temple, which now has about 400 member families, it was one-half its size physically, and one-quarter its size in members. It began to grow after an amalgamation with the former Temple Beth El in Don Mills.

"Temple Beth El was a more traditional synagogue, and when its members joined us, we thought of them as the leaven in the dough. They added an infusion of traditional attitudes and values."

The reasons that people have joined the temple have undergone "a sea change in the three-plus decades I have been here.

"In the '60s, '70s and '80s, in addition to looking for a spiritual home, people were looking for a social environment where they could develop close personal ties and a strong connection to other families.

"Perhaps because more and more families have both parents working, and perhaps because children are more intensely programmed, synagogues are no longer a magnet for social cohesion."

Today, he says, the synagogue has become a place to fulfil spiritual needs, perform life-cycle events, and provide an academic or intellectual connection. "They are not the social community they once were."

Rabbi Bielfeld grew up in a home strongly committed to social justice, and his rabbinate has been characterized by an emphasis on social justice and an understanding of the inter-relationship between being Jewish and being Canadian, he says.

One of his proudest moments was when he marched with Martin Luther King into areas of Chicago that were quite hostile to Blacks and Jews. "He was certainly an influence on my life, as was Rabbi Jacob Weinstein, my senior rabbi in Chicago. He was one of the greatest activists in the Jewish community in the 20th century."

Among Rabbi Bielfeld's activities, he is founding member and chairman of the board of Leo Baeck Day School; a past member of the executive of the North York committee on community, race and ethnic relations; founding member and past chairman of the board of Mazon Canada – a Jewish Response to Hunger; and a past board member of Casey House.

Together with his congregation and other faith leaders, he organized the Campaign Against Child Poverty, a national effort to address the plight of millions of Canadian children living below the poverty line.

"I have always understood Judaism to be an amalgam of ritual, spiritual experience and a strong commitment to those less fortunate – those who occupy the margins of society.

"A rabbinic dictum says that it is forbidden to pray in a sanctuary where there are no windows because we must always be able to include in our prayers an awareness of the world in which we are praying.

"I think that the synagogue has been influenced by my sense of social justice and has been responsive to it."

When he first arrived at Temple Emanu-El during the Vietnam war, Rabbi Bielfeld became aware of a significant number of draft resisters living in the city, he says.

"One of my first activities was to invite members of the congregation to bring food and clothing to these people. I was impressed by the members' commitment to the cause, and it wasn't until years later that I discovered the huge response was because they did not want to offend the new American rabbi."

In the past 30 years however, the congregants have increasingly identified themselves with social activism, he says. "This congregation decided early on to attempt to do things others said were impossible.

"We were one of the first congregations to phone Jews in the former Soviet Union and to establish contact with Refuseniks. We also helped bring over Vietnamese boat people. We divided the congregation up in groups, and these groups put up money to guarantee the Vietnamese entrance into the country."

They brought over some of the first Ethiopian Jews, before Israel opened its gates to large numbers of them, says Rabbi Bielfeld.

The Campaign Against Child Poverty has spread to other religious denominations and social and civic groups. "It has become a national movement dedicated to the eradication of poverty in Canada."

In his retirement, he says, he is interested in exploring new dimensions of activity while maintaining his involvement in the campaign.

His replacement, Rabbi Debra Landsberg who starts in early August, is currently associate rabbi at The Temple in Atlanta, Ga. "She is a sensitive and Jewishly-knowledgeable person who comes with a great recommendation."

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Reform Jewish camp proving popular, says director

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Camp George, the first Canadian camp in the Reform Jewish camping system, is quickly becoming the place to be, says its director Jack Feldman.

The camp, located near Parry Sound, opened in 1999 with 263 campers from grades two to 10, and 50 staff. This year there are 525 campers and 140 program staff with a waiting list of 60 campers.

Camp staff includes an educational director, tfillot co-ordinator, song leaders, sports activity leaders, and a faculty of Reform rabbis and cantors who provide religious and cultural programming.

The camp serves as a kosher winter retreat serving a variety of Jewish and secular organizations. A camp steering committee also runs Camp Yossi, a day camp which serves as a feeder camp for Camp George.

Feldman, 43, a social worker, has been involved in Ontario camps for over 30 years, and is a former director of Camp B'nai Brith in Alberta. He has been full-time director of Camp George since its inaugural season.

The camp's philosophy, he said, is to provide children with the opportunity to live a Jewish life at camp, "to be immersed in it – not have camp in one corner and Judaism in another. We offer a seamless integration of the two."

There was clearly a demand in the Reform community for such a camp, said Feldman. "The alternatives were Conservative camps or Zionist camps, nothing in Canada that was specifically Reform."

The camp's growth has created a need to expand, he said, and a camp development committee has been formed with Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, as its honorary chair.

A five-year expansion plan includes all aspects of the camp's operation including the physical plant, living accommodations, program areas, staffing, meeting space, infrastructure, administrative support, staff training and recreation.

Rabbi Plaut said "from the exodus from Egypt, through our rare biblical victories, to the emergence of Israel itself ... Judaic history has been an unending quest for personal, national and religious self-esteem.

"Today, that search has proved most compelling among our youth, using summer camps as a growing vehicle to discover a new heritage and vision of Judaism that was often unattainable to their parents and relatives."

In Canada, he said, Camp George has become a growing and powerful engine in this historic search for Jewish self-esteem and identity.

"As the first Reform Jewish camp in the country, its programs have already touched thousands of young Jews with a rare blend of summer fun, Judaic education and day-by-day social activities that go beyond those offered by many of today's homes and synagogues," he said.

CONTEST WINNERS: First prize winners of the Holocaust Arts/Writing Contest are Lisa Lidor (Vaughan Secondary School), and Chanina Hoffman (Netivot Ha'Torah). Second place winners are Yishai Gesundheit (Ner Israel) and Naomi Goldberger (Netivot Ha'Torah). Third place winners are Gila Ashtor (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto) and Rafi Frydman-Kohl (Netivot Ha'Torah). Honourable mentions awarded to Amanda Beikmanis (GAP Academy) and Melanie Grusson-Wood (GAP Academy). The contest was sponsored by UJA FEDERATION'S Holocaust Centre of Toronto. Seen above is Hoffman with Brenda Fishauf and Howard Driman, chair of the centre.

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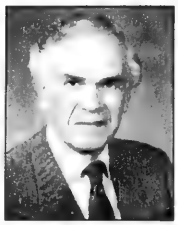
Scholars win top awards

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two Canadian Jewish scholars have won this year's Killam Prize for distinguished lifetime achievement.

They are Norbert Morgenstern of Edmonton and Ronald Melzack of Montreal.



Norbert Morgenstern

The winners were presented with their awards at a dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel last week.

The prize, worth $100,000, is awarded for career achievement in the natural sciences, health sciences and engineering. Administered by the Canada Council for the Arts, it was created to honour Canadians actively engaged in research.

Morgenstern, a pre-eminent civil engineer, is a professor emeritus at the University of Alberta. Before his resignation in 1999, he was chair of the department of civil and environmental engineering. He remains active in research and consulting.

With almost 300 research papers to his credit, Morgenstern has written on topics ranging from geo-technical aspects of oil sand development to slope stability.

He holds honorary degrees from the University of Toronto and Queen's University.

Ronald Melzack

Melzack, a McGill University psychologist, is a specialist in pain.

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Students view war through eyes of author

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – A Grade 3 class at Eitz Chaim had the rare opportunity to learn first-hand what it was like for girls their age to live through the war years in London, England.

Suzanne Burger, the girls' teacher, heard about an unpublished manuscript, *I'll Never Go Back*, by Kitty Simmonds Wintrob. The manuscript tells of Wintrob's experience as an eight-year-old Jewish child who was evacuated during the war and lived through the Blitz. The book reflects on the child's strength and humour in overcoming separation from her family and living in a world turned upside down.

"Overwhelmed" with the manuscript, Burger asked the author's permission to read the story to her class. Every week, Burger read to the students and had the girls illustrate their visions of the characters and scenes in each chapter, since the manuscript does not have art work.

"The results were spectacular!" says Burger. The students wanted to meet the author, so Burger arranged for Wintrob to visit Eitz Chaim's Viewmount Branch one afternoon to speak to the girls and to answer their many questions.

Wintrob, who is visually impaired, recalled how she tearfully said good-bye to her mother at the train station. The students asked about her many adventures in several foster homes north of London and her attempts to run back to her home.

"Kitty's visit was like magic," says Burger. "She spoke with excitement and emotion. The girls wanted to know how it [felt] to be in a strange home. Why did she run away twice? What happened to her roommate Sadie Davidovich and her Uncle Yudi?

"It was a great afternoon and an amazing opportunity for readers to meet an author."

Bracha Kahan, a student in Burger's class, describes the story as "interesting – sometimes sad and sometimes very funny. We could relate to being sent away from parents to live with strangers who treated her badly."

Bracha says that when Wintrob came to class, "the story came to life. The funniest thing was a song Kitty wrote in the story about one of the ladies who treated her badly. She sang the funny song beautifully and we all really laughed hard."

The nine-year-old student said that she had a lot of feeling for the author. "She had to sleep in the subway station. It was scary for her. We learned how the Blitz felt. It was an amazing book and her visit was great."

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Sunday, July 1

CELEBRATING CANADA

Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum celebrates Canada Day with a Jewish touch! Activities include Star of David/Maple Leaf art, banner and flag creation, firecracker making, bubble blowing, sidewalk art. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880, ext. 456.

Tuesday, July 3

VATICAN REVOLUTION

The Miriam Alkin Memorial Fund in association with Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue and the UJA FEDERATION presents **Rabbi David Rosen**, leader of the American Jewish Committee, speaking on Vatican Revolution: The Inside Story, 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah.

Wednesday, July 4

YIDDISH CONCERT

Annual Yiddish Concert at Mel Lastman Square features music by Klezmer Band Beyond the Pale and singers **Michael Smolash** and **Bronna Levy**. 7:30 p.m. In case of rain concert is at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. 416-635-2883, ext. 155.

BELONGING

On Being..Belonging..Becoming, a summer learning series for seniors with **Anne Balaban,** continues with Belonging: The Natural Desire to Fit In. 10 a.m. to noon at Ryerson University, 380 Victoria St. Sponsored by Bernard Betel Centre, Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizen's Organizations and Continuing Education:Ryerson University. **Gisela Côté** at OCSCO 416-785-8570 or **Sandra Kerr** at Ryerson 416-979-5103.

Thursday, July 5

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For ages 35 to 50, at 8 p.m. at Richmond Hill Pro Bowl, 10593 Yonge St., Richmond Hill. Call **Sarit** evening 905-669-1969 or **Rhonda** 905-731-9441.

And What Else Is New

ISRAELI PHOTOGRAPHY

An exhibit of the work of acclaimed Israeli photographer **Shai Ginott** comes to Toronto July 3-30 at North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. The exhibit, From the Beginning, produced by the Public Affairs Division of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs examines the spiritual and mystical side of Israel's landscape.

AMAL SCHOLARSHIP

A perpetual scholarship in memory of **Roman Denzeshvilly**, 20, one of the victims of the terrorist bombing in Tel Aviv, has been established by Canadian Friends of Amal. The scholarship will go to a deserving student annually at the Amal Tel Aviv Technological School, from which Denzeshvilly graduated as a dental technician. Most of the students at the school are, like Denzeshvilly, Russian. He had been living in Israel just two years.

The Canadian Friends have also undertaken to refurbish the school and will name a new laboratory in his honour.

GARAGE SALE

The Family Shul's first annual fund-raising garage sale is set for Sunday, July 15, at 1 p.m. at the Ernest Manson Lubavitch Centre, 8001 Bathurst St., Thornhill. For more information or donating goods for a full value tax receipt, call 905-763-4040.

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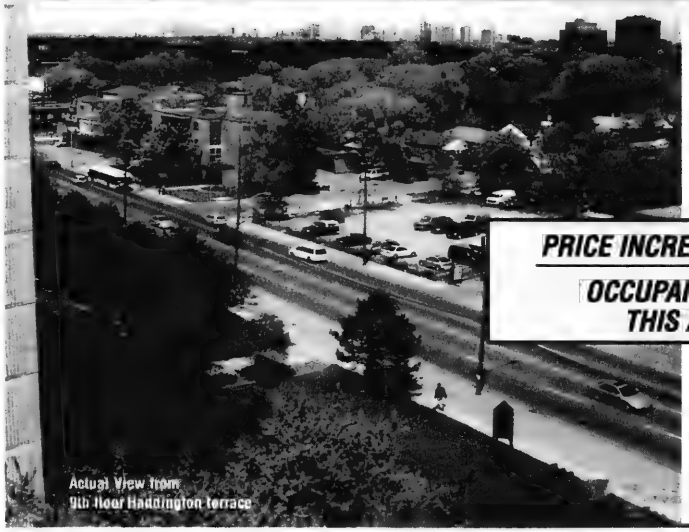

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Grandparents are Forever, a workshop for grandparents whose children and grandchildren are experiencing separation or divorce. Topics include how to grieve the loss of your child's marriage; how to maintain a climate of love and security for your grandchildren and how to remain neutral when conflicts take place. Tuesday, July 3, 7-9 p.m., 4600 Bathurst St. Information/registration **Shawna Sidney** ext. 215.

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SIGMA ALPHA MU

The Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation has selected 90 students to receive scholarships for this year totaling $95,000. Scholarships are awarded to worthy and needy college students throughout the United States and Canada. The foundation was founded in 1944 by Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, a fraternity of Jewish men. Today, the fraternity operates on 64 campuses in the United States and Canada.

FOR SENIORS

LZA Seniors dance classes Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets are available for the *Sound of Music* Oct. 4 at Stratford, call **Libby** 416-782-2059 or the office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Club weekly meetings continue every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Trip to Memphre Inn, Quebec, Aug. 14-17, everything included $455 Canadian; Casino Rama every Wednesday during July and August; Park sale July 15. Call 416-395-7881 for upcoming trips and events.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

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BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880.

Canada Day celebration Sunday, July 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum. For details, check What's New under the date.

Lunch 'N' Learn Friday, July 6, noon to 1 p.m. with **Rabbi Ronnie Cahana** of the Lodzer Synagogue. **Janet** ext. 259.

Tower of Words hands-on activity at the Koffler Centre Loggia (in conjunction with Babel exhibit) . Text inscribed boxes form the building blocks, allowing audiences to rearrange, scramble or alter the sequence and subsequent meaning of words. Runs July 3-Aug. 31. ext. 380.

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SPRING CONFERENCE: **Canadian Seaway Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism annual spring conference was held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. Pictured above (from left) are Marilyn Siegel and Bertha Gold, co-conference chairs; Rivy Blass, president, CSB; and Evelyn Seelig, past international president of WLCJ and conference consultant. [Mollie Rothman photo]**

DINNER DRAW/AUCTION: **Recently 250 people attended the annual dinner draw/auction for the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT) at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Over $100,000 was raised in support of the college. Pictured above (from left) are Henry Zieleniec, JCT co-chair; Joe Klasner, event co-chair; Barney Barenholtz, draw winner; Jerry Klasner, JCT co-chair; Saul Feldberg, event co-chair. Absent, Kurt Rothschild, minyan sponsor chair.**

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM: **Women of Reform Judaism, District # 3, Northern Area Conference was held at Temple Har Zion in Thornhill recently, when women from Rochester, Buffalo, Montreal, New York and the GTA celebrated the Mitzvah of Volunteering. From left are Lynne Pressman, Maxine Cohen, Carol Austin and Phylis Coles. The blossoms were placed by each person as they took a turn describing how they got involved in volunteering. [Fran Isaacs photo]**

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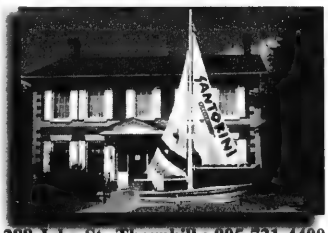

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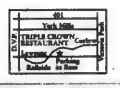

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Asper slams Canada's Mideast policy

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Canada, he said, "should know" that:

- Arafat is a "pathological liar who has always sought and will continue to seek not justice for his people, but only the destruction of the State of Israel. Any peace agreements are only a temporary stop along the way."
- Contrary to the Oslo peace accords, Arafat's "schools, mosques, state-owned newspapers and broadcasters continue to preach incitement, hatred and the benefits of martyrdom in heaven for Palestinians willing to die in the holy cause of killing Israelis and Jews, wherever they may be found."
- Arafat "continues to refuse to account for how he has spent the billions he's received for humanitarian aid, including money from Canada." It has "been proven" that some of the funds have been spent on establishing "terror-training camps" for schoolchildren, and that Arafat's personal "secret" bank accounts are "reported to be in the billions."
- The Palestinian leader has "emptied jails of captured terrorists" and is arming and encouraging them to carry out attacks against Israel "from the territory turned over to him by a compliant Israel."
- The "most virulent" attacks against Israeli citizens are "carried out by Arafat's personal guard force and militias entirely within his control."

Israel Asper

It is "time for a change in Canadian foreign policy," Asper stated. "It is not too late to regain our honour and integrity."

In the *CJN* interview, Asper also criticized some of the media coverage of the Mideast conflict, particularly CBC Television, which he termed "outrageous." He noted that the national broadcaster aired footage of Manley with Arafat and visiting Arab hospitals and damaged areas, but didn't show Manley's meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon or his visits to Jewish casualties. "In that sense, the coverage has been biased," Asper said.

The *National Post* (50 percent of which is owned by CanWest) has been "extremely accurate and fair," he stated. Asked whether the publication has a pro-Israel bias, Asper countered that the *Post* is "biased by the facts. We have a connection to the *Jerusalem Post*. We read all the Arab propaganda. And we read all the Israeli material. This is no Jewish conspiracy. This is from journalists who aren't Jewish, who simply look for the facts."

Asper declined to elaborate on government feedback about his speech. "I want to be guarded here, because I don't want to prejudice discussions. I'll just answer by simply saying yes [there has been feedback]."

He was "disappointed" by condemnation of his speech by the Canadian Islamic Congress. "This is not an anti-Arab speech," he told *The CJN*. "It's an anti-terrorist speech. If Arabs fall into that category, then, just as if they were of any other extraction, I would be saying the same thing."

"I felt it was time that somebody spoke out," Asper said. "I have not been entirely happy with the organizations that are charged with the responsibilities of making the case for Israel, even though I've spoken with them. There has not been enough said, not only in the defence of Israel, but the criticism against the position the Canadian government has taken."

Asper said he's "the first to concede" that the Canadian government has been very helpful to Israel, as evidenced by the free trade agreement between the two countries.

But he is "unsatisfied" by successful Canadian efforts to change the language of the UN and other resolutions to condemn terrorism on all sides, not just condemning Israel. "There is no moral equivalency here."

Israelis, he specified, are "responding to provocative attacks."

Arafat has declared war, stated Asper in his speech. "Therefore Israel is entitled to conduct itself and its defence accordingly."

Asper also criticized as "fairweather friends of Israel" – Diaspora Jews who have cancelled or refused to make trips there. He singled out in particular the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform organization that suspended all its teen programs to Israel this summer, for its "precipitous cowering," and praised Canadians for continuing to show solidarity by visiting the Jewish State.

A longtime supporter of the Hebrew University, Asper has donated $5 million for the establishment of the Asper Centre for Entrepreneurship, which will be modelled on the centre of the same name at the University of Manitoba.

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Living in Thunder Bay

By JEREMY SILVER
Special to The CJN

Opinion

When I moved from Toronto to Thunder Bay (population: small; Jewish population: seemed like one – me) I expected to work hard in school, learn to be independent, meet new people, etc. etc. The last thing I expected was to be singled out and subjected to the torrent of Jewish jokes and icy stares that came my way because of my Jewish background. Being Jewish among people who had never seen "a Jew" before, made me feel isolated and lonely. In the end, however, my experience taught me a lot about myself and about the importance of retaining my religion, and I think my very presence and personality taught others something as well. Here are some of my most memorable experiences.

There was one night that I remember quite clearly. I was out for dinner with some friends. One was searching through her purse for her pay cheque, and when she found it she said, "Look at this, they Jewed me." She didn't know I was Jewish and continued to complain about her boss. I told her I was Jewish and that the comments offended me. Well, the look on her face was priceless – she couldn't believe it. After all, there were so few Jews in T. Bay. The Star of David that I wear around my neck wasn't enough proof for her.

Now if that wasn't bad enough, you should have seen my Passover. Even though there's a small Jewish community I couldn't even find matzah in T. Bay. I walked into the local A&P and asked the grocer where the matzah was. "Matzah? It's in the dairy section."

"The dairy section?" I asked. "Why would it be there?"

He led me to the fridge and handed me a brick of cheese. "Here is your mozzarella Do you need anything else?"

In the end, my mom sent me kosher care packages in the mail.

Passover was definitely a hard time for me. Whereas my family was in Toronto having a huge seder, for the first time, I ate alone. My first seder consisted of me sitting in front of several mirrors so that I could feel as if I had some company. It was the first year everybody was on the same page and on cue. I didn't bother hiding the Afikoman – my dorm room was so small that it wouldn't have been a worthwhile challenge to search for it.

Now that I'm back in Toronto for the summer I've had some time to reflect on my experiences. I've since realized that nobody at school meant to hurt me with their insensitive comments – they simply didn't know any better. But I believe my being on campus helped sensitize them to a new religion and culture. For instance, by the time Passover had rolled around, some students in residence were asking to try my matzah – and they liked it. Maybe next year there will be enough of a demand for matzah that the A&P will have some in stock. Maybe the grocers will even know what it is.

Jeremy, 19, is a student at Confederation College in Thunder Bay.

Seniors Scene

Kahan's still feisty at 93

By BEN ROSE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — Gert Kahan has been fighting for women's liberation all her life, and at 93 she is still at it. She lives alone in a comfortable apartment in Harbour Square on the waterfront and attends lectures about current events twice a week at Ryerson University, besides taking part in *Ryerson Recollections*, in which she tells her own story. She does her own shopping and cooks her own meals.

But life at one time was hard for the woman who never went to school in Bessarabia, where she was born, or in Canada. She taught herself to read and write English. At one point, when she worked in a sweatshop on Spadina Avenue, she was told by men working there that "you only need to earn enough to buy lipstick so you can practice your other trades."

"I'm happy to see that some Jewish women have successful careers," she said.

"When I was young there was no such thing as feminism. But Jewish women have not yet reached a plateau where they can get out of a lousy marriage. They still have a way to go."

She is proud that her youngest grandson, an electrical engineer, cooks and washes dishes alongside his wife, who has a PhD and is also an electrical engineer. But Kahan believes that not enough Jewish men are "house broken."

Kahan is a feisty, independent sort, often taking issue with what her professors at Ryerson say in lectures, and expressing her own opinion forthrightly.

She still makes wall hangings, which are privately sold, enjoys sewing and reading, particularly about law. "I'm a slow reader but I like to read books [that] dissect famous trials."

Of her own marriage, she said she still feels guilty about putting her husband, Myer, into a home because he had Alzheimer's disease and needed the day and night care of two people. Her husband, who owned a large company, Myer's Dress, died eight years ago. She was the company's designer.

"He was a sensitive and fine man, at one time a men's tailor, who had no stomach for the union wars on Spadina Avenue. But he was a good friend of the late J.B. Salsberg and once loaned him 25 cents which J.B. needed badly."

At 25, she opened a dress store on Yonge Street when her husband couldn't find a job. They lived above the store so she could run upstairs to look after her babies. To do this, she passed up an opportunity to earn $45 a week as a dress designer.

She is proud of her oldest son, William, who wears two hats as a mathematician and computer scientist in California, and her youngest son, Frederick, a biochemist in New Jersey.

She has four great granddaughters and two great grandsons.

Coast to Coast

Celebrating 50 years of Israel Bonds

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA – Israel needs the support of Diaspora Jewry more now than ever, as the country draws strength from the special bond shared by Jews around the world, said Israeli Ambassador Haim Divon at a recent 50th anniversary of State of Israel Bonds reception.

"When I am standing here among friends – not just friends, but family – involved, committed, caring, I know that... we will be able to endure because today we need the strength, not just to go on, [but also to] exercise restraint," said Divon.

"That takes extra strength, courage and leadership and we can do it only when we know that you are here with us, not just strengthening our economy by buying bonds, but by telling all your friends and colleagues what a difficult neighbourhood we are living in ... We cannot do it alone. We need each and every one of you with us."

Dr. Norman Barwin thanked Divon for his message. "You have shown us so eloquently the role of Israel Bonds in the history of Israel," he said.

The ambassador's sentiments were echoed by Rabbi Reuven Bulka who has recently completed his term as rabbinic chair of State of Israel Bonds.

"All of this [the violence in Israel] has obliterated the left and the right," said Rabbi Bulka. "Everyone is on [the same] side. Everyone is deeply committed. We realize that we are up against an implacable enemy. For us here in Canada and around the world, there is a left and a right. The left is that we have to make sure that Israel is not left alone. The right is that we have to do what is right by Israel. You can do no better in establishing that linkage with Israel than to buy bonds."

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איציק מאַנגער אָוונט אין טאָראָנטאָ

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צום הונדערטסטן געבורטסיאָר פון איציק מאַנגער האָט דער „ייִדישער קולטור קאָמיטעט" אין טאָראָנטאָ אײַנגעאָרדנט אַ קולטור־מחוקאַלישן אָוונט לכבוד דעם ווונדערבאַרן פּאָעט אין סאָטיריסט. אוּן אַן אויסגעצייכנטער אָוונט איז דאָס געווען. עס איז בעקומען אַ גרויסער עולם, איבער 100 ייִדיש־ליבהאָבערס, וועלכע האָבן תּוואה געהאַט פון דער פּראָגראַם. ס'איז אַ סימן, אַז טאָראָנטאָ איז איינע פון די העכסטע אַקטיוּע שטעט אינעם קאַמף אַנצוהאַלטן מאַמע־לשון.

דעם אָוונט האָט געעפנט דוד ניומאַן, לאַנג־יאָריקער פאָרזיצער פון „ייִדישן קולטור קאָמיטעט" בײַ אונדז אין שטאָט. ער האָט באַגריסט דעם פאָרזיצער פון האָט געמאַכט עטלעכע באַקאַנטמאַכונגען וועגן צוקונפטיקע ייִדישע אונטערנעמונגען אין היגן ייִדישן ישוב. דער פאָרזיצער האָט דאַן פאָרגעשטעלט דעם לעקטאָר פון הייַנטיקן אָוונט, **דזשעראַ (יאַנקל) קפּיץ.**

דזשעראַ קפּיץ איז אַ לאַנג־יאָריקער אַקטיוּיסט טוער פאַר דער ייִדישער שפּראַך. ביים איצטיקן מאָמענט פאָר־נעמט ער דעם אָמט וויַ דער פאָרזיצער פון נאַציאָנאַלן קאָמיטעט פאַר ייִדיש ביים קאָנגרעס. ער איז אַ טאָראָנטער תושב, געבוירן איז אַ סעקולאַרער הייַם אוּן זייַנע לערערס זייַנען געווען ליבל באָסמאַן אוּן מאַניע ליפּשיץ.

געווייַלעך וועלן די לעקציעס אוּן רעפּראָסאָן גע־האַלטן אין דער ייִדישער שפּראַך. אין דעם פאַל אָבער איז גאָמאָכט געוואָרן אַן אויסנאַם אוּן מען האָט דערלויבט דעם רעדנער צו רעדן אין צוויי שפּראַכן: ייִדיש אוּן ענג־ליש. איז עס טאַקע געווען אינטערעסאַנט צו הערן, ווי לייכט וזשערי קיפּין איז איבערגעגאַנגען פון איין שפּראַך צו דער צווייטער, נישט פאַרלירנדיק דעם „פאָדעם". כּיוּל צוגעבן, אַז דער רעדנער האָט אויסגעפירט זייַן מיסיע זייער גוט, אַדער וויַ דער פאָרזיצער האָט געמוחט נעצן די ענגלישע וועריטער: „א גוד דזשאָב" אויסצודריקן זייַן באַגייסטערונג.

דער רעדנער האָט זייַן אָנאַליז וועגן איציק מאַנגער טיטולירט: „פּון גרויס בײַ בלויז". ער האָט דערמאָנט, אַז צוזאַמען מיט זייַן פּאָעטישן טאַלאַנט, האָט מאַנגער אויך פאָרמאַנט די חסרונות פון אַ פּשוטן בּשׂר־ודם: ער האָט גערויכערט, געזומען פון ביטערן טראָפן אוּן געהאַט אַ שוואַכקייט צום וויבערישן מין. דאָס האָט אָבער, וויַ דער רעדנער האָט אָנגעוויזן, נישט אויסגעגנומען אירעם קלענסטן אופן פון דער הערלעכער פּאָעזיע פון איציק מאַנגער.

דער אָוונט איז פאָרגעדיקט געוואָרן מיט אַ מחיקּה־לישן טייל, אויך געוויזעט מאַנגערן. די זינגערין ניקאַ **שאַפּילסקי** האָט געזונגען עטלעכע מאַנגער לידער. שפּעטער, צוזאַמען מיט גלאָריאַ וואַלעוסקיין, האָבן זיי געזונגען נאָך אַ צאָל לידער פון מאַנגערן. ביידע זייַנען שוין נישט קיין פּנים חדשות ביים ייִדישן עולם אוּן זיי האָבן שיין אויסגעפירט דעם מחיקאַלישן טייל פון אָוונט. מאַנגערס לידער זייַנען געווען באַקאַנט די צוהערערס אוּן זיי האָבן מיטגעזונגען אוּן געקלאַפּט מיט די הענט.

עס איז געווען אַ שיינער אוּן אינטערעסאַנטער אָוונט. איך וועט זיך צו די, וועלכע רעדן, ליינען אוּן שרייבן ייִדיש, אוּן זייַנען בײַ דעם אָוונט נישט געווען: לאָזט נישט אַדורך אַזעלכע געלעגנהייטן אין דער צוקונפט. קומט, פאַרבריגט אַ שיינעם אָוונט אוּן האָט הנאה. (אגב, דער קומענדיקער קולטור אָוונט וועט פאָרקומען יולי 8, 2001, געוויזעט סעם אוּן מאַניע ליפּשיץ).

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Coast to Coast

Aboriginal youth group aids Holocaust centre

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Handing over a cheque to the chairman of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre at a recent ceremony marked a proud accomplishment in the lives of 13 Aboriginal youths.

As part of Completing the Circle, a six-month program held at the Native Men's Residence, or Na-Me-Res, a shelter and educational centre for urban Aboriginal youth at risk, these youths sold chocolates and raised $326.50 which they donated to the Holocaust centre in Toronto.

Marcia Tait, 20, a mother of a 19-month-old daughter, is taking computer courses at Na-Me-Res. She says she was glad to give back to the Jewish community after Ve'ahavta,the Canadian Jewish humanitarian and relief organization, donated a van to Street Help, a Na-Me-Res outreach program that delivers food and clothing to Toronto's homeless.

But the desire to raise money for the Holocaust centre has deeper, more personal roots for many of these Natives who feel that their people, like Jews, have suffered from racism throughout their history.

"We were forced to live on land that wasn't really ours. We lived on little pieces of land and could only hunt there," explains Tait.

"The government stole little children from their homes and sent them to residential schools," she continues. "Children were whipped and hit if they spoke their native tongue."

While Tait was born and raised in Toronto, she says her mother was sent to a residential school but hated it so much that at the age of six she ran away, miraculously making it from the school in Alaska to her home in British Columbia.

Even today, Tait says she and other Natives still experience racism.

"Sometimes I'll be walking down the street and I'll hear people say, 'She's a drunken Native.' But I'm a mother and a student – not all Indians are like that."

Brandy Buswa, another Completing the Circle participant, says she felt privileged to have done something good for the Jewish community.

Howard Driman, chair of the Holocaust centre, was pleased to accept the donation, saying that he was "extremely touched" by the contribution.

Torah dedicated in Ottawa

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA – Amid a sea of dancing rabbis followed by a parade of joyous community members, a new Torah was held aloft under the chupah, the culmination of a year-long wait for the "bride" to arrive from Israel.

The Ottawa Torah Centre Chabad (OTC) recently invited the entire community to participate in the completion ceremony as the last few letters of the Torah were inked in by Torah scribe Rabbi Ephraim Schmukler.

This follows the custom of purposely leaving the new Torah incomplete in order to allow people the honour of personally standing by the scribe as he meticulously completes his task. Community leaders and those who had donated money to purchase a letter, a word or phrase were called up to take their places by his side.

"Our sages have taught that every Jew has his or her very own letter in the Torah," said Rabbi Blum of the OTC. "Indeed, the final mitzvah of the 613 in the Torah is the imperative to write one's own Torah." The Torah was written in Israel, a process that took almost a year. Every letter written by hand, it comprises 250 columns representing the five books of Moses and covers 85 panels of parchment joined to make the scroll.

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"It is a very special time for me and for the OTC," he said, "as this is the next step to the development of our Chabad House and our organization."

For the past three years, Rabbi Blum has been holding services in his home on Shabbat and holidays and has organized Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in a community centre in suburban Barrhaven.

He hopes that one day the new Torah will be housed in a synagogue building which will serve the quickly expanding neighbourhood in south west Ottawa.

Billed as a "Grand CommUnity Torah Celebration," the event was held in the auditorium of Hillel Academy and attracted a wide range of participants. According to Rabbi Blum, the Torah belongs to the entire community, and he wanted everyone to share in the joy of welcoming the new scroll. There were refreshments as well as activities for children

Counsellor Amir Maimon of the Israeli Embassy brought greetings, as did John Baird, MP. Baird presented a certificate of congratulations to Rabbi Blum and joined the parade as it followed a band of musicians along the street to Hillel Lodge, the Jewish seniors' residence next door. There it was placed in the ark in the home's chapel before being taken to its new home in Barrhaven..

Community has summer work ahead

Summer months are traditionally spent shifting into low gear and grabbing as much "r & r" as possible before the frenetic pace re-asserts itself in September. Frankly speaking, your faithful scribe is not sure that the Jewish community can be afforded the luxury of whiling away those lazy, hazy days of summer.

One example from among many will explain why.

The Bloc Quebecois met in conference a couple of weeks back. Among the policies being debated at this 10th anniversary convention was the BQ policy on the Middle East. There is an important group within the Bloc caucus that is very supportive of Israel. Many of them, including current leader, Gilles Duceppe, have travelled to Israel with groups like the Canada-Israel Committee. So why would a nasty, anti-Israel resolution materialize at the policy debate?

The answer, of course, is that the BQ has made a determined effort to reach out to the ethnic communities of Quebec. One of the doors on which they knocked was that of the Arab and Palestinian communities. Guess what? The door was opened... and not just by one individual!

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

The hostile resolution was evidence of the significant Arab presence within the BQ membership. More to the point, it was an indication of the Arab community's strategic choice to exercise its democratic right to express concern about a particular issue and have that concern reflected in the party's political manifesto.

Only the timely intervention of some sympathetic players within the party bureaucracy and caucus averted adoption of that resolution. The Jewish community should not assume that such support will be able to withstand the determined efforts of Arab and Palestinian Canadians indefinitely.

This tale can be repeated for every caucus represented in Parliament. The irony is that the Jewish community leadership can boast of warm relations with most elites within the various parties. It is on the grassroots level that the ties have atrophied and, in some cases, disappeared entirely. And that is where the focus of any remedial efforts must begin.

The one saving grace is that all of the political parties are in a state of transition. Now is the time to establish, renew or expand the Jewish presence in each of them. There are a lot of issues on the Jewish agenda, many of which are partisan in nature. But the only way such concerns will be heard is if a visible Jewish presence is at the table to make them heard. That takes some planning and a whole lot of determination.

The extent to which the summer months are used to put a real plan in place will determine the effectiveness of Canadian Jewry's voice over the next many summers.

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Diabetics told to be responsible for themselves

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The message is clear: If you have diabetes, you are the one responsible for knowing how to care for it and ensuring that everything necessary is done.

Nurse Marty Campbell, a longtime diabetes educator at TRIDEC, a program of Mount Sinai, Women's College and Toronto hospitals, told a recent meeting of the Jewish chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association that while hospitals, doctors and diabetes educators can answer questions and give advice, and one shouldn't hesitate to ask questions, ultimately "you are the ones with diabetes. You have to take control."

She supplied a chart listing the different tests and treatments that should be carried out, as well as a schedule for doing them.

First and foremost is controlling the body's glucose levels. The ideal, she said, is a level of between four and seven mmol/L (three to seven milligrams of sugar per decilitre of blood) before meals, and under 11 after, but "these levels are targets. Everyone is an individual."

A physician or diabetes educator will suggest how often the blood glucose levels should be checked and the best time of day to do it. Insulin dependent diabetics may have to adjust their insulin accordingly.

At present, levels are checked by pricking the finger and putting the blood into a glucometer. Campbell noted that new technology is being developed, including a sensor that will be worn for three days and record levels every few minutes. When the sensor is removed, it will be plugged into a computer for analysis.

Another piece of technology under development in the United States is the gluco-watch, which tests the fluid under the skin. Unfortunately, she said, there are some problems involved with it, such as the fact that the findings are affected by perspiration.

Another means of checking blood glucose levels is the glycosylated hemoglobin test (HgbAlc test), which will show what the blood sugar has been like over the past three months.

"Any decrease has benefits for you, whether it has gone down to a normal seven, or it has gone from 11 to 10," Campbell emphasized. However, if it is going up and nothing else is changing, that should be discussed with a doctor.

Because heart attack and stroke are possible complications of diabetes, it is very important to ensure that the blood pressure is controlled at 130/85. "If not, you should take a blood pressure medication," she said.

Foot care is critical to diabetes management, since diabetes can cause serious problems with blood circulation and the healing of wounds. Feet should be examined regularly to make sure that there are no changes and to check what is happening with blisters, cuts, scratches or rashes. Once a year, Campbell said, the feet should be seen by a doctor.

Since diabetics are also at higher risk for heart disease, lipids (blood fats) should be checked once a year, too. "Keep a copy of every lab result you ever take," Campbell advised, so that you will have proof of changes to your body's functioning.

While maintaining a healthy weight is important in the care of diabetes (returning to a proper weight can even allow one to stop taking insulin or other medications), Campbell acknowledged that "health professionals are not successful at helping people lose weight."

People should know what's "realistic and healthy," she said.

Regular screening for depression is important, Campbell said, noting that one in three diabetics is depressed, perhaps not clinically so, but "filled with sadness, or overwhelmed at the problems of controlling the disease."

People should recognize that "living with diabetes is a challenge. For some, it is more of a challenge than for others."

Other tests should include kidney and liver function tests, eye examinations (changes in the eye caused by uncontrolled diabetes can lead to blindness), regular dental exams and an annual flu shot.

She said the question of whether people should be under the care of a general practitioner or an endocrinologist is "politically and economically loaded."

The Canadian Diabetes Association is making a concerted effort to see that all doctors are brought "up to snuff" on current knowledge and practice in the field, Campbell said.

Time to change your relationship with food

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The secret to successful weight loss is to change your relationship with food, says Dr. Barry Simon, a psychiatrist specializing in weight management.

"A knowledge of food is not enough; you need to change how you look at it," he said at a panel discussion sponsored by Mount Sinai Hospital. Also on the panel, part of Mount Sinai's Healthy Living lecture series, were Carol Greenwood, an associate professor, department of nutritional sciences, faculty of medicine, University of Toronto; and Fran Berkoff, a dietitian at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Simon, an author and columnist with the *Toronto Star,* and a consultant to the diabetic clinic at Mount Sinai, said that before embarking on a weight loss program, people should examine their reasons for wanting to lose weight.

"Weight loss alone is not motivational; you should make a list of how your life would change if you did lose weight. You might want to be able to walk more easily, or have more zip in your step...Close your eyes and come up with a realistic image of what you'll enjoy when you've lost some of the weight. If you do not make a list, you will not feel motivated," he said.

He also suggested making a list about what is preventing you from losing weight. "In that list are all the barriers to success. This tells you what you need to change in order to lose weight.

"If, for example you eat because you are frustrated, you need to find out why you are frustrated. [Pay attention] to those reasons because they mean you must make changes."

Most people berate themselves for not losing weight, and then they feel sad and frustrated. This often leads to overeating, he said.

"You should think of a way that you have motivated yourself in other ways, or how you have motivated others. Think of someone who coaches well, and [reflect on] what they do," he said.

Lapses are a learning experience, he said."They are windows to your soul. If you are about to eat for emotional reasons, ask yourself in a coach voice what is really bothering you. What are you feeling or thinking? What happens inside you when you slip up?"

Berkoff said that when making food choices, labels can be trusted. "They meet government regulations. Remember, however, that labels refer to food as they are packaged – not with added milk, eggs or oil. Think about the end product.

"You also need to remember that when a label says a product is light, it could mean light in colour, texture or taste. Read the fine print. Also remember that fat free is not calorie free, and cholesterol free is not fat free," she said.

Greenwood, who spoke about linking diet to memory loss in seniors, said that there is evidence that people with the lowest vitamin intake show the poorest performance on memory tests.

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Powell heads to Middle East to push both sides

By ALUF BENN and SHLOMO SHAMIR
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JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon set off on a short visit to the United States last Sunday, at the start of what was expected to be a crucial week of diplomacy and a preamble to Secretary of State Colin Powell's visit to the region later in the week.

Diplomatic sources in Jerusalem said special American envoy William Burns has briefed Sharon and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat on an American timetable to implement the Mitchell plan. Powell is expected to demand a clear answer on whether both sides accept the plan.

Israel is stepping up pressure on Arafat to consolidate the ceasefire and arrest Palestinian activists. In a telephone conversation last week, Avi Dichter, head of the Shin Bet security services, warned Arafat that unless Palestinians on an Israeli "wanted" list are arrested immediately, "Israel will have to take steps for its self-defence."

The prime minister arrived in New York Sunday.

Powell has a meeting scheduled with Arafat this Thursday, when he will officially present him with Washington's plan. He will then leave for a 24-hour visit to Saudi Arabia before returning to hear the response of each side in meetings with Sharon and Arafat.

Sharon was planning, during his visit to Washington, to ask for a "cooling off" period before starting to implement the Mitchell plan.

Diplomatic sources said the United States is exercising pressure on both the Palestinians and Israel. The PA is being asked to carry out the ceasefire agreement brokered by CIA director George Tenet, and Israel is being told that the countdown of any "cooling off" period must begin now.

Sharon was expected to demand a 10-day period in which an absolute ceasefire must be observed, and only then would he agree to a "cooling-off period."

During a meeting with Burns last Friday, Sharon clarified to the United States that he believes a 10-day period in which there must be "100 percent quiet, not 100 percent effort" is necessary in order to examine whether Arafat is fulfilling his part of the ceasefire deal.

'100 percent quiet, not 100 percent effort'

A senior diplomatic source in Jerusalem said the Palestinian leader will make the utmost effort to maintain quiet on the ground while the visit of the U.S. secretary of state is pending, so that implementing the Mitchell plan will be expedited.

For its part, Israel is applying its own pressure on Arafat. Shin Bet chief Avi Dichter last Friday called Jibril Rajoub, the Palestinian preventive security chief in the West Bank, and spoke with Arafat, who happened to be visiting at the time. A senior source in the prime minister's delegation to Washington said that Dichter, supported by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, issued the warning to the Palestinians and asked that the wanted terrorists be arrested within 24 hours.

"These persons were not arrested and an order for their arrest was not issued," the sources said.

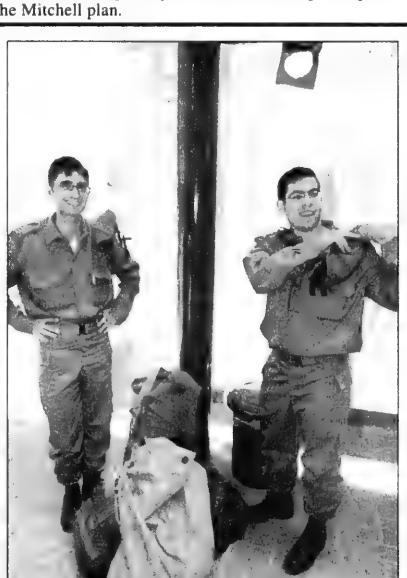
When asked how long Israel planned to continue with its policy of restraint, the source said that "Israel has two possibilities. The one is to attack the Palestinian Authority from Rafiah to Gaza and from Hebron to Jenin, and go full force. The other option is to act differently. The cabinet heard, voted and decided last Wednesday to place the maximum effort on defending the citizens of Israel, to put special effort into safeguarding the highways, and, yes, Israel will exercise its right to self-defence."

The same source added: "I hope that so long as it is possible not to embark on a total assault, we will continue. We have an interest in an agreement."

The senior source said Arafat has not made any changes in his stance. "There are fewer incidents on the ground, but if Arafat wants it to be completely quiet, as it is today in Bethlehem and Beit Jala, it will be. If Arafat does not understand now that there is a need for a complete ceasefire, he will never understand this."

The main points of the American plan, which will supplement the Mitchell committee recommendations, are as follows:

- The U.S. will declare the start of the "cooling-off" period. It will likely be shorter than Israel would like to see – about five weeks.
- During this period, both sides will undertake measures to restore the situation in the territories to pre-intifadah status.
- Three months of confidence-building measures (CBMs) will ensue. Israel will be required to freeze all settlement building and the Palestinians will have to collect all illegal weapons, renew security co-operation and develop a single command and control structure for its various security organizations.
- It is unclear whether the United States will demand a full freeze of settlement building or accept the Peres-Sharon formula that maintains only construction beyond the fences of the settlements will be frozen.
- Israel will carry out the third stage of withdrawal in the West Bank.
- At the completion of the CBMs, final status negotiations will resume, based on preparatory work done during the confidence building phase.
- The United States will monitor that the plan is carried out – no European Union observers will be involved.



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PA holding 32 Israelis

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The Palestinian Authority is holding 32 Israeli Arabs in custody for co-operating with Israel, according to a Justice Ministry report.

The Israeli citizens were arrested after entering Palestinian territory for business or to visit family members and friends. They are currently being interrogated in various detention centres in the territories and in some cases have been tortured, the report says.

The Justice Ministry learned of the detainees after their families applied to the ministry for aid. All Israeli appeals to the PA asking for the release of Israeli citizens under arrest in the Palestinian territories have been rejected. Some of the detainees have been held since April of last year.

Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein, who has submitted several appeals for the release of the detainees, said yesterday that the arrest of the citizens is contrary to the agreements signed between Israel and the PA in Oslo as well as basic human rights.

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Palestinian leader is making fools of everyone

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'Aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

There is no better example of the cynical attitude of the Palestinian Authority (PA), and of PA Chairman Arafat himself, to acts of terror, and of their disdain for keeping agreements, than their handling of the slaughter carried out by a suicide bomber at the discotheque in the Tel Aviv Dolphinarium that has now claimed 21 young lives.

Analysis

The Shin Bet (General Security Services) quickly found out who was involved in the bombing. At a meeting of the Supreme Security Committee, Israel presented the Palestinian delegates with the names of two Hamas men who had sent the bomber: one from Nablus and one from Qalqiliyah. The Palestinians were asked to arrest the two immediately – and the Americans supported this demand.

What actually happened? The two men responsible for the attack were invited to a meeting at the offices of one of the Palestinian security services. In a conversation – not an interrogation – with the PA security agents, the two admitted their involvement in sending the suicide bomber to Tel Aviv and preparing him for the attack.

And here comes the interesting part: the two were warned by the Palestinian security people not to carry out similar activities in the future – and apparently they have even signed an agreement to that effect! After that chat, they were released to their homes. At a second meeting of the Supreme Security Committee, the Palestinians were asked what they had done with the two men. Their answer was: "They have been warned!"

Whoever gave instructions to treat the two perpetrators of terror in this manner becomes a full partner to the slaughter and is responsible for encouraging additional murderous acts. It further shows that Israel has an absolute right to defend itself, and to stop acts of terror (an activity which, for some reason, has been defined as "elimination").

This story is a typical example of how the PA works today. Israel also presented a list of about 35 people who are planning terrorist acts, including eight or 10 who intend to carry out suicide attacks.

Yasser Arafat

Arafat is making fools of Israel and of the Americans. All this would not be happening without Arafat's approval. By his method of administration and domination, he makes sure to sow confusion even among his delegates in the Supreme Security Committee. Because each of these senior delegates is separately responsible to him directly, he prevents true co-ordination even among his own representatives. It is not only his political echelon that wonders what Arafat really wants; but it is also the heads of his security services.

Only someone suffering from amnesia can ignore similar behaviour on his part in the past – his dozens of violations of agreements with Arab countries, and of ceasefire agreements in Lebanon and in Jordan. One could write a fascinating doctoral thesis about it. The debate that has raged in Israel concerning the extent to which Arafat controls what happens in the territories is absurd. It is also harmful to Israel.

While it's true that there are some "black holes" in Arafat's control – like the popular opposition committees in Rafiah, there is no longer any doubt among all Israel's intelligence arms that Arafat bears full responsibility for what goes on, for good or for ill.

Arafat must not be allowed to make a fool of Israel in the matter of the ceasefire. We must not make any allowances for him when it comes to preserving the ceasefire agreement. That is the big mistake which many, including Israel and the Americans, have made in the past. If we do not now insist on the complete observance and honouring of the ceasefire agreements, we will not succeed in doing so at any time in the future – as long as Arafat leads the Palestinians.

A system that allows one to kill Israelis, while at the same time conduct negotiations – this technique was embarrassingly demonstrated when the delegations met in Taba (during peace negotiations in January, shortly before the elections for prime minister) – is unacceptable. We should not conduct political negotiations with Arafat, or accept his proposal to hold international congresses and meetings with him, so long as the acts of killing continue and the ceasefire agreement is being violated, both openly and covertly.

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Fatah man killed in phone blast, Israel denies responsibility

By Amos Harel
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — A PLO Fatah activist wanted by Israeli forces was killed last Sunday when a public phone he was using in the West Bank city of Nablus exploded. Israel denied Palestinian Authority accusations of responsibility for the explosion, dismissing it as a "work accident."

Fatah leaders refuted the denial and said the assassination ends the cease-fire. Osama Jawabreh, 29, died in the explosion in the centre of Nablus, where he lived. Two children who were near the phone booth, a brother and sister aged 2 and 4, were wounded by shrapnel and have been hospitalized.

The circumstances of this explosion are almost identical to the explosion in April that killed Iyad Hardan, who was chief of the Islamic Jihad's military faction in the West Bank. Hardan was also killed when a bomb went off in a public phone booth. The incident is considered an assassination although Israel has not admitted to it.

Several other explosives specialists working in Palestinian organizations have also been killed during the last year. According to PA figures, some 30 key activists were killed since the start of the intifadah last September.

Top Israeli officials, however, told *Ha'aretz* that in this case, the PA accusations are simply not true.

"We did not kill Jawabreh," said one source, "although we are not sorry for his death." The official said he was killed by one of his own explosives.

Hussein Sheikh, a Fatah official in the West Bank, ignored the denial and said the assassination ended the cease-fire.

"With this murder, Sharon has opened the gates of hell for the Israelis," said Marwan Barghouti, another prominent member of the Fatah.

Shin Bet officials say Jawabreh was one of the top professionals in preparing explosives in the West Bank. He is believed to have prepared bombs that went off in Netanya, Kfar Sava, Petah Tikva and Hod Hasharon.

The Shin Bet also believes Jawabreh had been working on plans to send a rigged car into Israel sometime in the near future. Jawabreh also co-operated with activists of other organizations such as the Popular Front and Hamas.

There have been several mysterious explosions in Nablus over the past few weeks. At least some of these were undoubtably work accidents.

Remembrances of Tunisia 34 years ago

By CLAUDE COHEN-MATLOFSKY
Special to The CJN

I still remember the smell of burning meat, the sight of blood running in the gutters, the very face of hatred. It has marked me to this day.

It was a very hot day in June 1967. I was 8½, a Grade 3 student. I remember my parents discussing whether or not they should send me to school. We lived in Tunis. In all elementary schools, students attended alternatively one week in the morning, one week in the afternoon. My sister Joelle, one year younger than I, went to school that morning. My parents finally decided to send me that afternoon.

I remember departing for school, in the car of my Italian neighbour friend's father, a little Renault Dauphine. Unexpectedly, before the end of the day, my mother appeared in the classroom, accompanied by an Arab worker from her office. My mother was the legal secretary of maitre Bellaga, a cousin of the president's wife, Wassila Bourghiba, who was also a deputy at the National Assembly. She explained to me that she came to pick me up earlier because there was a riot and that all the Jews were in danger.

They took me out of the class and we drove to our apartment on a commercial street. The driver had to stop the car at the street's other end. We walked down with him. I saw the blood on the ground. I asked my mother whether they had killed the Jews. She reassured me. This was only from the meat of the kosher butcher shops that they had destroyed.

Then I saw a ladder leaning on our balcony, on the second floor of our building. The shutters were closed tightly. My grandmother told us that the Arabs tried to climb to our apartment to harm her, my grandfather, Joelle, and my other sister, Sophie, who was not even a year old. We managed to get inside with the help of our superintendent, whom we heard saying, "There are no Jews in this building, only Indians." We actually had many neighbours of Maltese origin.

In the apartment, we found everyone okay. But my grandparents were frightened. My mother's Arab worker drove us all back to maitre Bellaga's office. We were offered refuge at my mother's boss's house, in the outskirts of the city. Maitre Bellaga himself drove us to his mansion. My father, who was a high school math teacher at La Marsa, a town outside Tunis, came back from work early as well. He drove directly to maitre Bellaga's mansion, as he was advised. Maitre Gellaga, his wife, son and daughter welcomed us very warmly.

We spent two days there until the situation in the capital returned to calm in the capital. Then we went back to our apartment. I remember watching on television the president's speech. He reassured the Jews, explaining that the riot's instigators came from Algeria, that Tunisian Arabs have always been pacifists, that it would not happen again.

But we had lost trust in Tunisia. My father's side of the family was already established in France since the early '50s, so we had decided to move as soon as possible.

We moved to Paris that same summer. My father left first, then my sisters, and then my mother and I followed the next month. The arrival in France was rather difficult. We were all spread out amongst our relatives since no one could accommodate us all together. My parents stayed at one of my uncle's with Sophie, while Joelle and I stayed at one of my aunt's. We saw my parents on weekends until they found jobs and an apartment in Goussainville, a suburb of Paris. Then my grandparents were able to join us from Tunis. After them, all of my maternal relatives followed.

All my family has left Tunisia. I've never gone back. Relatives of mine who have returned from visits there have said that some Arabs asked them, "Why did the Jews leave?"

They had forgotten the events of June 1967.

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Aliyah continues despite intifadah

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JERUSALEM – Some 35,000 Jews have immigrated to Israel since the outbreak of the intifadah, while 5,000 have visited the country as a mark of solidarity and 20,000 Jewish youths have come to Israel for short- and long-term studies.

The figures were presented last week before the Zionist General Council (the highest institution of the World Zionist Organization, which convenes once a year).

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According to Reports

Confusion from media's blurred distinctions

The BBC's documentary, *The Accused*, which aired on June 17, focused on Ariel Sharon's involvement in the Sabra and Shatilla massacre of 1982 and created a wave of protest in Israel over its unfairness.

The BBC claims the program was an investigative report, although it uncovered nothing previously unknown about the event. Fergal Keane, the feature's principal reporter, has insisted that he had "absolutely no political motivation": "We made the program because there are fundamental questions which had to be asked and need to be answered… That is what our role is as journalists in this process. We are simply [!] investigating and asking people to account for themselves."

Apparently, however, there was a political agenda: to prove, at an especially delicate period in Israeli-Palestinian relations (in which the BBC has played a decidedly biased role in favour of the Palestinians), that Israel's newly elected prime minister should be indicted as a war criminal.

It will be recalled that in February 1983, Israel's Kahan Commission determined that Sharon was not responsible for the killings carried out by the Lebanese Phalange. However, the Commission did find Sharon "indirectly responsible" for failing to anticipate what the Phalange might do once they were allowed to enter the Palestinian refugee camps, especially since their leader, Bashir Gameyal, had been assassinated the day before.

While Keane insists that his film is "very, very clear" that it is not accusing Sharon of direct responsibility for the massacre, his documentary blurs this very point. He speaks of Sharon as having given "the order," thereby leaving the impression that Sharon ordered the killings.

This point is fudged at a critical stage in the program in which the indictment against Sharon is handed down. Keane: "Isn't it reasonable to say that if responsibility goes all the way to the top, to the person who gave the orders, that potentially makes Sharon a war criminal?" The term "the orders" is left dangling, but Richard Goldstone, the chief prosecutor of the UN War Crimes Tribunal from 1994-96, answers that the person who "gave the commands"… is "more responsible even than the people who carry out the order," thereby reinforcing the implication of intent.

As well, Keane failed to mention Sharon's libel suit against *Time* Magazine, in which a U.S. jury in 1985 ruled that *Time* had defamed Sharon by falsely accusing him of having incited the Phalange to carry out the massacre. (The jury exonerated *Time* of malice, however.) Following the program, Keane rationalized the omission by again claiming that unlike *Time*, the BBC is not charging Sharon with deliberate intent and that indirect responsibility is sufficient for an indictment.

The conflating and blurring of distinctions is a shoddy but effective tactic. By the time international law professor Richard Falk remarks that Sharon "gave the directions and orders that resulted in the Phalange entering the camps," the confused viewer cannot be faulted for assuming that Sharon either had knowledge about, or indeed, had ordered the attack.

Prepared by Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Shiva Asar b'Tammuz is Sunday, July 8

On the 17th of Tammuz, we remember the attacks on our faith, our land and our people

This year, remembering just isn't enough

Our faith, our land, and our people have been besieged with attacks no less frightening than those we recall on the 17th of Tammuz.

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On this fast day – Sunday, July 8 – let us come together in our thousands to demonstrate our solidarity with Israel and her people.

A program of prayer and action will take place in Orthodox synagogues all across North America.

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- Arranging solidarity trips to Israel from your community

You and your family are urged to participate in this meaningful united response. This year, let's not use *Shiva Asar b'Tammuz* only for recalling our history. Let's use it to try and change our future!

Call your local Orthodox synagogue for the time of the program. For more information, please call 212.613.8226 or visit www.ou.org

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Join the OU/RCA week-long Solidarity Trip for shul groups and individuals leaving Sunday, August 12th. Full details and sign-up forms will be available at the July 8th program, or by calling 212.613.8188 or at www.ou.org.

More scheduled trips will follow, or you can call the Orthodox Union to coordinate customized trips for your shul.

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Operation Joshua

June 18

• 15-year old Yevgenia Dorfman died of wounds she suffered in the June 1 suicide bombing outside a Tel Aviv disco. Her death brings the number of murdered by the bomber to 21.

• Egypt is about to buy North Korean missile technology, according to *Ha'aretz*. Citing U.S. intelligence sources, the paper said Egypt is acquiring technology to produce a missile with a range of 500 miles.

June 19

• Palestinian officials in Athens issued a statement claiming that a top official of the Greek Orthodox Church had blamed Israelis for the recent shooting death of a Greek monk, an attack widely attributed to Palestinian gunmen. After officials at the Greek Foreign Ministry learned that the church official never made such a claim, the ministry called on the Palestinians to issue a retraction. The Palestinians refused. *(Security forces subsequently arrested two Palestinians in connection with the slaying, both members of Yasser Arafat's Force 17 presidential guard.)*

June 20

• Seven years after the Supreme Court ordered the IDF to open its pilots' training course to women, a female cadet is about to get her wings as a combat pilot. Several women have already become air navigators.

June 21

• The duration of the Maccabiah Games will be reduced from 10 days to seven, according to Israel Radio.

• An Israeli from the West Bank community of Homesh was killed by Palestinian gunmen. He was the third Israeli to be ambushed and killed on West Bank roads since Monday.

June 22

• Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will propose the establishment of a chain of new settlements in the Haluza sand dunes of the northwest Negev, Infrastructure Minister Avigdor Lieberman said at a meeting with the leaders of the Negev settlement movement.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

New book released by author of *Gabi's Dresser*

Kathy Kacer

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The multi-award-winning, Toronto-based author of *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser* has just launched her second historical fiction for Second Story Press' Holocaust Remembrance Series for Young Readers.

"*Clara's War* takes place during the Second World War in Terezin, also known as Theresienstadt, the ghetto/concentration camp that was set up as a transport station in what is now the Czech Republic," says author Kathy Kacer, 47, a former psychologist.

"Jews were sent there for relatively short periods of time before being sent on to mostly Auschwitz," Kacer says.

"What is remarkable about Terezin was that it was a concentration camp of contrasts. On one hand, there was the worst possible conditions – death, starvation, disease and filth, and on the other hand Terezin had incredible cultural and arts events."

Inmates performed operas, concerts and lectures, including the children's opera *Brundibar* by Czech composer Hans Krasa, also an inmate at Terezin. The children of Terezin performed *Brundibar* over 50 times; when a child from the cast was deported to Auschwitz, another child would simply fill in the missing place.

In *Clara's War*, published this past April, a fictional family – Clara, her younger brother Peter and her parents – is deported to Terezin.

"There, Clara encounters all of the contrasts, the worst possible

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Remounted Cows to be milked for TV special

By BEN ROSE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO—The story of how Allan Merovitz's grandfather, Velvel Waxman, born in Ozeroff, a shtetl in south-east Poland, came to be the only Jew in Canso, N.S., will be made into a TV special which will air on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

If Cows Could Fly, a musical about Merovitz's family's experiences, was purchased by PBS because it wanted "Jewish programming that was enteraining and different," said producer Don Booth.

The musical is being remounted for a four-week run until July 14 at Artword Theatre (75 Portland St.) and will also be presented outdoors in Winnipeg as the centrepiece of a Jewish festival occurring, of all places, in a Jesuit church courtyard, Aug. 3 and 4, at St. Norbert Centre for the Arts.

The PBS special will be shot there next summer. The station has also agreed to distribute the film.

"My co-producer, Terry Coles, has a friend at St. Norbert Centre who was looking for a piece with the kind of swing and humour that *Cows* offers," said Booth.

Allan Merovitz

"It is unusual for a show with such a strong Jewish basis to be in that setting."

Merovitz said he came across a book on Ozeroff, written by a French Jew who survived the Shoah, by chance. It is subtitled *The Little Jewish Town That Was*.

"It has a wonderful quote in it, that a wedding in Ozeroff was no wedding unless there was a Waxman singing at it."

The Dora-award winning performer said he believed his grandfather, named Willie by an immigration officer in 1905, was one of the singers.

Born in Montreal, Merovitz was raised in Smiths Falls where "Zadie" Waxman, who made his living as a shoemaker, moved the whole family. That explains why *If Cows Could Fly* has Ottawa Valley fiddle tunes and country and western songs, interspersed with Yiddish melodies.

Merovitz's mother, Edith, still lives in Montreal.

He is passionate about the need for young Jewish people to know the history of their forbearers, of the struggle between the Old and New World, and the hardships that Jewish immigrants underwent in small towns and villages across Canada.

He tells of his "bubba" who somehow managed to feed his whole family and strangers in depression-ridden Montreal and of how his grandfather came to Canada to avoid being conscripted by the Cossacks.

Merovitz spent 10 years researching his family and interviewing elder members who have since died. He thinks the current production, which he has re-written to focus on his relationship with his father, the late Reuben Merovitz, and his grandfather, is better than the one shown at Artword in February last year.

"We've taken a wonderful show and made it more magical."

In all, he plays 20 different characters, and does all the singing, aided by musicians Ron Weihs, who directs *If Cows Could Fly*, and Jarl Anderson.

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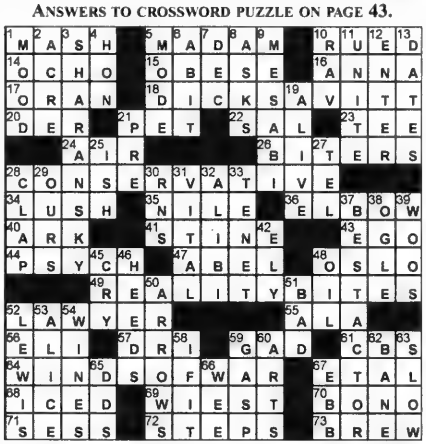
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New book released by author of *Gabi's Dresser*

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impact of being in the midst of the war and some of the most beautiful parts," Kacer says. "She meets one of her best friends from home, Hanna and a young boy, whose name is Jacob. The story really focuses on these three children and Clara's brother. Clara auditions for and gets a part in *Brundibar*, Peter, who is much frailer than Clara, gets sick and Jacob participates in a dangerous escape."

Kacer's first book, *The Secrets of Gabi's Dresser*, which won the Silver Birch Award, Jewish book Award, the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award and numerous other prizes, was based on her mother and grandmother's Holocaust experiences.

Kacer first heard about *Brundibar* six years ago when her daughter, singer Gabi, 16, performed in the first English production produced in Toronto by Helena Fine.

"*Brundibar* is a sweet little opera, but when I learned the context of how and when it was first performed and by whom, it absolutely enthralled me," she says.

"I couldn't believe this children's opera could have been performed under those circumstances and here it is 60 years later and still being heard. I thought for many years how I was going to write this as a book.

"During my daughter's participation, I met John Freund, a survivor of Terezin and Auschwitz. John had not performed in *Brundibar*, but had seen in several times and knew many of the young people in it. He helped me fill in the historical pieces. Through my discussions with John and my own fascination with Holocaust history and bringing it to young people, I started to put the book together."

Kacer initially wrote her first book to tell her children – she also has a son, Jake, 14 – about their grandparents, who died relatively young. She felt their story couldn't be told without including the Holocaust because it was such an integral part of her parents' lives.

"When I first started to write, it was for my own children, but obviously I think these stories need to be told to a wider audience, particularly since that generation of survivors is aging and dying. As a second generation survivor, I have some responsibility to keep the stories alive.

"*Gabi's Dresser* was described as a gentle telling of the Holocaust, which was very appealing to parents, educators and kids themselves," she says.

"When I started to write *Clara's War*, I had a younger audience in mind, but because it was set in a concentration camp, the details were more harsh and blatant, it needed to be written for a slightly older audience, aged 10 and up."

Kacer wants children reading her books to be left with a sense of hope – to know what happened, but to feel that the future can be different for them. Nazi Germany created a hateful system, she says, and if we understand what hatefulness can do, we have the choice not to take that path and to create better systems for the future.

The author is currently working on her third book and touring the country speaking to children about the Holocaust.

"If kids begin to question what went on in Europe at that time, doesn't that open up the best opportunities to see the world differently or be part of a different world?"

Clara's War is available from Second Story Press, at their Web site, www.secondstorypress.on.ca.

Arts & Travel

An artistic nod to the jazz festival

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Colours of Jazz, a wondrous celebration of jazz through paintings by some of Toronto's finest artists, is at the Robert Mede Gallery until July 14.

Featured in this group exhibition are Telford Fenton, Michael Fisher, Juan Luis Gallagos, David Gnass, Myra Lowenthal, Marilyn McKay, Berge Missakian and Paul Peregal.

Depicting jazz performers in a spectacular array of colour and form, the artists, who range in age from 22 to 80, bare their personal perceptions, reaching inside for a unique vision just as the musicians strive for their singular sound.

Bop City, by David Gnass, a montage of late '40s bebop musicians, virtually explodes from the canvas with youthful energy.

In contrast, Juan Luis Gallagos' abstract, *Hombre*, though it is composed of hot colours, appears quite controlled.

Paul Peregal's Round Midnight

Telford Fenton's *New York Subway*, loose, subdued expressionism, reveals a shadowy figure carrying his music case up a stairway from the underground and there is a feeling of the city of subways, always on the move.

Lady Sings the Blues, is Marilyn McKay's concept of Billie Holliday, who could walk onto any stage and instantly touch the sensibilities of her audience.

In his silkscreen, *Jazz Up in Cordoba*, Berge Missakian brings exceptional technical ability and clarity to a somewhat restrained composition.

Michael Fisher's *King Oliver*, portrays traditional '20s and '30s jazz in the style of the American social realists. Here, a band of street musicians with the great King Oliver, struts and sings and plays with joyful abandon.

Myra Lowenthal integrates an impressionistic quality into her reflective *Soprano Sax*. A single musician stands, head bowed, at one with his music.

Paul Peregal's *Round Midnight*, expressionistic, vibrant blues and browns, strong strokes, an aura of motion, springs from his obsession with jazz.

A musician friend observes, "You don't paint jazz musicians, you paint jazz."

The Robert Mede Gallery is at 321 Davenport Rd., two blocks west of Avenue Road. Telephone 416-966-9362. Gallery hours, Monday to Wednesday by appointment, Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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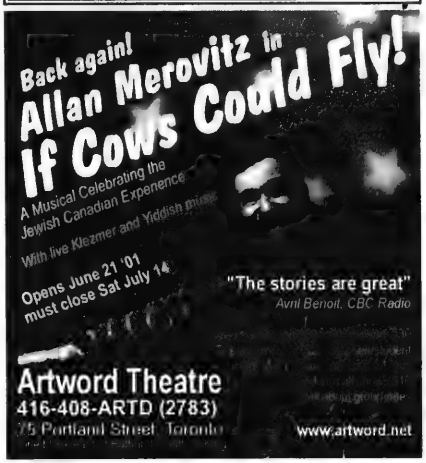

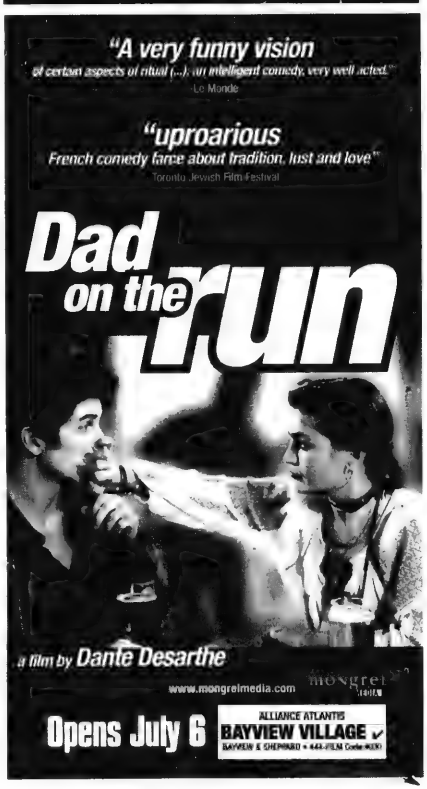

ANNUAL YIDDISH CONCERT AT MEL LASTMAN SQUARE

Toronto klezmer band **Beyond the Pale** and singers **Michael Smolash** and **Bronna Levy** are the headliners of the annual Yiddish Concert to be held at Mel Lastman Square, North York (Civic Centre subway stop) on July 4, 7:30 p.m. In case of rain, the concert will be held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. 416-635-2883, ext. 155.

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Rivers & Rickles: She's billed as "the queen of the barbed one-liner" and he's called "the king of the zinger." Celebrated show-business personalities **Joan Rivers** and **Don Rickles** come together for a single performance in Toronto. $40 - $85. Hummingbird Centre, Monday July 9, 8 p.m. 416-872-2262.

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Pet Caper: Los Angeles-based film director **Lawrence Guterman**, formerly of Montreal and Toronto, is the director of *Cats & Dogs*, a live-action spy-genre spoof in which domesticated canines and felines battle it out for world domination. The Warner Brothers production, which stars **Jeff Goldblum**, **Elizabeth Perkins**, 11-year-old Vancouver actor **Scott Brody** and scores of memorable pets, opens in theatres July 4.

Guterman, who made his first short film while in the eighth grade, earned a physics degree at Harvard before deciding to go into film. He taught an undergraduate course in physics at the University of Southern California to pay for his film studies there, and also studied film animation at Sheridan College in Toronto. Among other cinematic achievements, he directed several sequences in **Woody Allen's** animated film *Antz*.

The film's web site is located at www.catsanddogsmovie.com.

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Jazz at Mezzetta: Katztoller, a band consisting of jazz guitarist-pianist **Brian Katz** and saxophonist-flautist **Ernie Tollar**, is joined by bassist **Artie Roth** to play *Katzian* and other compositions in the "world jazz" mode.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

The music is rooted in the modern jazz tradition and embraces elements of Jewish, East Indian, classic-romantic and various folk traditions.

Mezzetta Cafe, 681 St. Clair Ave. W. June 28, 9:15 p.m. & July 1, 8:30 p.m. 416 658-5687.

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Canada Day in Downsview: Tom Cochrane, **Kim Mitchell** and **Jacksoul** are the headliners at Downsview Park's Canada Day Celebration, Sunday, July 1. The day of free concerts goes from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Molson Canadian's Big Birthday begins at 7 p.m. and culminates in an elaborate fireworks display choreographed to music.

The talent line-up includes *Beyond the Pale*, featuring **Eric Stein**, **Anne Lindsay**, **Sasha Luminsky**, **Martin Van de Ven** and **Bret Higgins**, performing from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Downsview Park is located at Keele and Sheppard. Its web site is www.parcdownsviewpark.ca.

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Theatre Briefs

• *Dream A Little Dream*, the nearly true story of the **Mamas and the Papas** starring **"Papa" Denny Doherty** previews June 26 & 27, and opens June 28 at the Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W. $55-$65. Until Aug. 4. 416-872-1111.

• The Friendly Spike Theatre Band introduces two new works-in-progress, *The Girls of Grandview* and *The Edmond Yu Project*. The Band's "This Belongs to You" workshops are July 6 , 7 & 8. 416-516-4740.

• The Underground Company premieres *Fear of Flying*, a new theatrical treatment of the explicit 1970s novel by **Erica Jong**, adapted (with Jong's blessing) by **Cayle Chernin** and **Ned Vukovic**. Poor Alex, 296 Brunswick Ave. $8. July 6 to 15. Fringe Festival, 416-966-1062.

•**Jordan Merkur** directs **Marsha Norman's** internationally acclaimed play *Night, Mother*, starring **Jayne Eastwood**, as part of the Fringe Festival. Tarragon Extra Space, 30 Bridgman Ave. $8. July 6 to 14. 416-966-1062.

•Apple of My Eye Theatre presents *The Apple of Contentment*, an enchanting play for children by **Howard Pyle**. Palmerston Public Library, 560 Palmerston Ave. north of Bloor. $8. July 6 to 14. 416-921-3406.

At the Galleries

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Shaloa – Jewish happenings on the Hawaiian islands

By RACHEL AND BEN SCHLESINGER
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HONOLULU, Hawaii — Shaloa (Shalom-Aloha) from Hawaii.

The University of Hawaii, is situated on 300 acres of landscaped gardens, where 560 varieties of trees and plants grow.

We stayed at Lincoln Hall, the visitors' residence of the well-known East-West Centre, an international educational centre.

The "Aloha" state has a population of just over a million people. Tourism is its number one industry.

There are well-known islands like Kauai, Maui, Molokai and Hawaii. Honolulu, the state capital is located on the island of Oahu.

Oahu, which means gathering place, has nearly 80 percent of the population and hosts at least a million visitors every year. Pearl Harbour and military bases of all the branches of the American military are located there as well.

We arrived just before Purim and celebrated this joyous holiday with a handful of Jews living on the island.

We were eager to renew our long-time friendship with Rabbi Morris Goldfarb who had retired to Oahu to be near his daughter, Deborah Washofsky, and family.

Rabbi Goldfarb is still active giving adult education classes, training bar and bat mitzvah youngsters and performing outdoor weddings.

We had just missed a testimonial dinner in honour of his 85th birthday. Over 200 people attended, and the synagogue, Temple Emanu-El (2550 Pali Highway, ph. 808-595-7921, fax 808-595-6306) raised over $50,000 for the Goldfarb Fund.

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Rachel Schlesinger is an Associate Professor at York University. Ben Schlesinger is a Professor Emeritus at University of Toronto.

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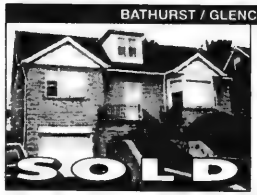

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But every Friday morning, 25 to 50 members gather at the Bernard Betel Centre and bring their own stories to read or songs to sing. They discuss Yiddish writers and other famous personalities, as well as current events in Israel.

Many lost everyone they knew in the Holocaust. Most were born in Europe and came to Canada after World War II. They include 103-year-old William Katz, brother of the late Ben Katz, the philanthropist, who with his wife, Hilda, built Baycrest's new Home for the Aged; prominent Yiddish writer Simcha Simchovitch; former Judge Philip Bend, 90; and a few former high school teachers in both the Jewish day schools and the public education system.

When it held its annual memorial for Yom Hashoah recently, Brucha Goren was one of the six who lit candles. The others were Max Roston, Martin Boimol, Simchovitch, Michael Waszezyna, and Berl Leifkovitz.

After the candles were lit, everyone said Kaddish in unison. The chair, instructor Joseph Pink, chanted K'El Maleh Rachamim, and sang songs by Mordechai Gebirtig who was shot by the Germans in 1942.

Pink, 83, who spent 26 years in Israel before coming to Canada 18 years ago, was accompanied on keyboard by another member, Leon Zelicki, who sang Yiddish songs.

Pink read from books about the Warsaw Ghetto, one of which was written by Emanuel Ringelblum, a Holocaust survivor and historian who kept a detailed account of what happened in the ghetto.

The members listened in silence as Pink read about the bravery of Mordechai Anielewicz who led the ghetto uprising. All his comrades were gassed in the the end.

The ghetto was created in November 1940, and according to Ringelblum, 700,000 Jews were crowded into it. In the first 20 months, 100,000 Jews died from typhus, but in 1942 the Germans decided that not enough Jews had died even though bodies were lying in the streets.

"The Germans told the Jews that they were being sent to a place where they could earn a living and wait out the war," said Pink. "Instead, they were sent to Treblinka."

A member spoke up on behalf of the 14,000 Bulgarian Jews who died. The woman gave an emotional description of the anti-Semitism in Ukraine, and recalled being told that "when the Germans come you will hang from a tree."

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Single Jewish male, 38 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing, sincere, enjoys travel, cooking, hiking, computers. seeks female, 29-36 yrs, with similar qualities and interests **AD#1321**

YOUNG AT HEART
Single male, 75 yrs, 5' 4", young in spirit, healthy, fit, active, financially secure, seeks female, lively, attractive, 45-60 yrs, affectionate, for long term loving relationship. **AD#1002**

GIVE ME A CALL
A single male, 32 yrs, Scorpio, 6'2", 180 lbs, slim, muscular, build, seeks female, spontaneous, not into head games, leave name and best time to reach you **AD#1072**

FUN TO BE WITH
40 yrs, single Jewish male, professional, fun, easy going, enjoys outdoors, baseball, roller blading, volleyball and basketball, in the winter, active, seeks Jewish female, 27-37 yrs, caring, fun to be with share same Jewish values, and eventually build a life together **AD#1347**

NO HEAD GAMES
50 yrs young, 5' 10½", 175 lbs, good shape, attractive, passionate, active, works out, keeps busy, outgoing, open to new and different things, no head games, likes walks in the park, movies, seeks someone with similar qualities and interests, can connect one to one, passion is important **AD#1834**

LOVING & CARING
Single male, 6' 1", 210 lbs, 39 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, handsome, clean shaven, kind, gentle, loves children, wide variety of interests. seeks female, 21-41 yrs, baby faced, soft milky skin, attractive, medium build, race not important, please be sure to leave your number **AD#1303**

CALL ME
Single male, Scorpio, 6' 2", 180 lbs, seeks female, sensual, spontaneous, no head games, enjoys talking on the phone, quiet romantic evenings **AD#1294**

LET'S GO SURFING
Single male, 3', 220 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, glasses, enjoys playing sports, golf, surfing the internet, watching TV, seeks female, 27-40 yrs, who enjoys golf, spending time with family, and having a good time **AD#1050**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Single male, 48 yrs, humourous, employed, in the stocks trade, enjoys singing, dining and dancing, old movies, seeks female, nice, kind, considerate, good natured, status, not an issue **AD#1067**

LOVE, HUGS & CUDDLES
Single Jewish male, 40+, grey blue eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, good sense of humour, enjoy the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, seeks female, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, orthodox preferred, intelligent, with similar interests **AD#1188**

CALL ME
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue eyes, warm sincere, gentle, compassionate,good communicator, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, seeks female, orthodox, preferred, 35-45 yrs, intelligent, with similar qualities and interests **AD#1600**

FRIEND 1ST
Separated Jewish male, 63 yrs, 5' 11", self employed, new to Toronto enjoys, long walks, skating music, good sense of humour, seeks female, 45-65 yrs, professional, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1298**

LOVING AND CARING
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LIFE FILLED WITH FUN
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GIVE ME A CALL
Divorced white male, retired, financially, secure, good sense of humour, enjoys dining and dancing, movies, travel, seeks female, 65 plus, slim, pretty, for loving relationship **AD#1712**

LIFE IS A JOY
Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, mature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with **AD#1295**

WANTS SOMEONE WHO IS EVOLVED
A fit, handsome, warm, creative, compassionate, 43 year old, Jewish male, seeks someone who is very evolved, loving, witty, determined, honest and somewhat intense He is an independent thinker. **AD#1631**

DON'T OVERLOOK ME!
Single Jewish male, youthful, 70's, 5' 7", Silver hair, blue eyes, 175 lbs, semi, retired, romantic, honest, healthy, good sense of humour, seeks female, any age, caring, attractive, intelligent, slender, secure, for loving relationship **AD#1298**

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DON'T OVERLOOK ME!
Single Jewish male, 54 yrs, real estate agent, and writer, handsome, healthy, intelligent, seeks female, young attractive, and ready to start a family. **AD#1209**

NO FLAKEY
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LOOKING FOR YOU
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LIKES TO COOK
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FRIENDS 1ST
Single Jewish male, 33 yrs, professional, educated, slim, intelligent, handsome, enjoys reading, bridge, going to synagogue, exercising, strong family, family values, seeks female, Jewish sensitive, mid to late 20's, with similar qualities and interests **AD#1357**

LET'S CONNECT
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Years ago, basketball's flash players were Jewish

By JON ENTINE
Special to The CJN

LOS ANGELES — The red-hot Philly basketball team had a pint-sized, but flashy star shooter, and an old school coach who was more teacher than tough disciplinarian. References to the biblical David abounded in the media.

Sounds like the Philadelphia 76ers, who surprised everyone with their heart and heady play throughout their playoff run, before succumbing to their own injuries and an acute Shaq attack.

Nope. It was the South Philadelphia Hebrew Association SPHAs (pronounced spas), a team that dominated the sport in the 1920s and '30s. The flashy shooter was set-shot expert Inky Lautman, and the savvy coach was Eddie Gottlieb, who was also the owner of one of the most successful teams in basketball history. And David was the star on the team's jerseys.

Today, the only thing Jewish about the current Sixers team is coach Larry Brown, who starred on the U.S. gold-medal team at the Maccabiah Games in Israel before launching his pro career. Brown was born in Brooklyn, that "other" Jewish basketball town. But there are plenty of parallels between the Hebrews, as the SPHAs were nicknamed, and today's Sixers.

Both were subject sometimes to egregious racial stereotyping. The bad boy, rap star of basketball, Allen Iverson has been recognized for his incredible athletic ability and lightning speed. He and LA's Kobe Bryant are praised for their "athleticism" and "natural talents," compliments, true, but perhaps unwitting devaluations of their hard-earned achievements.

Such stereotypes reflect a long tradition that goes back more than seven decades, when the game emerged from the ghettos of Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore. Sportswriters then used to rave about the gaudy skills of "natural athletes." Sounds familiar, except the stars had names like Dutch Garfinkel and Doc Lou Sugerman, and the top teams were the Philadelphia "Hebrews," as they were nicknamed, the New York Whirlwinds and the Cleveland Rosenblums.

"The reason, I suspect, that basketball appeals to the Hebrew with his Oriental background," wrote Paul Gallico, sports editor of the *New York Daily News* in the 1930s, "is that the game places a premium on an alert, scheming mind, flashy trickiness, artful dodging and general smart aleckness."

At the turn of the century, European Jews flooded off immigrant ships into the ghettos of the booming Eastern metropolises. New York and Philadelphia were the epicenters of the basketball world, with the dominant team, the Hebrews, ensconced in South Philly.

"Basketball is a city game," noted Sonny Hill, an executive adviser with the Sixers who has run a high-school summer league for more than 35 years. "If you trace basketball back to the 1920s, '30s, and '40s, that's when the Jewish people were very dominant in the inner city. And they dominated basketball."

Although New York turned out more Jewish stars in pure numbers, the SPHAs were basketball's best known and most successful all-Jewish team. From 1918 onward, the Hebrews barnstormed across the East and Midwest, playing in a variety of semi-pro leagues that were precursors to the NBA. In an incredible 22-season stretch, they played in 18 championship series, losing only five.

"Every Jewish boy was playing basketball," Harry Litwack said a few years ago, before he died in 1999. Litwack starred for the SPHAs in the 1930s. "Every phone pole had a peach basket on it. And every one of those Jewish kids dreamed of playing for the SPHAs."

"It was a way out of the ghetto," said Dave Dabrow, a guard with the original Hebrews. Dabrow, who eventually took a job coaching, died in 1996. "The young Jewish boy would never have been able to go to college if it wasn't for the amount of basketball playing and for the scholarships."

The first intercollegiate game in the East, a 6-4 shellacking of Temple by Haverford College, took place in March 1894. Basketball had a notorious reputation back then. The rules provided for few fouls, making the game a barely controlled melee.

It was common practice to drive an opponent into the steel mesh fence that surrounded the court, and pile-ups were as frequent as at hockey games today. Players paraded on and off the court with bandaged legs and bleeding heads. This offended the Victorian sensibilities of the Protestant ruling class in many cities, leading to a temporary ban on the game at local YMCAs, which were fearful their Christian boys would be corrupted.

Not so the Jewish, Irish, Polish and Italian communities, filled with the sons of immigrants. Basketball bridged the highly segregated Jewish and Gentile communities. In Philadelphia, the two best high school squads, Southern and Central, were stocked with first-generation Jews. Gottlieb and future SPHAs Harry "Chicky" Passon, Edwin "Hughie" Black, Mockie Bunnin, and Charlie Newman led Southern to city titles in 1914, 1915 and 1916. These Jews introduced a different style of play.

"It was a quick-passing, running game, as opposed to the bullying and fighting way which was popular other places," explained Litwack.

The best high-school graduates went on to play for one of the church teams, until anti-Semitism heated up. In 1918, Gottlieb and some of his former high school buddies convinced the YMHA to buy them uniforms, which featured Hebrew letters spelling SHPAs, along with the Magen David as team symbols.

By the early 1920s, the SPHAs ventured out into the world of travelling semi-pro ball. With the emergence of National Socialism in Germany and an escalation of anti-Semitism in the United States., Jewish players faced incessant racial slurs, bottles thrown at them during games and biased officials in the small towns in which they played.

Meanwhile in New York, Tuesday night doubleheaders at the YMHA at Broad and Pine streets attracted crowds of 1,500 or more to watch Lautman, Passon, "Lady-killer" Kaselman and Gottlieb display their skills. At the height of their success, the SPHAs were one of the best teams in the country, sweeping their leagues games and challenging teams in other cities.

By this time, the game had spread westward to Chicago and to Cleveland, home of the tough Rosenblums, founded by a clothing store magnate.

However, with travel costly, the chief rivals were in New York: the Holman-coached Hakoahs, the Celtics, a powerful Jewish-Irish team, the Knights of St. Anthony's, which represented a mixed Italian and Jewish Brooklyn neighborhood, and the New York Renaissance, the premier black team.

The encounters between the Jews and blacks were legendary. The Rens were flashy by the standards of the 1920s. Thousands of fans of both teams jammed the temporary seats set up in the marvelous ballroom at Philadelphia's Broadwood Hotel, where tickets went for a lofty 65 cents (35 cents for women).

By the late 1940s, dominion over the urban basketball courts had begun to pass to the fastest-growing group of urban dwellers, blacks who were migrating north from dying Southern farms in search of opportunity. The new generation of Jews began moving on to other pursuits – not to mention out to the suburbs. The depleted SPHAs eventually morphed into the Philadelphia Warriors, owned by Eddie Gottlieb, now nicknamed "The Mogul," who coached the first champions of what became the NBA.

The remnants of the Philadelphia basketball tradition rest on the shoulders of coach Brown and Allen Iverson, the cerebral coach and hip-hop warrior. Cast as David in these playoffs, these resilient Sixers are looking to next season to take their revenge on Goliath.

Jon Entine is author of *Taboo: Why Black Athletes Dominate Sports and Why We're Afraid To Talk About It*, from which this article is adapted.

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• ***Swimming Toward the Ocean,*** by Carole L. Glickfield, Alfred A. Knopf, $36, HC.

A moving portrait of a charming Jewish immigrant in Brooklyn and her struggle to raise a family in a foreign culture with a selfish, dishonest husband. Contains wonderful Yiddish expressions. Very entertaining, difficult to put down.

• ***Sister Crazy,*** by Emma Richler, Alfred A. Knopf, $29.95, HC.

An interesting collection of stories in which the main character goes back and forth between her happy childhood and troubled adult life.

• ***The Song That Never Died: The Poetry of Mordecai Gebirtig,*** translation and introduction, by Simcha Simchovich, Mosaic Press, $19, SC.

The work of one of the most popular Yiddish folk poets has been translated into English by award-winning poet Simcha Simchovich.

Non-Fiction

• ***Discovering Natural Israel,*** by Michael Strutin, Jonathan David Publishers, $46.95, HC.

By an award-winning nature writer, this fascinating book combines the natural history of the land with the history of its people.

• ***My Grandfather's Blessing,*** by Rachel Remen, M.D., Riverhead Books, $20, SC.

The author of these wonderful, inspiring stories has been counseling people with chronic and terminal illness for more than 20 years.

• ***The Hidden Face of God,*** by Gerald L. Schroeder, The Free Press, $38.50, HC.

"Written by a scientist with impeccable credentials, confirms that science is not only not at war with religion but rather can help lead the thinking and seeking individual to a greater appreciation of the Divine." Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi, Efrat, Israel.

• ***In the Desert: A Vision,*** by Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, Orot, Inc., $44.95, HC.

This remarkable collection of *drashot* (sermons) on the weekly Torah portions and the holidays by Rav Kook (1865-1935), one of the greatest Torah scholars and Jewish leaders, the first Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Israel and founder of Yeshivat Mercaz Harav Kook in Jerusalem, had mysteriously disappeared for some time. They were recently discovered and translated by Bezalel Naor.

Youth

• ***Jesse's Star,*** by Ellen Schwartz, Orca Book Publishers, $6.50, SC.

A heartwarming fantasy about a young boy who, while searching for information about his ancestors, goes back in time and becomes his great-great-grandfather.

• ***The Bat Mitzvah Club: Debbie's Story,*** by Shayna Meiseles, Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch, $23.95, HC.

A typical young girl, interested mainly in friends and social events, is in for a big surprise after she reluctantly joins the Bat Mitzvah Club.

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About Teens

Dear Karilani,

I am worried about my best friend. She is convinced that she is overweight when it is obvious that she is quite thin. She constantly compares herself to the stick-thin models in magazines, and she only wears baggy clothes claiming she is too fat to wear anything else. At school she stays in the library during lunch so she does not have to eat. Whenever I ask her if anything is wrong she gets mad at me for interfering in her life. I miss her and I want to help her but I don't know how. What should I do?

Helpless

Dear Helpless,

Your friend has the symptoms of the eating disorder anorexia nervosa. While it's common for teenage girls to see themselves as overweight, when they take it to the extremes of skipping meals and hiding their bodies it becomes dangerous.

Your friend may say she does not want your help, but it's important for you not to give up on her. She is going through a very tough period in her life and she needs all the support she can get. Make sure you have lots of patience with her because while she may be hard to get along with, inside, she'll appreciate your effort.

Encourage her to get help. There are many help lines that she can call, or she may prefer to speak to a school guidance counsellor or teacher. It's important that she speaks to an adult.

If she refuses to get help on her own, it may be necessary for you to speak to her parents, a teacher or guidance counsellor you trust and with whom you feel comfortable. It might seem like that would be betraying her, but her parents are better able to help her then you are. They can get her the medical help she needs. Anorexia is a serious disease that, when not treated, can lead to death. Don't keep this a secret. Doing that will not make you a better friend.

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73 Maccabee, e.g.

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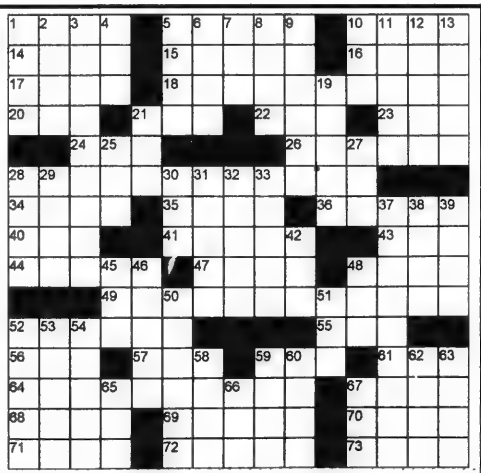

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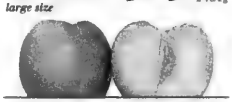

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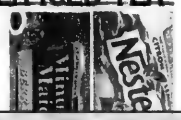

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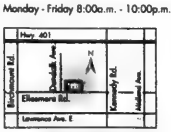

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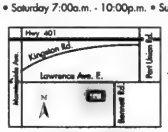

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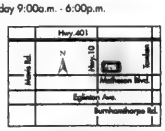

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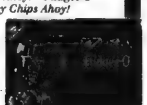

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PROTESTERS MAKE POLITICAL STATEMENT: Last week a number of Israelis showed their frustration with PA President Yasser Arafat during a demonstration in Jerusalem. Protesters are hidden from the camera by IDF soldiers on duty ensuring the protest remained peaceful. *[Reuters/RNS photo]*

Chief Russian rabbi visits

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Berel Lazar has met Vladimir Putin 25 times and he believes he now can account for the Russian president's "strong feelings for the Jewish community."

During one of their meetings, Putin described his early years in St. Petersburg, growing up in a communal home in which a number of families shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. The communal homes were typically awful places to live, with drunkenness common and neighbours' shouting matches creating a constant din.

Rabbi Berel Lazar

Putin found an oasis of calm in one of his neighbour's homes – the modest flat of a Jewish couple and their only child, a daughter. The girl was his babysitter and the couple were unusual in that they never argued in front of him. He ate their gefilte fish and he remembers that on Friday nights, the old man would open a well-worn book and study. "I practically grew up with this family," Putin told the rabbi.

Rabbi Lazar believes the experience left an indelible impression on the Russian president, and as far as he is concerned, it was "Divine providence, a miracle, that God thought to put these people together."

Rabbi Lazar, one of two chief rabbis of Russia and a member of the Chabad Lubavitch movement, told the story at a breakfast meeting at the Lipa Green Building last week. He was a guest of UJA Federation and the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, as well as the Jewish Russian Community Centre. Russia's other chief rabbi, Adolph Shayevich, would also be welcome, said Congress spokesperson Bernie Farber.

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French Jews protest Assad

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

PARIS — French Jews greeted Syrian President Bashar Assad with angry demonstrations last week when he arrived in Paris for his first state visit to France.

The demonstrations, held in Paris and in several other French cities, were to protest the anti-Jewish remarks made by Assad during Pope John Paul II's visit to Damascus in May. During that visit, Assad accused the "treacherous" Jews of killing Jesus, trying to kill the prophet Mohammed, destroying holy sites and engaging in various plots against both Christianity and Islam over the ages.

"We don't object to the fact that France wants to play a role in the Middle East and [therefore wants] to speak with everyone," Haim Musicant, executive director of the umbrella association of French Jewry, CRIF, told *Ha'aretz*. "The demonstrations are not against France, but against Assad's anti-Semitism.

A few weeks ago, French Jewish leaders met with President Jacques Chirac to ask him to postpone Assad's visit until the latter apologized for his remarks. Chirac rejected this request, saying the visit would enable France to have more influence over Assad.

Last week, Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine promised community leaders that France would at

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Merchant Changed

TORONTO — Two scenes in a Stratford, Ont., production of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* were changed after a Muslim group protested. The changes were made in response to the Canadian division of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which said the production's portrayal of the Prince of Morocco, a minor character, was offensive to Muslims.

Israel

Hotels to Hurt

JERUSALEM — A decision by the organizers of the Maccabiah Games to house athletes along the coast and not in Jerusalem will result in a loss of $1 million for Jerusalem hotels, the chair of the Jerusalem Hotel Union said last week. A Maccabiah spokesperson said that due to the smaller than expected number of participants in the Games, organizers had decided to let the athletes choose where they wanted to stay. Athletes preferred to be close to sports facilities in Haifa and Caesarea.

Britain Urged

JERUSALEM — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre is urging Britain's newly appointed Home Secretary David Blunkett to adopt a policy of denaturalization and deportation of Nazi war criminals, similar to that implemented in Canada and the United States. Britain continues to afford a haven for some of the worst Nazi henchmen, said Efraim Zuroff, head of the Centre's Israel office.

Training in U.S.

JERUSALEM — The Israeli air force will start conducting training exercises in the United States beginning next year, according to Israeli media reports. Israeli planes will be stationed in the United States once the exercises begin, the reports said.

Expanded Knesset

JERUSALEM — An official with the Israel Democracy Institute has proposed that the Knesset be expanded from 120 to 180 members. Labour legislator Yossi Katz, chair of the Knesset's parliamentary committee, backed the proposal, saying Israel's parliament is one of the world's smallest in relation to its population.

A Bit Off Course

JERUSALEM — An Israeli paraglider received a warm welcome when winds blew him off course and deposited him in a Palestinian village near the West Bank city of Jenin. Local residents offered him coffee and cake before Palestinian officials arrived and transferred him to Israeli officials in the area, according to Army Radio.

New Czech Restitution Fund

PRAGUE — A new property restitution fund in the Czech Republic is offering fresh hope to thousands of Jews around the world who have been unable to claim compensation for the loss of property seized by the Nazis.

The Prague-based Endowment Fund for Victims of the Holocaust is now accepting applications from those seeking restitution from the $2.5-million fund.

Representatives of the Czech Federation of Jewish Communities, which is operating the fund, said they expect up to 3,000 applications before the Dec. 31 deadline.

The compensation payments were made possible by Czech legislators, who last year voted to provide the money for victims of property seizure as a humanitarian gesture.

Unlike claims made directly to the Czech state, whose own property restitution laws bar claims from non-Czech citizens, the fund will pay out money to people of all nationalities.

Tomas Kraus, executive director of the Czech Federation of Jewish Communities, said the fund is important for those whose previous bids to gain compensation failed.

World

Schindler Award

BERLIN — A German court has ordered a newspaper to pay some $11,000 to Oskar Schindler's widow for publishing documents that belonged to her husband. Emilie Schindler had demanded four times as much from the *Stuttgarter Zeitung*, saying she has the right to the documents found by a German couple in 1999, and given to the newspaper.

Extra Security

WARSAW — Polish officials says they will post extra police at banks to make sure that Nazi-era forced labourers who pick up compensation aren't robbed as they leave with their money. Payments are slated to begin this week to 10,000 Polish survivors of the Nazis' slave and forced labour program.

Call to Lawyers

BERLIN — The leader of Germany's Jewish community has called on lawyers to forgo part of their payment for handling Nazi-era slave labour cases. Paul Spiegel urged lawyers to relinquish part of the estimated $51 million due them, as a gesture of respect to one-time slaves.

Rabbi's Murder

ZURICH — About 500 people marched in Zurich last week to ask Swiss officials to find those responsible for the June 7 shooting death of a 71-year-old rabbi visiting from Israel. A rabbi recited Kaddish at the spot where Rabbi Abraham Greenbaum was murdered. Police have discounted robbery as a motive.

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Birthright travellers return 'rejuvenated'

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Before 22-year-old Jascha Jabes left for Israel on the recent Birthright Israel trip, his parents called him long distance in the middle of the night because they feared for his safety should he proceed with plans to participate in the program.

Jabes, on the other hand, had no such concerns, and the 10-day free trip proceeded without incident. The situation "kind of made it more adventurous," he told *The CJN* last week from his home in Ottawa, where he works for the government.

In light of ongoing terror attacks, including the suicide bombing of the beach-side disco in Tel Aviv three days before the departure of the most recent Birthright Israel trip on June 4, the itinerary for 3,000 Birthright participants, which included 570 Canadians, was revised to provide even tighter security than on previous trips.

Tel Aviv, where they were to spend the first day, was taken off the agenda entirely, and the itinerary was subject to daily scrutiny.

"I was very confident in the Birthright system," said madrich (leader) Isaac Osiel, 24, of Toronto. In February, when Osiel accompanied a previous contingent, participants could "roam around" Tel Aviv, he said.

On both of this year's trips, participants were not allowed to leave the group with relatives living in Israel, although the relatives were allowed to join the group to see participants.

Boaz Willinger, a 25-year-old from St. Catharines who will soon enter teachers' college, feels the itinerary was actually changed for the better, offering "things you wouldn't get to do as an independent traveller," like hikes and digs in the northern part of Israel.

Students face tighter security

The constraints "would have been annoying had we not had such full days," said Jabes. "The days were so packed... I came back rejuvenated."

With the exception of the Tel Aviv bombing, the violence is localized, said Jabes, explaining that this contributed to his comfort level.

There were 150 young people – 21 percent of registrants – who cancelled or did not show up for the Birthright trip, which took place shortly after the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a Reform umbrella, decided to suspend all teen programs to Israel this summer.

Although some Birthright participants kept in close phone contact with family members at home to reassure them of their safety, the main focus of conversation with their peers was "the joy the whole trip brought," said Jabes.

Bonnie Cohen, 26, an Ottawa dietitian, admitted to being "a little nervous, but I think we really felt... they would not take us if it were not safe." She didn't consider opting out, in part because her age means she will not be eligible to reapply next year.

"I felt incredibly comfortable," she said. "I felt like I was home."

Participants on her bus spent two days with young Israeli army officers who provided "incredible insight into Israeli life."

Although she understands why some North American parents don't want to send their children to Israel, "it hurts," she said. "We're just as Jewish as [Israelis] are. Why shouldn't you send your kids?"

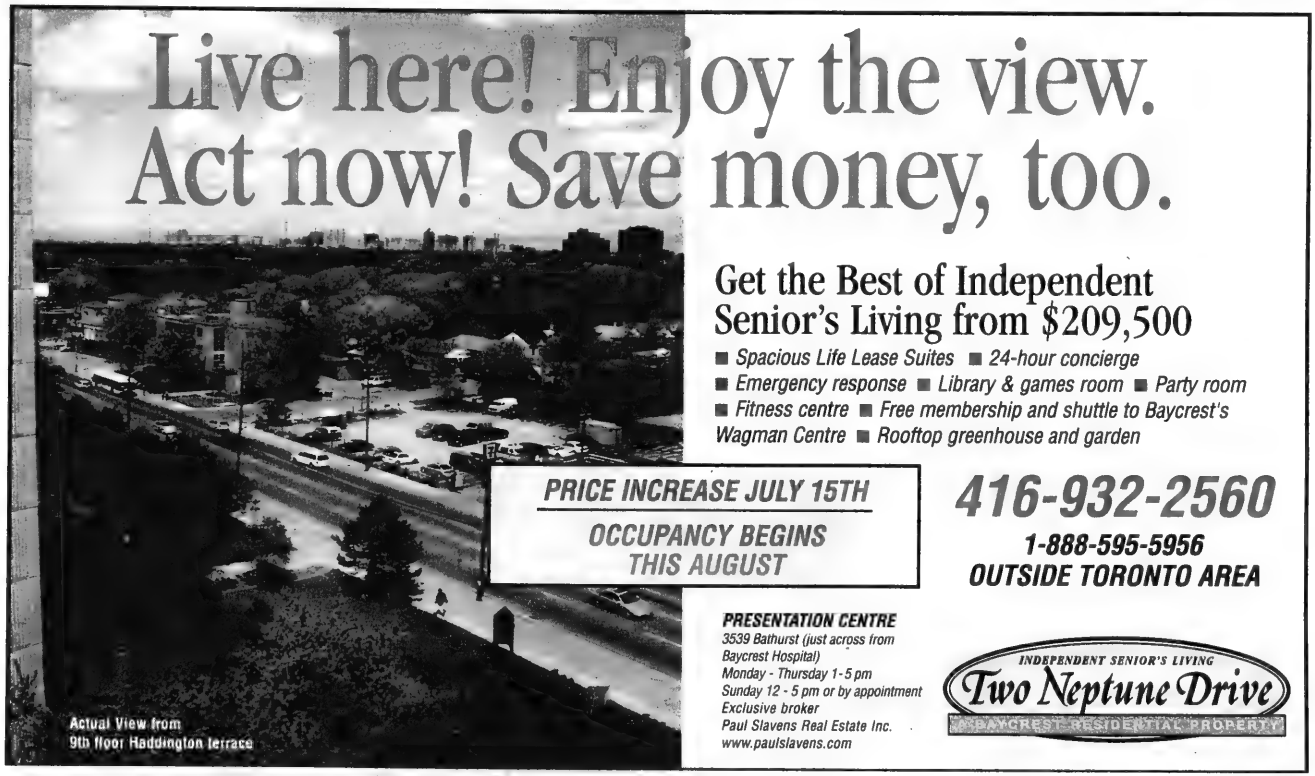
Cohen, who has been asked to join the Birthright committee of Ottawa's Jewish Centre, said the trip "reaffirmed everything I believe in in Judaism and the culture."

Leah Spergel, a 20-year-old physical education student at Laurentian University in Sudbury, said that staying on kibbutzim meant that there was more interaction with Israelis, which she viewed as very positive.

Spergel, as well as other participants, noted how grateful Israelis were that they had travelled to Israel. "This was not from one single person. It was from numerous people."

Jabes did have one fear before he left: He was afraid that organizers might have a "brainwashing" agenda and that he might be exposed only to right-wing attitudes.

"That didn't happen," he said. "Views were never forced on us. They exposed us to a variety of opinions. I came out confident in the Jewish community in Canada."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Welcome new journals

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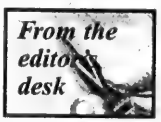

Four volumes of the journal have already been published. The fifth volume is expected shortly.

Steering the *Review* is an eminent panel of thinkers, scholars, writers and philosophers from Israel, North America, England and continental Europe.

Sir Isaiah Berlin, the late renowned scholar/philosopher was the first chairman of the *Review*'s international board. Gabriel- Moked is the *Review*'s editor; Aharon Appelfeld is its advisory editor. Both Moked and Appelfeld are pre-eminent in Israel in their respective fields of philosophy and literature.

Seymour Mayne, the acclaimed and widely read poet/writer from Ottawa, is one of the journal's contributing editors. Joining Mayne as contributing editors are such distinguished individuals as Nicholas de Lange, George Steiner and Bernard-Henri Levy from the U.K. and western Europe, and Robert B. Alter, Michael Walzer and Leon Wieseltier from the U.S.

Each issue of the journal brings together nearly 250 pages of the highest- calibre essays, prose, poetry and photojournalism, distinctively and pleasingly presented on high-quality, colour-friendly stock paper.

Moked and Appelfeld have written that the aims of the *Review* are "to foster the links between Israel and the rest of the Jewish world, as well as to make Hebrew literature and Jewish thought better known and appreciated." A formal statement of the journal's goals appears in Volume 4. In part, it says: "*The Jerusalem Review* wishes to emphasize both the pluralism and the unique character of spiritual, cultural, literary and artistic tendencies in Israel. Despite the small number of Hebrew speakers and readers, Hebrew is one of the classical languages of West and East alike, and perhaps the only classical language spoken today... Our journal seeks to transcend the barrier of language and to foster a genuine dialogue between Israel and the Diaspora, based on a mutual exploration of cultural issues and reflections on the many dimensions of Jewish heritage."

Some observers might find within the mission statement a veiled left-of-centre socio-political agenda. Indeed, the editors openly profess that, "concerning political issues, we shall try to provide expression primarily for the body of opinion defined as liberal." But the finding of such an agenda is unwarranted and acts as a potential blinder over the reader's eyes, preventing her from "reaching" some of the remarkable writing within the publication's pages.

In the final analysis, the literature in the *Review* transcends political affiliations or inclinations. The diverse array of writers assures this. Readers will be able to confirm this for themselves.

Subscription information can be obtained at www.jerusalemreview.com.

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Another relatively new publication, much closer to home, is *Jews and Judaism in Canada: A Bibliography of Works Published Since 1965*, which was recently published by the Centre for Jewish Studies, York University. It is a special edition of the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies, compiled by Michael Brown, Richard Menkis, Benjamin Schlesinger and Stuart Schoenfeld.

This work is an invaluable resource for teachers, students, scholars, researchers – indeed, for anyone interested in the Canadian Jewish community. Some 1,600 entries are recorded in the bibliography under 60 different topics – a wide offering of subjects related to the Canadian Jewish experience.

In addition to providing a storehouse of important information regarding Jewish life in Canada, the text is also, itself, a record of the evolution of that experience over the past four decades.

The bibliography contains an informative though brief foreword by the late scholar Daniel J. Elazar, made more poignant by his passing last year. Prof. Elazar insightfully notes that "Canadian Jewry has become more like American Jewry, although still with substantial differences reflecting the two countries' generally different institutional frameworks. Canadian Jewry is still an oligopolistic marketplace, while American Jewry is far more varied and even anarchic."

This unique bibliography, then, is an appropriate starting point to further study our "oligopolistic marketplace."

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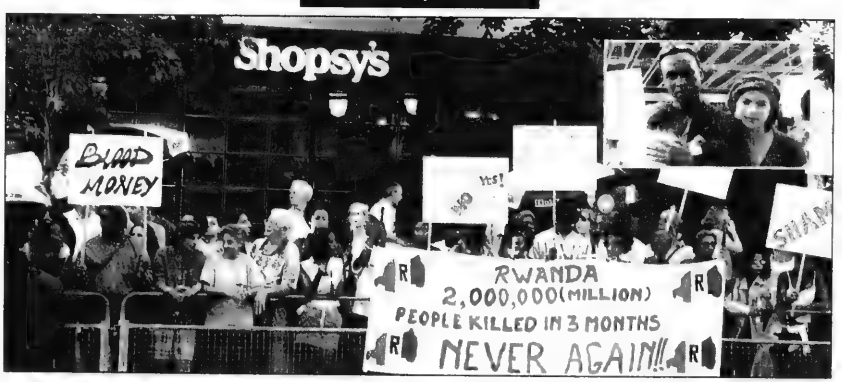

ANTI-CLINTON PROTEST: A contingent of Rwandan picketers were among 150 people demonstrating against the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem's choice of Bill Clinton as speaker at a June 25 fund-raiser. Seen behind a police barricade opposite the Hummingbird Centre, protesters – many of whom lost family members in the 1994 Rwandan genocide – await the former U.S. president's arrival. Inset, Léo Kabalisa and his wife Melanie Simons with daughter Mutoni. Kabalisa, who lost 82 relatives in the genocide, said many people don't know that it could have been prevented, or at least contained, by Clinton. [Frances Kraft photos]

Federation restructures governing body

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Toronto's federation is going corporate – at least in terms of its governance structure.

Among the changes will be the elimination of the 40-member board of governors, which met on an annual basis and had a limited role, primarily to review and approve the budget.

In future the federation will operate with one board, the board of directors. The board of governors, established about a decade ago with 120 members including all the directors, was reduced in size 1½ years ago.

There will also be new titles for the federation's top lay and professional leaders. Executive director Allan Reitzes will be known as the organization's president, and the lay leader, who now bears the title of president, will become the chairman of the board.

The changes, which were passed by the board of directors at a June 21 meeting, are expected to be implemented this fall. They reflect a trend in non-profit organizations both within and outside the Jewish community and were made with "a view to getting significant donors more intimately involved," said Joey Steiner, a former federation president who chaired the committee set up earlier this year to review the governance of UJA FEDERATION of Greater Toronto. The dozen-member committee included both board members and non-members.

Historically, most board members have come from affiliated agencies or have worked their way up through committees, said Steiner. Donors are elected to the board in the same way as any other member.

The magnitude of current federation projects – specifically Jewish Toronto Tomorrow, which will see the development or redevelopment of three Jewish "campuses" from York Region to downtown – "really requires the major donors and fund-raisers to be deeply immersed in the issues," said Steiner.

Also, donors are more interested in understanding the projects they're supporting, he added.

And the federation wants their input, said the organization's president Alan Sandler.

Glennie Lindenberg, a member of the governance committee, said she thinks the new structure will be more inviting for donors who want to become involved in overall decision-making.

"We hope that this new structure will be more hands-on," said Lindenberg.

The current board reflects a cross-section of the Jewish community regarding level of giving and denominational affiliation, she said. "That is something we want to maintain, because that is something that benefits the community."

Part of the impetus, according to Sandler, was a feeling of frustration among board members over the past four to six years because of the amount of time spent micromanaging and getting reports from subcommittees. "We're looking to get the board to become more strategic," he said. "The community's too big now to run as it has in the past."

The federation will continue to focus on four main areas, Sandler explained. They are:

- community planning, including the Board of Jewish Education and anything social or cultural;
- fund-raising;
- administration; and
- endowment funds.

The chairs of the four committees dealing with those areas will automatically sit on the executive, said Sandler.

Lindenberg thinks the new structure has "a tremendous amount of potential. I think that it's going to be more inclusive of more members of the community."

Although there will still be approximately the same number of directors, Lindenberg believes greater inclusivity will be a byproduct of the way the board meetings will be run. "They'll be more involved in setting policy and strategic planning, and the larger issues facing the community. As a board, we're not going to be dealing with day-to-day operations. Those will be dealt with by the executive [which will consist of about a dozen members]."

The executive is expected to meet monthly, while the larger board of directors will meet quarterly.

CARAVAN'S JERUSALEM PAVILION: Michelle Hart, Jerusalem pavilion princess at this year's Caravan, poses at Toronto's Bloor JCC during the annual multicultural festival held late last month. Just beyond the entrance are Israeli displays, food and entertainment.

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Lastman on 'hot seat' at BJD

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — The Black-Jewish Dialogue (BJD) wound down for the summer though dialogue at the organization's closing session was intense following the recent comments made by Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman.

Members condemned comments made by Lastman two weeks ago before visiting Kenya about being boiled in a pot by natives, but the group was divided as to how they should view Lastman in the future.

Some argued that Lastman's comments should be balanced against his commitment to improving race relations in the city. Others were less forgiving.

"His comments negate anything positive he did. What he said was from his heart," said Fred Pokv-Bonsu, chair of the Sanicofa Heritage Foundation and member of the Guanaian Association of Ontario, addressing the crowd of about 40. He argued that whatever Lastman has done to promote acceptance and multi-culturalism was politically motivated.

Many members felt that Lastman's gaffe was an opportunity for the BJD to attack racism head on.

"I don't want the media to act as if racism doesn't exist until a comment is made," said Barbara Thompson, a member of the Black community.

"I know racism exists because I encounter it on a daily basis, but I don't like that the community should act so vigorously because of what was said. I don't necessarily believe Lastman is racist... [but] this is an opportunity to talk about [the issue] because racism is out there."

Members agreed that next year, the BJD has to be more proactive, rather than just reactive in order to build bridges between the Jewish and Black communities.

The Black and Jewish community alliance was initially forged in the 1940s when they began to work together to address issues of human rights.

"We began to badger the government, and after a number of years the Fair Accommodations Act and the Fair Employment Practices Act were passed," said Morley Wolfe, co-chair of BJD.

"We realized that we had a lot more power working together than working separately. This applies today – we can do more things and faster when we come together to work for the common good."

Though in recent years the two groups acknowledged that they had begun to move apart, the communities reunited two years ago with an"escalated" BJD program of monthly meetings after a B'nai Brith study showed that anti-Semitism and racism were on the rise.

Lorne Foster, a sociologist and program co-ordinator for the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights agreed that this isn't the best time to call it quits for the summer.

"I regret stopping meetings in light of recent events, but in the summer people disperse. We will still hold steering committee meetings in the summer to address the direction the BJD will take. We'll pick up again in the fall with a big youth forum," said Hunter.

"Lastman's comments just reaffirm my commitment to the BJD."

Tories approve school tax credit

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish groups were pleased with last week's quick passage of Bill 45, the Ontario government's controversial legislation giving tax credits to parents of children in private schools.

After weeks of protest, public hearings and debate, the Tories' overall budget bill, of which the tax credit was a small part, passed without debate by a vote of 50-35.

The measure will phase in a provincial tax credit of up to $3,500 per child per year by 2006.

All Liberals and New Democrats in the legislature voted en bloc against the budget.

Robert Samery, head of Jewish Parents for Equality in Education Funding, said it was noteworthy that Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty, who vehemently opposed the tax credit, was not in the house for the vote.

Samery also pointed out that Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter, who favoured the tax plan, with reservations, voted against the budget, as did Liberal Michael Bryant, another supporter of the credit.

Overall, "we're very happy," Samery noted, but "still vigilant of what the regulations will say. We hope they will do nothing to diminish the value of the bill."

Talks between communal officials and bureaucrats in the finance ministry will continue over the summer to iron out details of the plan, including how it will affect parents whose tuition fees are subsidized by the community.

The government will also decide on a list of schools that will be eligible to issue receipts for the tax credit.

In a statement, Ed Morgan, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, said the bill "is an extremely important step toward ending Ontario's historic inequity in funding religious education and in extending school choice to all parents in this province."

Criticism of the bill was "based on conjecture," he said. CJC feels that over time, taxpayers will reconcile themselves with the measure, as it "becomes a natural part of the landscape in education policy."

CJC said it also hopes to work with McGuinty, who has stated he would repeal the tax plan should the Liberals form the next government. Recent polls put them well ahead of the Conservatives.

Samery said his group met just prior to the vote with finance minister Jim Flaherty, Attorney General David Young and Thornhill MPP Tina Molinari to thank them for having supported the tax credit.

ANOTHER 'HOT' DAY: Volunteers from UJA FEDERATION's Young Leadership division help sort clothes at the newly re-opened Just A Second Shop as part of their Hands On Toronto program. The Bathurst Street store, which was gutted by fire in January, is operated by Jewish Family and Child Service and sells used clothing and household items.

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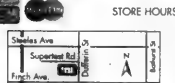

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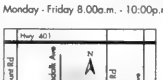

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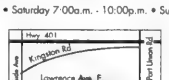

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Editorials & Letters

Leadership's essence: setting an example

Individuals who hold public office owe a duty of care to the public they serve, to the people on whose behalf they exercise the lawful authority of their office. In our western democratic tradition, it is a well established doctrine, dating back to the "accountability" demanded of kings and sovereigns as recorded in the Tanach, that this duty of care gives rise to very high standards of public behaviour.

It is not the level of public office that imposes the duty and the resultant standard of care. Rather, it is the mere fact of the office, the holding of authority that gives rise to the duty and thus also to the standard in furtherance of the duty.

Pursuant to that standard of care, we demand and expect a great deal of our public officials: honesty, incorruptibility, trustworthiness and fairness, to name but a few of the qualities that are *sine qua non* for public officials. We do not, however, demand perfect judgment. We cannot because none exists. We can only demand the exercise of the best, bona fide, reasonable judgment in the circumstances.

Last week, in three discreet examples at the municipal level of government, our elected officials fell far below the minimum standard of behaviour we expect of them. In each instance, their judgment was far less than reasonable; it was profoundly poor.

Outremont. Judge Allan Hilton of the Quebec Superior Court upheld the right of Outremont's Jews to erect an eruv in that community. The City of Outremont and an intervenor group had illogically and incorrectly argued that the eruv violated the city's secular status. Inasmuch as the eruv itself is virtually invisible and requires no expenditure of public funds, the city's objection was hollow, callously insensitive, exclusionary and religiously intolerant.

York Region. The York Region District School Board publicly distanced itself from the offensive behaviour of a member of the board's race relations advisory committee. Last April, at a workshop on the subject of teaching the Holocaust, Bader Abu-Zahra distributed copies of a review of a widely known, widely condemned, highly inflammatory work that questions many aspects of the Holocaust. The "distancing" decision by the board is only partially remedial. More should be done; hopefully more will be done by the board to ensure such behaviour does not recur. Abu-Zahra's behaviour too was callous. Moreover, it was utterly at odds with the very aims of committee of which he is a member.

Toronto. The mayor of Toronto, Mel Lastman, resorted to buffoonish, cartoonish stereotypes of native black Africans during off-the-cuff remarks about an impending trip to Kenya. Alas, this behaviour too was inappropriate to say the least, shockingly insensitive and hurtful.

In all three instances, our public officials fell below the minimum standard expected of them. They failed to use bona fide, reasonable judgment in the circumstances. But in failing thus, they failed in a far more significant way. They failed leadership's most essential responsibility: to set a worthy, moral, thoughtful example for the public.

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IN PRISON IN IRAN: Javeed Beit Yakov, Ramin Farzam, Nasser Levi Haim, Farzad Kashi, Faramarz Kashi, Ramin Netmati, Shahrokh Paknahad, Farhad Saleh, Hamid Tefileen and Asher Zadmehr. **MIAs:** Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Tzvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz, Adi Avitan, Benny Avraham, Omar Souade, **AND** Elchanan Tannenbaum, kidnapped.

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Romania should admit atrocities

I was born in the city of Iasi, Romania. On June 29, 1941, General Ion Antonescu ordered the Romanian army, local police and Iron Guard to descend to the Jewish quarters to slaughter 11,200 Jewish men, women and children.

Romania has never acknowledged the destruction of any of its Jewish communities between 1941 and 1945. Today, this lack of admission and historical accuracy has resulted in approximately 10 statues of Antonescu, depicting him as a Romanian hero.

In Romania's recent election, a well-known extreme right anti-Semite and fascist leader, Tudor Vadim, was elected president with approximately 30 percent of the vote. It is President Iliescu's responsibility to follow in the footsteps of past president Constantinescu, as well as the president of Poland, by admitting to these past atrocities.

Issie Veisfeld
President, Association of Romanian Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust
Montreal

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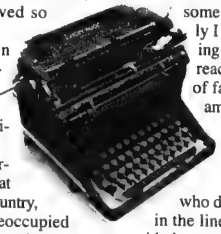
Peace with Palestinians probable

For all those pessimists who feel that peace between Israelis and Palestinians is impossible, they have only to examine the history of the 20th century to find much cause for optimism.

Just 60 years ago, America and Japan were locked in an all-out death struggle. Now they are at peace, trading prolifically and admiring each others' culture.

The Jewish people's previous mortal enemies were the Germans. Now Jews drive German-made cars and German tourists visit Israel and try to understand how their parents could have behaved so wrongly.



The same process will happen in Israel. Borders will be set up separating Israelis and Palestinians, and the current state of hostilities will end. Even Jerusalem will somehow be similarly calmed.

The overwhelming weight of historical evidence supports the likelihood that when the Palestinians have their own country, separated from Israel, they will be preoccupied with building it, not with tearing down the Jewish State. Peace is not only possible, it's probable.

David Marx
Thornhill, Ont.

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Kudos to Asper

Regarding your article "Asper slams Canada's ME policy" (*CJN*, June 28), Israel Asper is to be commended for his vigorous public defence of the embattled Jewish State. Canada's problematic Mideast policy and the inability or unwillingness of the organized Jewish community to present Israel's case effectively is disturbing. Israeli Jews feel increasingly isolated from Diaspora Jews. While the slogan "we are one" may make the hearts of Canadian Jewry swell with pride, if it is not accompanied by positive action, then "we are alone" may be more and more an accurate reflection of the reality of life in Israel today!

Martin S. Kalson
Ginot Shomron, Israel

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Russian immigrants offer support

As immigrants from the former Soviet Union, we are very distraught and shocked by the recent bombing at the Tel-Aviv discotheque. It was a massacre of young teenagers who came to Israel for a better and brighter future.

We want to do something within our means to work with the Canadian Jewish Congress and the FEDERATION CJA to offer our support to the families and friends of the martyrs. We would also like to give our support to the Israeli government and to all others who are doing the utmost to prevent such destruction from taking place against our people, in Israel and wherever else they may be.

G. Kohn and 35 other signatories of the Russian Club of the Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors
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Birthright feeling: Am Yisrael Chai

I have just returned from a 10-day Birthright trip to Eretz Yisrael. During this time, I experienced some of the best days of my life. Unfortunately I cannot say the same for the time preceding my journey. The success of terrorism has reached the Jews of Toronto, with their lack of faith illustrated through words such as "I am really scared for you, Hannah," or "Now is just not the time to go."

I asked myself, when is the time to go?

I wondered if the young Israeli soldiers who defend our country by putting themselves in the line of fire for us everyday get bombarded with the same kind of discouraging words. They stand in places that most organized trips would not even dream of taking us, guarding the kibbutzim along the Lebanese border and the communities living within the West Bank. Are the Jewish lives in Toronto more sacred than those in Israel?

Am Yisrael Chai... I will be here for them as they are there for me.

Hannah Wortzman
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Perspectives

Turkey's Jews: A rich legacy

By GARY RUSAK

I recently travelled to Turkey, a land of rich historical significance for Jewish people. I did not go specifically to study Jewish history, but the places I encountered echoed with a Jewish consciousness. The long and storied history of our people in the land of Turkey is one that could fill up many books and university lectures, yet I found scant traces of any thriving Jewish culture there now.

My first destination was Istanbul. Formerly known as Constantinople, the city was once the centre of both the Byzantine and the Ottoman empires. The Christian Byzantine Empire was infamous for genocide and forced conversions of its Jewish minority. The subsequent Ottoman Empire has a very different legacy.

Historians pinpoint the start of the Jewish-Ottoman story to 1492 when the Spanish king exiled all Jewish subjects from his country. Although this is accurate, it should also be noted that Jewish migration to the east, as a consequence of Christian persecution in Spain, had been going on for nearly three centuries by the time of the exile. The Islamic Ottoman Empire had always opened its doors wide and accepted fleeing Jewish immigrants. As a result, 100,000 to 250,000 Jews entered the Ottoman Empire in the 15th century. The prosperous nature of this relationship is reflected in the numbers: in the 17th century, there were an estimated 100,000 Jews in Istanbul alone.

While in Istanbul, I toured the lavish grounds of Topkapi Palace, where the royal family once ruled the vast empire. I walked upon the same stones as many of the empire's wealthiest and most powerful subjects during the height of Ottoman's power between the 15th and 17th centuries. I was heartened to know that some well-known Jews had managed to secure themselves in high positions at the palace. Among them were Josef Hamon, who was the royal family's personal physician for some time, and Don Joseph, who held a position as a diplomatic agent and reported directly to the sultan. These men, among others, were powerful voices for the Jewish minority.

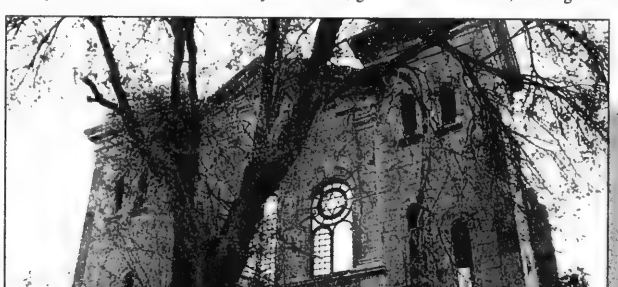
The positions of a privileged few aside, Jewish culture flourished during the golden years of Ottoman rule. The empire consistently provided its Jewish population with protection and freedom. The sultans even instituted a form of Jewish self-government. An appointed chief rabbi was in charge of enforcing Jewish laws and customs. The chief rabbi also had the important duty of reporting any anti-Semitic activity directly to the sultan, who then swiftly dealt with the matter. The Jewish population was afforded special protection, never suffering under the institutionalized anti-Semitism that riddled old Byzantine laws. By most accounts, the Jewish experience at this time was an affluent one, with general economic and social advancement throughout the empire.

On my way out of the palace's well-manicured gardens, I came across a ruined outer gate. As I looked upon the once mighty fortification, I was reminded that time has a way of eroding even the most stable institutions.

The Blue Mosque in Istanbul. [G. Rusak photos]

Likewise, the affluence and protection of the golden age was not to last. The 19th century was marked by a steady decline in the economic and political fortunes of the once great empire and the Jewish culture within its borders. The rising European nation states and the infiltration of Christian anti-Semitism into the higher echelons of the political system were ominous signs for Ottoman-Jewish culture. At first, it was Jews on the edge of the dying empire who suffered: the Jewish communities in Greece, Hungary and Romania were subjected to tormenting violence and hatred for supporting the battered empire. Soon, however, all Jews in the empire were affected.

When the Turkish-Russian war, along with the Napoleonic campaigns, put stress on the Ottoman economy, Turkish papers began humming with allegations against Jewish merchants for defrauding the government and military. These false accusations fanned the flames of nationalistic Turkish Muslims who were already restless for a change in government. By the 1880s, government officials, reacting to internal pressure, began to tighten Jewish immigration and apply pressure to the Jewish settlement already established in Ottoman-controlled Palestine.



An abandoned synagogue in Edrine.

In 1908, the Young Turks revolution marked a major break with the past. Unfortunately, as increased freedom was afforded to the population, increased attacks on Jewish people and their property followed. The interim government even expelled 10,000 indigenous Jews from the area that soon became known as Palestine.

World War I finally spelled the official end of the Ottoman Empire. Following years of Allied occupation and a bloody war for independence, the Republic of Turkey was established in 1923. The new government, led by General Kemal Ataturk, was fervently nationalistic and determined to set itself apart from the old Ottoman rule.

The republic immediately revoked the special rights and privileges that the Ottomans had granted the Jews centuries earlier. Jewish marriages were outlawed, as was the teaching of Hebrew in schools. No special religious clothing was allowed on the streets and no affiliation with organizations such as the World Zionist Organization or the World Jewish Congress was permitted at all. Despite these censoring measures, the chief rabbi, Hayim Behor Bejerano, led Turkish Jewry in support of the new republic. He judged Ataturk to be a leader who was taking the necessary steps to establish a democracy that would eventually favour the well-being of all Turkish Jewry. Yet some Jewish communities suffered greatly under the new government.

The small city of Edrine is nestled near the Bulgarian border about two hours north of Istanbul. I came there specifically to marvel at the world's most intricately designed mosques. The map I received from the tourist office also indicated that a synagogue was in the area. With the hope of participating in Friday night services, I naively followed the map's directions to the shul. Once there, I found nothing more then a fenced-off ruin. The remains of stained-glass windows were scattered amongst broken chunks of a concrete Star of David that must have sat atop the now forgotten synagogue. To my disappointment, the shul had been abandoned many years earlier.

I soon learned that in 1934, the Turkish government passed bill No. 2510 restricting the area of Eastern Thrace to people of Turkish origin. The bill was aimed at removing Greek residents from historic city of Edrine. But it also caused the forcible removal of 10,000 Jews and the destruction of the city's many ancient shuls. These Jews relocated to Istanbul, but their security in the new republic was now in question.

Fearing another disastrous occupation, Turkey managed to remain neutral during the horrors of World War II. The government did not yield to Nazi pressure to surrender their Jewish community. Despite this brave action, the picture of Turkey as a friend of the Jewish community during these years gets a little blurry upon closer inspection.

On Feb. 24, 1942, the tragic sinking of the *Sturma* in the Black Sea forever changed the relationship between Turkey and its Jewish inhabitants. The ship, which was filled with 769 Polish Jews fleeing genocide in Europe, was denied access to Istanbul's ports by Turkish officials. At the time, the Turkish government was under pressure from British authorities not to allow Jews in the country. Political manoeuvring and a blatant disregard for human life guided the authorities in their callous decision to deny the boat's entrance. The ship was left to sink; the lives of all but one of its passengers were needlessly lost.

The Turkish Jewish community, feeling deserted in a time of need and upset over a new draconian tax law that specifically targeted Jewish merchants, reacted to the tragedy, one-quarter of them leaving for the new State of Israel in 1949. The exodus continued throughout the 1960s and 1970s due to economic uncertainty and increasing anti-Semitic incidents in Istanbul, Izmir and Cyprus. Today, only 25,000 Jews remain in the country, the majority of them living in Istanbul.

While on my trip, I asked many people where I might find a synagogue. Outside of Istanbul, I received nothing but blank stares. Clearly, Turkey today is not the centre of Jewish culture it once was. Nevertheless, it should be remembered that Turkey was the first Muslim country to recognize the State of Israel and has since played an important role helping Jewish refugees escape persecution in Iran and Syria. Turkey is also Israel's second leading trading partner after the United States and has always been a rare good friend in the region.

The Turkish-Jewish legacy is a rich one that has evolved over the years. Today, many Turkish Jews in Israel owe their very existence to the country they left behind.

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More on Israel and Reform

My column of June 21 critiqued Rabbi Eric Yoffie's cancellation of youth trips to Israel for security reasons. The decision was criticized most severely by Jerusalem's Mayor Ehud Olmert,

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

who hinted that the city would sever its ties to the Reform Jewish community.

I was quite shocked at this extreme reaction, especially since it was aimed at Jews who have made Israel their home. I therefore have decided to let you read a portion of the response that the new President of Hebrew Union College, Rabbi David Ellenson, wrote to Olmert:

"In 1930, Hebrew Union College alumnus and Reform Rabbi Judah Leon Magnes, the first chancellor of Hebrew University, wrote: 'The Jew will not abandon the land of Israel.'

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"As the newly chosen president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, my family and I will be in Jerusalem for the summer – part of a lifelong devotion to teaching and living in Israel. I invite you to join me in welcoming our North American first-year students and visit our thriving campus with its manifold programs.

"I look forward to hearing from you. With heartfelt wishes for peace and security for our beloved Israel."

Rabbi Ellenson's letter was dated June 11. So far (as of June 21), I have not heard any response from the mayor.

Israel's water sources frighteningly scarce

Every few days, at the end of the nightly newscast on Channel 1, chief meteorologist Sharon Wexler wraps up her weather forecast with a colourful illustration updating the situation of Lake Kinneret. The drawing style is always playful, but the message is not. Like some ominous metaphor for the current state of the nation, Israel's main source of fresh water is cause for growing alarm.

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

Even before the summer began, the Kinneret was a shadow of its former self. Three years of severe drought and minimal rainfall have taken their toll.

The result is a sad, disturbing sight. The shoreline has receded drastically and it's anyone's guess as to how much more of the lake will disappear over the next several months. As things stand now, the Kinneret's water level – like that of many of Israel's underground reservoirs and coastal aquifers – is already well below the emergency "red line," with the next rain not expected until October.

The country may be facing its worst water crisis ever, but you'd barely know it from looking. Apathetic Israelis continue their routine with nary a worry for how much H_20 they use. Everywhere you go you see people washing their cars, watering their gardens, hosing down sidewalks. Local authorities are still planting water-guzzling plants and flowerbeds while operating sprinklers in the middle of the day in parks and at other sites, as if Israel were located in Canada. At the same time, the country's agricultural sector persists in growing crops that require a disproportionately huge amount of water, crops that are heavily subsidized by the government.

A couple of weeks ago, both the national infrastructure minister and the water commissioner issued instructions to all local authorities nationwide to reduce water consumption by five percent or face the threat of disruptions in supplies of fresh water. This followed a report that most towns and cities had failed to meet water-saving targets that they had agreed to last year. The water commission's figures showed that urban consumption of water in May was identical to what it was a year earlier despite repeated calls to conserve every drop. Water specialists charged both local authorities and the public with indifference bordering on irresponsibility.

Admittedly, the armed conflict with the Palestinians hasn't helped matters much. Since the violence erupted last fall, it has dominated the public agenda, deflecting attention somewhat from the water crisis. Still, that's no reason for the country to be caught so ill-prepared for a calamity that is anything but a surprise.

The signs have long been apparent for all to see. In recent years, in true Israeli style, the problem has been discussed, debated, deliberated, dissected – and dismissed until a later date by government officials. Today, the country is paying a hefty price for such shortsightedness and bureaucratic inertia. It's this same approach that has led to other major problems in the country's transportation, public health and education systems.

As if the declining quantity of Israel's already modest water resources was not worrisome enough, experts say its quality is no less reason for concern.

In the absence of tough environmental action against industrial pollution, the state of the country's drinking water is steadily deteriorating and now represents a ticking time bomb for the nation's health.

Agreed, Israel's hydrology situation is not simple due to the country's climate, lack of natural fresh water bodies, growing population and increased standard of living. Yet many available solutions could go a long way to alleviating the problem if only the political will and budget were there to fully implement them.

Piecemeal measures will no longer cut it. Importing water in ships from Turkey as planned is, at best, only a temporary, partial solution. Its potential for problems is considerable.

Water must become a top national priority supported by a multi-billion dollar policy of massive desalination plants, strict rationing, public education and better conservation and allocation of the country's limited water resources. Anything less is an irresponsible dereliction of duty by the government that will endanger present and future generations.

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Game delayed by terror

In the past few years, baseball has gained a foothold in Israeli cities. The children of North American olim are playing ball, and their parents are coaching, cheering, and even playing in adult leagues. The joys of baseball on the grass (or weeds) of Jerusalem's diamonds on a summer evening are the best prescription to calm the nerves during tense times.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

The chatter is generally a mixture of English in Israeli accents with Hebrew slang. The kids talk to each other in Hebrew, but the shouts of "good eye", "wait for your pitch." "let's get two," and "hey ump, where'd ya forget your glasses" are familiar.

Sitting in the concrete benches watching our kids play ball, or coaching the bases, takes us universes away from the war and terror that is going on all around us. On a good day, we get through an entire game without hearing a bomb go off, the sound of ambulances, or gunfire from the Gilo neighborhood nearby (and the frequent target of Palestinian shooting). But on other days, we have less luck. In Jerusalem in the summer, rain-delays are very rare (although we did cancel a few games in spring training when the fields were too muddy). Instead, we have to cope with bomb-scare delays.

A few weeks ago, in the middle of a close game, (not much of a pitcher's duel : the score for both teams was in double digits, and "everyone hits"), a police bullhorn told everyone to clear the field immediately. Two bomb-squad vans pulled up on the street along right field, and closed it at both ends. The sappers in their protective gear came out slowly and began to exam the suspicious looking briefcase on the sidewalk, and the police repeated their orders to stay off the field.

For North Americans, a baseball game held up by a bomb scare in the middle of a very dirty war is a scenario from another planet. It just doesn't make any sense. But for Binyamin (3B), Eliya (1B) and Elisha (CF), Esther (RF), Shmaya (C), and Aharon Dov (batting over .900), this is part of their everyday experience. The morning papers and ever-present radio news bulletins tell them of Israelis killed by Palestinian snipers on the roads the night before, or of other kids murdered in a shopping mall or disco. They have grown up with bus bombings, gas masks, and chemical warfare drills in school. A bomb-scare delay in the middle of a baseball game is no big deal.

Despite the baseball caps and other reflections of American culture, this generation of Israelis is just as tough as the earlier ones. Arafat's strategy of terror has brought the common goals of Jewish survival and national unity back in full force. When the bombing and shooting finally end, we will still be here, continuing the work of Zionism and the renaissance of the Jewish people in its homeland.

Israel's latest war will not end with the surrender of the enemy forces, or victory celebrations in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. The decisive weapons are not F-16s or Merkava tanks, but rather the intelligence to avoid the traps set by Arafat's campaign of terror. The heroes include the intelligence services that pinpoint the location of terrorists (some, but unfortunately not all), the soldiers that go after them, and the public that refuses to bow to terror.

Real peace – as distinct from the imitation advertised under the Oslo banner – will only come when differences are settled without bombs and hatred. Instead of the frequent and well-publicized shuttle trips around the capitals of the Middle East, eager peace-makers should invest their energies in bringing the joys of summer baseball to our troubled region. When the baseballers of Jerusalem, such as Bagel Bite and Kol Hakavod, play a friendly game against their counterparts in Amman, Cairo, Beirut and even Damascus, that will mean peace has finally come.

The passing parade...

They died recently, leaving footprints in time...

Walter Eytan was the first director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, and was subsequently ambassador to France.

William Epstein, a Canadian diplomat, served for many years as chief of the United Nations' Disarmament Group. **Eduard Goldstucker**, Czechoslovakia's first ambassador to Israel, was later head of the Czech writers' guild.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Abraham Beame, New York City's first Jewish mayor, served from 1974 to 1977 when the city was mired in a financial crisis.

Stanley Kramer, a Hollywood film director, made distinguished movies, notably *High Noon*, *Judgment at Nuremberg*, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, *The Defiant Ones* and *Ship of Fools*.

Joseph Lewis, a master of the B-movie genre, directed almost 40 low-budget films, including *Singing Outlaw*, *Two-Fisted Rangers*, *The Invisible Ghost* and *Bombs Over Burma*. **Sidney Salkow** churned out fast-paced action features: *Storm Over Bengal*, *The Pathfinder*, *The Iron Sheriff*, *The Golden Hawk* and *Prince of Pirates*.

Howard Koch was a director and producer whose credits include *The Manchurian Candidate*, *Airplane!* and *None but the Brave*. **Walter Shenson** produced the Beatles' two films, *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* **Maxine Samuels** made Canada's first internationally successful TV adventure series, *Forest Rangers*, as well as *Seaway*.

Julius Epstein earned an Academy Award for his screenplay treatment of *Casablanca*, while **Curt Siodmak** wrote horror film classics, such as *The Wolf Man*, *Son of Dracula* and *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man*.

Jean-Pierre Aumont (**Salomons**) was a popular French actor who starred in Francois Truffaut's *Day for Night* and Claude Lelouch's *Cat and Mouse*. **Werner Klemperer**, the son of German conductor Otto Klemperer, played the role of Col. Wilhelm Klink, the monocled and inept Nazi camp commandant in the improbable TV sitcom *Hogan's Heroes*.

Victor Borge (**Borge Rosenbaum**) was the Danish-born musical humourist, pianist, conductor and comic actor. **Zeke Manners** (**Leo Ezekiel Mannes**), a hillbilly singer and disc jockey, composed the *The Pennsylvania Polka*. **Joey Ramone** (**Jeffrey Hyman**) founded the Ramones, the raucous punk rock band whose songs ranged from *Blitzkrieg Bop* and *Teenage Lobotomy* to *Bonzo Goes to Bitburg*. **Carl Sigman**, the composer/lyricist, wrote the music and words for *What Now My Love*, *Ebb Tide*, *Where Do I Begin*, and the theme song for the TV series *Robin Hood*.

Joseph Shocter founded the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton, and **Lionel Abel** (**Abelson**) was a Broadway playwright (*Absalom*) and essayist (*The Intellectual Follies*). **Moe** (**Morris**) **Koffman**, an icon on the Canadian jazz scene, composed *Swinging Shepherd Blues*, while **George Simon**, a jazz critic, was editor-in-chief of *Metronome* magazine.

Janice Brustlein, known as **Biala**, was a painter noted for her cryptic still lifes, interiors and landscapes. **Morris Lapidus**, an architect who leaned toward French Provincial and Italian Renaissance styles, designed some of Florida's gaudiest hotels, the Eden Roc, the Fontainbleau and the Americana, all in Miami Beach. **Bruno Zevi**, editor of the Italian journal *L'Architettura*, was one of Europe's top architecture critics (*Toward an Organic Architecture*).

Jacques Lowe photographed some of the most endearing and enduring images of John F. Kennedy's presidency, and **Nat Fein** won a Pulitzer Prize for taking the iconic rear-view photograph of Babe Ruth at Yankee Stadium two months before his death in 1948.

Inna Zubkovskaya (**Izraelyeva**) was a leading ballerina in St. Petersburg's Kirov Ballet, while **Boris Goldovsky**, a musician, provided intermission commentaries of Saturday matinee broadcasts from New York City's Metropolitan Opera for nearly 50 years.

Jack Leibowitz was the publisher of Detective Comics, Action Comics and All American Comics, whose roster of characters included Superman and Wonder Woman. **Jerome Lindon** headed Editions de Minuit, the Parisian publishing house whose authors ran the gamut from Marguerite Duras to Nathalie Sarraute. **Bernard Geis** published two sensational bestsellers – *Valley of the Dolls* by Jacqueline Susann and *Sex and the Single Girl* by Helen Gurley Brown.

Robert Trout (**Blondheim**), a protégé of the legendary Edward R. Murrow, was a broadcast journalist who covered the big stories of the day from the 1930s to the 1960s. **John Oakes** established and edited *The New York Times'* op-ed page. **Tad Szulc**, a *Times'* foreign corrrespondent posted to South America and Europe, wrote biographies of Fidel Castro and Pope John Paul II and books about U.S. foreign policy. **Emily MacFarquhar** (**Cohen**) covered Asia for *The Economist* and was foreign editor of *U.S. News & World Report*.

Leopold Samuel Marks played a major role as a crypt analyst in Britain's sabotage operations against Germany in World War II. Three years ago, he recounted his experiences in *A Codemaker's War, 1941-1945*. **Arlene Eisenberg** co-authored *What to Expect When You're Expecting*, the pregnancy bible whose worldwide sales have reached 9.6 million copies in 31 languages.

Marty Glickman, a college sprinter who was left off the U.S. 400-metre relay team at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin to appease the Nazis, was the voice of the New York Knicks from 1946 until 1955.

Gilbert Trigano developed the Club Med vacation club concept, while **Arthur Goldberg** was president of Park Place Entertainment, the largest casino operator in the U.S. **Michel Fribourg**, chief executive officer of the Continental Grain Company and a leading figure in the food trade, built American commercial links with the Soviet Union, China and 68 other countries. **Roger Malkin**, chair of the Delta and Pine Land Company, was a leader in the U.S. seed industry and in high-tech agriculture.

Gilbert de Botton, a Swiss banker, founded Global Asset Management, which managed the fortunes of the rich and famous. **Stephan Weiss** and his wife, Donna Karan, founded one of America's leading fashion houses. **Victor Kiam** was president and spokesman of the Remington Products Company, which manufactured electric shavers. **Frederick Herzberg**, a psychologist and management consultant, wrote the bestseller, *Work and the Nature of Man*.

Leopold Page (**Poldek Pfefferberg**), a Holocaust survivor and leather goods store owner, convinced Australian novelist Thomas Keneally to write *Schindler's List*, which won the Booker Prize for fiction and the Academy Award for best motion picture.

Daniel Abraham Yanofsky, Canada's first chess grandmaster, captured eight Canadian titles and was a civic politician in Winnipeg.

Rose Freedman was the last survivor of the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist fire that claimed the lives of 146 garment workers in Manhattan in 1911.

David Flusser, a professor of comparative religion at the Hebrew University, established the modern study of Christianity in Israel, wrote *Jesus* – which was translated into 11 languages – and won the Israel Prize. **Amos Perlmutter**, a Mideast expert, was the author of *The Life and Times of Menachem Begin* and other books.

David Crook, a British scholar, co-wrote the 1959 classic, *Revolution in a Chinese Village*. **Sybil Milton**, an historian, was a member of a Swiss government commission that reviewed Switzerland's refugee policy before and during World War II. **Alexander Dallin**, a director of the Russian Institute at Columbia University, was a specialist in Soviet history and author of, among other works, *The Soviet Union and Disarmament* and *German Rule in Russia, 1941-45*.

Hans Guterbock, a linguist and archeologist at the University of Chicago, wrote groundbreaking studies on the Hittite people of ancient Anatolia. **Michael Meyer** translated the plays of Scandinavian playwrights Ibsen and Strindberg into English. **Cyrus Gordon**, an expert in Middle Eastern culture and ancient languages, wrote several books on Ugaritic, which was spoken in coastal Syria. **Joseph Greenberg**, a linguist, worked on classifying the historical relationships of the world's languages.

Abe Silverstein supervised U.S. space programs for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, including the one that put the first man on the moon in 1969. **Viktor Hamburger**, an embryologist, mapped out much of the body's nervous system. **Konrad Bloch**, a Nobel Prize laureate, explained how cholesterol is formed. **Robert Levy** established the link between cholesterol levels and heart disease. **Joseph Melnick**, a founder of modern virology, was a pioneer in polio research. **Ariel Lowy**, a cell biologist, unravelled the secret of blood clotting. **Nathan Cohen** was a founding president of the National Association of Social Workers in the U.S.

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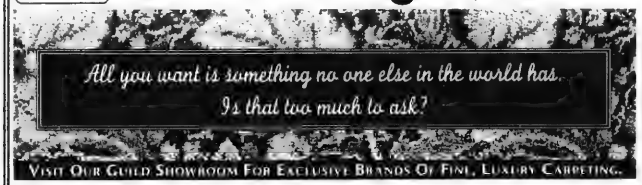

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Jewish Life

Choice makes heretics of us all

By ELLIOTT MALAMET

For the lady whom we overheard the other day calling another Jew a heretic, I offer the following. Heresy derives from the Greek "heiresis," meaning to choose. Modernity can be properly defined as the movement from fate to choice. To put it another way, modernity pluralizes in a way that makes it impossible not to choose. Simply put, we are all heretics.

JEWISH EDUCATION
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One of the reasons that Jewish unity is so hard to achieve today is because of these modern conditions. It's not because Jews are nastier than they were in the past or that we don't care for one another now. It's because today we live in a world with a radically different order of things.

The premodern Jew – and non-Jew for that matter – lived in a world of fate. Instead of a wide array of technological gadgets and gizmos, he had a limited array of helper tools. And this only addresses the technological end of things. On every other level, he was fated by his culture, by his community, by his lack of financial and geographical mobility.

From the availability of contraception, to the trade you plied, to the village where you spent your years – chances were you would do what your ancestors had done. You would pray to their God and carry out their traditions, not simply because you believed in them, though doubtless most people did, but because there was not really any choice. You would live where they lived and be buried among them. This was the reality presented to you – there was no other; it constituted what the sociologist Alfred Schutz has called "the life taken for granted": life is like this; it is silly to even contemplate another way.

To tell someone from the fourteenth century that he could get into a big box with wings and be halfway across the world by the end of the day would be as absurd as telling them that Halachah isn't really binding or that scores of non-Jewish women would love to marry Jewish men, or that there would be gay synagogues or that you could drive to shul on Shabbat. Or that the same person, say, whose father was Jewish and whose mother was not, would be defined as a Jew by some Jews and emphatically not by others. Such plurality wouldn't simply have been frowned upon or spurned in days gone by. Such plurality was a non-sequitur.

Jewish education has been fairly slow in catching up to the consequences of what all of this entails. There is a feeling that somehow we can teach the same old subjects in slightly newer ways, and if we do it with enough enthusiasm and caring, then we will help our students to become better, more literate Jews. This "old wine in new casks" is perhaps a perilous philosophy at the end of the day. Until we come face to face with the starkness of what a universe of choice means, we will not be able to fully attack the key question of education: can the eternal Law be reconciled with the massive shift in contemporary morals, interests and belief systems? One thing is certain: dismissing others as heretics is an act of fear, and these are times which require courage of the first order, so that we do not look up in years hence and wonder what happened to the Jewish people.

Hebrew program in Vancouver

By MARLANE PRESS
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Instructors Rahel Halabe and Shoshana Hofman are working together again to bring a traditional Hebrew language experience to Vancouver for the second annual mini-Ulpan program.

Because of the success and overwhelming response to last year's inaugural program, a new course has been added this summer.

"A first level is something we did not offer last year," Halabe said. "It's for people who may have started learning Hebrew this year and for people who may have started many times in the past but never continued. Here we want to give them a push ahead."

Level aleph (one) requires the student to have worked on any Israeli ulpan Level aleph, or to have completed Ora Band Shalav Aleph or equivalent. Level beit students should have completed the Level aleph textbook, Ora Band Shalav Beit or equivalent.

Prepared by Halabe, a sessional teacher at the Vancouver School of Theology who teaches a course in biblical Hebrew, the curriculum is intended to enrich students' vocabulary, encourage them to read Hebrew books, improve their conversation skills and deepen their understanding of Hebrew grammar.

"We've tried to balance the instruction," Halabe said. "So we have some grammar and some story time, as well as games like Hebrew Monopoly and field trips."

For example, students have the opportunity to test their new knowledge in some of Vancouver's Hebrew-speaking establishments. Optional outings like movies and field trips are something the two instructors like to offer, as five hours in an intensive language program can become exhausting and overwhelming for the students. Last summer, some students opted out of the outings; however, most students chose to join in on trips to Granville Island for shopping and sitting down and enjoying a cup of coffee.

"One day we went shopping on Main Street for antiques and stopped in a coffee shop where the owner was fluent in Hebrew. It was an extra surprise for the owner and for us – I had not known that she was able to speak Hebrew," Halabe said.

"Another day we watched an Israeli movie and as part of the curriculum we visited Sabra's restaurant, where I translated the menu so everyone could order in Hebrew. The owners were completely prepared to serve only in Hebrew and the conversation around the table was in Hebrew. It was really fun.'

Level aleph runs Aug. 20 to 24. Level beit runs Aug. 27 to 31. Each course costs $300 if students register before July 14. After that, the cost is $350. Books and material are $35. Both courses will be held at the Jewish Community Centre. Access to the JCC's facilities during the five-day course is free.

Class sizes will be limited and may be subdivided to accommodate different rates of learning, and all students will have exposure to both instructors, Halabe said.

"If the level of student ability within the same class varies greatly, we will have faster and slower paced groups, but the maximum in each class will be 12. We will also alternate teaching time so that students will be exposed to both instructors, who have different styles in teaching, speech and pronunciation,"she said. "I've got a Sephardi accent and Shoshana has the more regular Ashkenazi accent. They're very different."

For evaluation of your Hebrew level, contact Halabe at rahel@telus.net or 604-879-2677. You may also register online at www.jccgv.com.

Jewish Life

Re-examing the Bible

***The Bible Unearthed*, by Israel Finkelstein and Neil Asher Silberman, Simon and Schuster.**

Rabbi David Wolpe is spiritual leader of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, a large and prestigious Conservative congregation. Several months ago, on Passover eve, he preached a sermon that caused a furor in the community. He told his congregation that archeologists had discovered no evidence in the Sinai Desert to support the biblical account of the Exodus.

Books
Bernard Baskin

Responding to a barrage of criticism, especially from Orthodox sources, the rabbi explained that Passover should be observed "for its deeper and more central meaning," as giving Jews a way to understand the pattern of their history, with liberation following enslavement through the idea of a God of freedom.

He continued, "Our children will learn of this anyway – better to learn it from a rabbi in the context of faith. Otherwise, when they hear it from a college professor they will conclude that the rabbi was peddling fairy tales for the credulous."

Rabbi Wolpe may have derived his information from the book under consideration, by two eminent scholars, an Israeli archeologist and a Belgian historian. They bring to this bold and provocative volume an impressive record of scholarly research and field experience. Of course, their conclusions will surprise many readers and outrage others.

Their major thesis is that near the end of the seventh century BCE, Josiah became King of Judah. This righteous ruler found the Book of Deuteronomy when the Temple was being renovated and instituted a total religious reformation. According to the authors, it was during his reign or in subsequent decades that the Five Books of Moses were put together, as well as the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings.

They write that much of what is commonly taken for granted as accurate history – the stories of the patriarchs, the Exodus, the conquest of Canaan, and even the saga of the glorious, united monarchy of David and Solomon – are, rather, the creative expressions of a powerful religious reform movement that flourished in the kingdom of Judah in the Late Iron Age. "Although these stories may have been based on certain historical kernels, they primarily reflect the ideology and the world-view of the writers. They show how the narrative of the Bible was uniquely suited to further the religious reform and territorial ambitions of Judah during the momentous concluding decades of the seventh century BCE."

In a statement, akin in spirit to that of Rabbi Wolpe's, respectful of the biblical tradition, the authors explain that the Bible's integrity does not depend on historical "proof" of its particular events or personalities. "The power of the biblical saga stems from its being a compelling and coherent narrative expression of the timeless themes of a people's liberation, continuing resistance to oppression, and quest for social equality. It eloquently expresses the deeply rooted sense of shared origins, experiences, and destiny that every human community needs in order to survive."

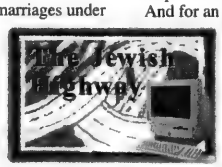
This volume, archeology's new vision of ancient Israel and the origin of its sacred texts, will challenge firmly held beliefs and offer new historic possibilities for the curious and open-minded. Biblical scholar David Freedman writes: "For those who like to be wakened in the morning with a blast of cold water, this book is highly recommended."

Jewish singles & the Internet

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

When you think about a matchmaker, images of Yente from *Fiddler on the Roof* spring to mind. Today, some 21st-century Yentes – and their clients.

In an article from *Forward*, Susan Shapiro tells of the five marriages under her belt and her "addiction to the fine art of matchmaking" **[http://www.forward.com/issues/1998/98.01.09/fastforward.html]**. Her career as an amateur matchmaker really began when it dawned on her that they guy she was dating "whose life's dream was to drive a Lamborghini to his estate in the Hamptons" was a far better match for her friend Rachel. They were married six months later. Now that Susan herself is married, she loves her role as matchmaker even more. "I get the voyeuristic thrill of dating and mating monthly without risking rejection, diseases or unwanted pregnancy."



Sherry Singer is a 36-year-old shadchan in Los Angeles who, along with her mother, Eva, has been making matches for 15 years **[http://www.jewishjournal.com/08.04.00/singleswills.08.04.00.html]**. The mother-daughter team focus on secular, Reform and Conservative Jews and say they are responsible for more than 300 marriages. Although they have a Web site, they say old-fashioned intuition is the best way to make a match **[http://www.meetamate.com/]**.

I was impressed by a short article written by a shadchan who explains how difficult her work is and how shadchanim deserve to be paid accordingly **[http://www.countryyossi.com/mar97/shmooze.html]**. She quotes the incredible statement in the Gemarah that "bringing two people together in marriage is as difficult as the splitting of the Red Sea" (Sanhedrin 22a). She asks her clients to understand the pressure she is under – and the phone bills she racks up.

And for an insightful portrait on how matchmakers have made the leap from the shtetl to the 21st century, check out Sharon Pomerantz's Playing with Matches in *Hadassah* magazine **[http://www.hadassah.org/news/junejuly00/matches.htm]**. She tells the story of the resolve of one client of matchmaker Judi Ehrlich. "My longest-standing client was seven years. He met over 80 women and he married number 82," she says. "People liked him and the fact that he kept persevering was encouraging. I'm glad he didn't give up."

Martin Bodek lives in New York, seems to have done his share of dating and has some advice to pass along **[http://members.aol.com/thebodie/#narc]**. You can follow him through several articles about Date Jitters, but I want to quote from How to Find Your Bashert. Martin starts with the 6,067,692,010 human beings in the world and then after rejecting almost everyone out there, mathematically proves that there is only one person in the world for you: "Your bashert, your soulmate, your life partner. He/she's just around the corner! Go get him/her!"

By the way, it seems that Martin is a romantic at heart. One way to say thanks for a lovely evening is to send off a big bouquet of virtual flowers – actually that's an e-mail of a picture of some flowers **[http://members.aol.com/thebodie/#cards]**.

Here's a sample from the Big Book of Jewish Humor **[http://www.wujs.org.il/activist/features/book_reviews/humor.shtml]**. "She looks terrible," the young man reported to the shadchan. "How could I marry a woman who looks like that?"

"Look," replied the shadchan, "either you like Picasso, or you don't!"

Here's another from Zipple **[http://www.zipple.com/jokes/twosisters.shtml]**. The shadchan goes to see Mr. Cohen, a confirmed bachelor for many years. "Mr Cohen, don't leave it too late. I have exactly the one you need. You only have to say the word and you'll meet and be married in no time!" she says.

"Don't bother," replies Mr Cohen, "I've two sisters at home, who look after all my needs."

"That's all well and good, but all the sisters in the world cannot fill the role of a wife."

"I said two sisters. I didn't say they were mine!"

Looking for love can be wonderful – and painful. Especially if you've been hooked up with the wrong matchmaker. Michael Jacobs has been there and has founded The official Shidduch Survivors' Club **[http://www.geocities.com/Paris/Louvre/3376/index.htm]**. He includes tips about how to find the right shadchan. "Good Sign: Keeps notes on a printed form. Bad Sign: Scribbles on the back of cigarette packets." And to let you know that you are not alone in your quest, there is a selection of Shidduch Horror Stories – like what to do when you realize that your blind date is someone you've *already* dated.

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Adler retires as principal of Eitz Chaim school

Joe Lebovic (right) hands Rabbi Leibish Adler a cheque to establish a special education program at Eitz Chaim.

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's for the children – all for the children, says Rabbi Leibish Adler, recently retired principal of the Eitz Chaim girls' school.

The goal of education is to bring out the best in each individual child, he told *The CJN* at a recent interview. Only then should the needs of the parents and the teachers be addressed, he said.

That is not in any way to denigrate the role or position of teachers, said Rabbi Adler. In fact, he believes that "the brightest people should enter the teaching profession. It is the most important job one can do."

That philosophy is the main reason he went into education as a young man liberated from a concentration camp after the war, the only survivor of a large extended family.

"It was the only way I could make good what the Nazis did to us," he said.

Rabbi Adler came to Canada in 1950. "I had an uncle I came to join," he said. The only trouble, he recalled with a laugh, was that his uncle was in Mattawa, near North Bay, and he wound up waiting for him in Ottawa.

At any rate, Rabbi Adler said, he came to Toronto where he was quickly offered teaching positions in the D'Arcy Street Talmud Torah – which became Eitz Chaim – and at Bais Yehuda afternoon school.

Later, he moved to the Burnside campus where he was promoted to supervisor. From there he moved to Viewmount, and then he became vice-principal at the Willowdale campus. In 1975, he was appointed principal at the girls' school at Viewmount.

Teaching is more challenging now than when he began his career, Rabbi Adler said.

"In the beginning, parents accepted everything the teachers said and the kids were expected to obey."

Now, he said, the parents themselves are more educated, both secularly and religiously, and are more demanding.

As well, he said, since so many parents work and lead busy lives, teachers have to function as social workers and psychologists.

He is proud of what he accomplished during his tenure as principal, he said.

At the annual learnathon, children raised money for UJA FEDERATION and learned the importance of being part of the community; the Torah Fair allowed youngsters to demonstrate their talents in whatever direction they lay, academic or otherwise.

He also started continuing education for teachers and introduced the school uniform, which not only ensured the students' adherence to the rules of *tzniut*, modesty, Rabbi Adler said, but saved them money and gave them the sense of belonging to a group.

"I was always proud when someone called and told me how well-behaved our students were on the bus or on trips. It was a real kiddush HaShem."

He also encouraged the children to correspond with those in Israel who had lost relatives to terrorist acts, and to be sensitive to what happened in the Holocaust.

In all of these endeavours, he said, he was supported by his wife, Bluma, "my partner in everything," who teaches at Eitz Chaim.

In accordance with his philosophy of doing the best for each child, Rabbi Adler said that he was always concerned with children who needed extra help. For that reason, he introduced a program to put assistants in the classrooms. They could take out children on a one-to-one basis, or offer in-class help to the teacher. "This was very effective," he said.

When the board of the school was planning his retirement dinner, developer Joe Lebovic offered to give $100,000 in Rabbi Adler's honour, as seed money for a special education program.

The money would hire four full-time special education specialists, two at the Patricia campus, and one each at the Viewmount and Spring Farm campuses. They will offer testing and follow-up, keep records and teach strategies for learning.

"This will serve as a model for other schools," Rabbi Adler said, noting that the Board of Jewish Education is also moving in this direction.

Although there are some things he would have liked to do, such as providing smaller classes, and more intensive teacher training, "basically, I have no complaints, and no real regrets. I am proud of my family, and proud of my community," he said.

And now? He is still a consultant for the school. He has more time to study, and to visit his daughter and her family in Israel, and he also hopes to write a book about his experiences.

Kelman memorial lecture draws capacity crowd

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The story of Moses and the tablets of the law sends a message that there is always a way back, no matter how low one has fallen, said lecturer Bryna Levy at the recent Ruth Kelman Memorial Lecture.

When Moses brought down the first set, the one he broke, he found the people engaged in idolatry.

"It was the shattering of a dream – the ultimate disappointment, failure and loss," she told a near capacity crowd at Beth Jacob Congregation.

The event was sponsored by the Kelman family, Beth Jacob v'Anshe Drildz Congregation, and Mekorot Institute of Torah Study.

But then, Levy said, Moses heard the word of God promising to carve two tablets the same as the first ones.

Levy, who earned her PhD in Tanach at Yeshiva University, is a teacher at Midreshet Moriah in Israel, and director of the graduate program in Tanach at Matan, the Sadie Rennert Women's Institute of Torah Studies.

She said that the second tablets could not, obviously, be the same as the first.

In fact, she said, they were greater. That is because they came down from Mount Sinai "when the Jewish people were penitent and remorseful," having gained the understanding that grandeur is fleeting.

The broken shards of the first set of tablets, she said, were not discarded. Rather, they were put in the Ark of the Covenant along with the new ones.

"Imagine the Israelites' realization of their loss [when Moses destroyed the tablets]. Imagine their insight into the consequences of their pursuit of vanity."

Not only the stones were broken, she said, "their collective hearts were broken."

By immediately preparing a new set of tablets, God "showed that he is prepared to forgive – to begin again. There is a road back."

Not only that, Levy said, but the words would be stronger than before.

When God initiated the covenant the first time, she said,"He inscribed it in letters of fire. Now he will inscribe them on the chambers of our hearts. We just need to open our hearts and let it in."

When Moses, in his farewell address to the people, described the events at Sinai after a span of 40 years, he described the "unity of purpose; the sights, the sounds, the covenant, the great gift of the two stone tablets [with the Ten Commandments]."

It was "the spiritual zenith for the people that turned into the greatest nightmare. Here the greatest spiritual leader on his way to deliver the word of God, saw the golden calf."

The question is how Moses could allow himself to destroy "tablets inscribed by God. Why not just return them? Why bring them down in the first place," she asked.

The commentaries have three explanations, she said. The first is that Moses deliberately broke them for the greater good of the people. Seeing the "travesty" of the people worshipping the calf so soon after the miracle of the Exodus and the parting of the Red Sea, he questioned whether they were able to accept the obligation, and thus the accountability, of following their precepts when they couldn't even handle it for 40 days.

On the other hand, another commentary suggested, perhaps he worried that since the people were already worshipping a graven image, they would see the tablets as an image too and worship them.

A second explanation for Moses' action was that indeed, he would not have done such a thing on his own – that God either knew and approved, or that He Himself had commanded it.

Finally, Maimonides, the Rambam, proposed that when Moses saw the golden calf, it completely sapped his physical and emotional strength, and the tablets slipped out of his arms.

The replacement of the tablets, Levy said, sent words of hope to the people that were later echoed in the Book of Jeremiah at the destruction of the First Temple, 'I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...I will put my Torah in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts.'

Rabbi Maury Kelman, Ruth Kelman's youngest child, opened the evening by leading the audience in saying tehillim for the welfare of Israel.

He noted how much his mother would have savoured this kind of lecture, as she had been a great advocate of advanced Torah study for women.

The lecture was the first in a week-long series of lectures by Levy.

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Judaism and medical ethics explored

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Should research findings gleaned from experiments on concentration camp victims be used? What about research carried out before World War II by those who were later involved in such horrific activities?

These were some of the questions posed during a session titled Confronting Evil in Medicine: An Ethical Response to the Use of Tainted Sources Based on Jewish Law and Tradition, part of an all-day symposium held at Baycrest's Wagman Centre on Controversies in Medical Ethics: Jewish Secular and Legal Perspectives.

William Seidelman, a physician at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and St. Michael's Hospital and a professor in the department of family and community medicine at the University of Toronto, has extensively studied the medical research done in the Nazi period.

'Physicians have both a divine mandate and an obligation to heal'

While Josef Mengele's experiments on twins are well known, there was also considerable attention paid to hypothermia (performed for the Luftwaffe, who were concerned about airmen who were shot down in inclement weather), genetic diseases, immunization and blood analysis.

Experimental subjects, Seidelman said, were psychiatric patients, prisoners (including concentration camp inmates) and children.

Specimens taken from these people, he said, were often sold to museums.

"Every doctor [in Nazi Germany] was involved either directly or indirectly in euthanasia, in deciding whose lives were or were not worth living."

Universities were also involved with euthanization and sterilization procedures.

The experiments, he said, were "all done by respected academics, researchers and institutions, such as the Kaiser Wilhelm Research Institutes in Berlin."

While a good deal of the research was just plain bad science, which precludes any discussion of ethics, some of it is in use.

One example Seidelman used was the *Pernkopf Anatomy*, said to be one of the best collections of anatomical drawings ever made. Eduard Pernkopf was dean of the University of Vienna medical faculty after Nazi Germany annexed Austria in 1938. A prominent member of the Nazi party, he dismissed all the Jewish faculty members.

Research in the 1990s determined that bodies of executed political prisoners had been delivered to the artists in the anatomy department, who then used the body parts as models for the anatomy book and as teaching materials.

Julius Hallervorden and Hans Reiter did highly respected research before the Nazi era, and their names are associated with diseases they worked on – Hallervorden-Spatz disease, a neurodegenerative genetic disease and Reiter's Syndrome, a form of arthritis that occurs after infection.

Later, under the Nazis, both were active and enthusiastic participants in medical experimentation and research. Reiter, for instance, studied typhus in concentration camp inmates.

Rabbi Nachum Berlat, director of pastoral care at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, said that physicians have both a divine mandate and an obligation to heal. In fact, a physician who refuses is culpable of bloodshed.

Along with the obligation to heal, however, are other obligations, including not to cause injury or give deadly potions.

While Rabbi Berlat acknowledged that German physicians have made many legitimate contributions to medical knowledge, such as the dangers of cigarette smoking and the importance of a healthy diet, during the Nazi years they "lost their ethical underpinnings. The question, then, is that if some of their findings are valid, can they still be used?"

The Halachah says that even if data is obtained in an illegal manner, such as during an autopsy, which, generally speaking, is not permitted according to Jewish law, it can be used, said Rabbi Berlat.

"Halachah teaches the concept of pikuach nefesh, the overriding obligation of saving a human life, even if the source of the knowledge is unacceptable."

He quoted the late Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, who, on being taken to task for permitting a violation of Shabbbat for a mild illness, said that "he didn't take Shabbat lightly, he took pikuach nefesh seriously."

One suggestion as to what to do with research carried out by Nazified doctors has been simply to rename illnesses and studies that use names of Nazis. Reiter's syndrome, for instance, could be re-named "reactive arthritis." Seidelman and Rabbi Berlat acknowledge, however, that this is difficult to do because the names are widely used.

Their solution is to literally blot out the names. Whenever one of the names is written, a line should be drawn through it. Whenever they are cited in a footnote, a note should be added as to how the material was collected, and that the researchers had Nazi connections.

This proposal was based on the law in the Torah that says one must blot out the name of Amalek, a tribe that, without provocation, attacked the Israelites during their wandering in the desert. (The Nazis are considered to have succeeded Amalek.)

In this way, Seidelman explained, "their names are not removed, but they are forever stigmatized."

The symposium was sponsored by the Fay Florence Grobin Memorial Fund in co-operation with the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics.

Other topics covered included long- term, end-of-life and palliative care, resource allocation and discharge planning.

Historian one of first *CJN* fellows

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO – Claude Cohen Matlofsky, a local historian, has written what she claims is the first book about Jews in the Land of Israel during a pivotal phase of the Roman occupation.

The era she investigated begins in 40 BCE and ends in 135 CE. It encompasses two Jewish revolts against the Romans and the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

Published in Paris last winter, her book, a spinoff of a PhD thesis, is entitled *Les Laics en Palestine d'Auguste a Hadrien: etude prosopographique* (*The Lay People in Palestine from Augustus to Hadrian: a Prosopographic Study*).

Claude Cohen Matlofsky

The volume focuses on the people who lived in Palestine during those years: Jews, Romans, pagans and early Christians.

The majority of the 715 names mentioned in the book are Jewish, said Matlofsky, a 42-year-old historian and one of the first *Canadian Jewish News* fellows at the University of Toronto in 1990.

The fellowships were funded by the late Ray Wolfe, a businessman and former publisher of the *CJN*.

During this period in question, Talmudic Judaism and Christianity developed, and the centre of Judaism shifted from Jerusalem to the Galilee.

In gathering her data, Matlofsky studied funerary inscriptions in Jerusalem and Jericho and the writings of ancient chroniclers.

As a result, she said, she was able to draw a fairly objective picture of life among ordinary folks in Palestine, whom historians usually overlook.

Matlofsky, who holds a doctorate from the University of Paris, studied their names, occupations and funerary customs.

"There is still a lot we don't know about that period," she said.

For example, there are gaps about the dietary customs and the degree of religious observance among the Jews of that time.

As a scholar, Matlofsky has been working on this era for at least 15 years, but her interest in it was intially piqued when she was a student in Paris.

Although she holds no academic position today, she is currently writing scholarly articles on Josephus Flavius, a Palestinian historian and soldier who resisted Roman rule and wrote *The Jewish War*, and Jewish funerary customs.

Now the mother of two young boys, Matlofsky was born in Tunis, the capital of Tunisia.

Her father, Joseph, was a high school math teacher in a French school. Her mother, Daisy Cattan, was a legal secretary whose boss was related to the Tunisian president's wife, Wasila Bourguiba.

Matlofsky was eight years old when anti-Jewish riots, touched off by the 1967 Six Day War, broke out in Tunis.

She remembers seeing burned out and looted Jewish shops and blood on a street. During the brief unrest, Matlofsky's mother's employer, a Muslim, invited the Cohens to ride out the storm his home.

In the summer of that year, the Cohens emigrated from Tunisia and settled in Paris. They haven't been back since, and do not have a single relative left in Tunisia.

Matlofsky lived in Jerusalem from 1980 to 1985, during which she taught history and geography at local high schools. In Israel, she met her husband, Gerald, a lawyer.

In Canada, she has taught history in an Ottawa high school and French as a second language at the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Studies.

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Associated honours couple for lifetime involvement

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Eva and Harold Dessen talk about the early years of Associated Hebrew Day Schools as if they were merely onlookers.

But throughout the school's history, the Dessens have been involved as parents, board members, teachers and volunteers.

In recognition of their years of service, the Dessens were presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at Associated's recent annual general meeting.

In an interview with *The CJN*, the Dessens, now life members of the board, described the many people who worked to get the school off the ground.

In 1952, when Harold first became a board member, the school was basically an evening school.

"At the time, Dr. Levi Jacober was principal – there was the beginnings of a pre-school – but not much effort had been expended on developing a day school," Harold explained.

Jacober, who had given up an academic position at Oxford, was a visionary, Eva added. He took it on himself to knock on doors, pursuing parents and teachers until the day school got off the ground.

Initially, it was a volunteer effort with no budget, Harold said.

The first teacher was Sarah (Steinhauer) Rumack. After that, 90 percent of Associated's general studies teachers were retired educators from the public schools, Harold said.

"We didn't want to be radical. We were in no position to experiment with teachers."

On the Hebrew side of the program, however, the emphasis was mainly on curriculum.

"A lot of the Hebrew teachers weren't trained to teach, but they were definitely scholars in Judaica," Harold said.

Jacober wanted an elite school which would make a mark on the community. In pursuit of that goal, he would interview every single child to see if they could tolerate a double curriculum.

"Sometimes, that objective pushed students away."

Eva, who has a PhD in Near Eastern Studies, taught at Associated, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, the University of Toronto and York University. She said that among the first goals and principles the founders developed was that all children would study Hebrew studies in the Hebrew language.

The administration understood the importance of language as a cornerstone of national identity. In addition, they emphasized a Zionist curriculum.

The third principle was that the school would be traditional, with no religious, ideological or national labels.

"Even in cases where children weren't Jewish halachically, we would try to overcome the problem by delicately convincing parents to pursue halachic conversions.

"We were successful in almost every case," Harold said.

Another school policy was to hire teachers from Israel when qualified teachers couldn't be found.

"To save money, the school would look for an Israeli couple."

Around 1957, when Associated first began its junior high there were only three students, Harold said.

"Although it was extremely discouraging, they decided to go ahead with it."

Jack Burke was taken out of the classroom and given the opportunity to run a junior high school, he said.

"The second year he was able to get a regular class."

At a later stage, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto had similar problems attracting students.

"We had to persuade our own daughter to attend CHAT," Harold said. The Dessens' two daughters, Serena and Susan, are graduates of Associated and CHAT. Their grandchildren currently attend Associated.

In the high school's early years, "there was a lot of creative accounting done by Associated to make sure that CHAT wouldn't show a deficit," Harold said.

The role of the volunteers has also evolved. From its early role as a welfare agency, the PTA has become a provider of educational necessities, Eva said.

Over the years, the school has changed. But it will continue to have a positive effect as long as the needs of the community are served, Harold said.

"As the school progressed and became successful, funding became a big issue," he noted.

"Now we're losing a lot of middle-income people who choose not to pursue Jewish education because they don't want to face a subsidy committee," Eva said.

Harold, who is an accountant, said that hopefully the Ontario tax credits will help alleviate some of this problem.

Harold and Eva Dessen. **[Anna Morgan photo]**

NEW JNF PRESIDENT: **Frank A. Wilson, longtime community activist, was elected president of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto at the organization's recent annual meeting. He succeeds Sandy Posluns, who has been elected national president of JNF Canada. Over 200 people participated in JNF Toronto's annual meeting which was held at the Inn on the Park.**

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Hadassah-WIZO gets new head

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — To Beverley Crackower, newly installed president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, running the organization is like running a business with 3,000 employees.

"Thankfully, I have a great executive and wonderful officers who are all competent and eager to work. It will be an easy 'business' to run."

Beverley Crackower

Hadassah-WIZO, the largest women's Zionist organization in Canada, is dedicated to the health, social welfare and education of women and children in Israel as well as enrichment of Jewish life in Canada. Local programs focus on such things as women's health, legal issues and political affairs.

Crackower, 53, a native of London, Ont., grew up immersed in Jewishness and volunteerism. "My mother is a life member of Hadassah-WIZO and I always helped out at the annual bazaar. We lived in a small community, so everyone was involved."

She joined Hadassah-WIZO in Toronto when she was first married. "It wasn't just the volunteerism I enjoyed, it was the wonderful friends I made. After 27 years, I still belong to Gila chapter, along with past Toronto presidents Carol Lou Spiegel and Sharon Kroft.

"We all joined at the same time, and we felt the same driving force. We have a love for the organization."

There are are 52 chapters in the GTA, made up of women ranging from young mothers to seniors. "Members of one special chapter are now celebrating 55 years together. It is undoubtedly because of the connection they feel to each other, to the organization, to the community, and to Israel," says Crackower.

"There are 85- and 90-year-old women who still attend the Hadassah Bazaar, now in its 77th year," she says.

Her goals for her two-year term, says Crackower, are to keep membership growing and to carry on fundraising for Israel and Toronto.

"Proceeds from one of our fundraising projects, Heart to Heart, are earmarked for Sunnybrook and Women's College Hospital. It is a nice connection. It shows the community that we do work here as well as in Israel."

The organization also raises money for a North York women's shelter, and sponsors educational programs on women's issues.

Performing volunteer work has tremendous benefits, says Crackower. "It gives people a sense of togetherness, and provides leadership skills. Members learn to run meetings, keep budgets and delegate work. These are all skills that can be taken into the workforce."

Russia's chief rabbi visits Toronto

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Rabbi Lazar – who has been accused of linking the Jewish community's fortunes too closely to the Russian president – believes Putin's rise to power has enhanced the stature of the Jewish community in Russia. In September 2000, Putin attended the opening of a seven-storey community centre in Moscow, and last winter he participated in a Chanukah candlelighting ceremony – both events that were widely reported across the country. The Russian state no longer supports anti-Semitism – though it still is a common phenomenon on the street – and the public perception of Israel has improved, largely due to a shared experience with terrorism, Rabbi Lazar said.

Jewish life, meanwhile, is enjoying a rebirth in the former Soviet Union (FSU), Rabbi Lazar said. Jewish schools are present in 54 FSU cities with enrolment exceeding 12,000 students. Despite state-sponsored harassment of Jewish life under the Communists, "it's a great miracle that Yiddishkeit survived," he said.

With an estimated 600,000 Jews remaining in Russia following the mass emigration of the last decade, he believes "we should help those who stay live as Jews."

Rabbi Lazar has been following that credo since 1987, shortly after Mikhail Gorbachev opened Russia under perestroika and glasnost.

Born and educated in Milan, Rabbi Lazar, 37, was one of the first Lubavitch representatives to move to Russia to set up religious classes – at first for only 17 students..

Rabbi Lazar, who enjoys dual U.S. and Russian citizenship, was elected chief rabbi of Russia in June 2000 by 26 rabbis and the Federation of Jewish Communities in Russia, a Lubavitch organization.

As chief rabbi, Rabbi Lazar is recognized by the government as the Jewish community's official representative.

His election, however, was not without controversy. Rabbi Shayevich accused the government of seeking his ouster and he claimed Lubavitch had pressured him to resign. He told JTA that Lubavitch representatives offered him $1,500 a month if he were to give up his pulpit at Moscow's prestigious Choral Synagogue.

Rabbi Lazar's election also appears linked to internal Russian politics. Rabbi Shayevich had been supported by the Russian Jewish Congress (RJC) when it was headed by Vladimir Goussinsky, a media baron who ran afoul of Putin for supporting his political rivals and for criticizing the war in Chechnya. Goussinsky has been charged with fraud and embezzlement and saw his media holdings expropriated. He now lives in Spain and his replacement as head of the RJC is financial magnate Leonid Nevzlin, considered a close friend of Putin.

Goussinsky's rival, Boris Berezovsky, another media mogul, promoted the Lubavitch-run federation on his television channel, ORT.

That led to accusations that the federation was being supported by "Berezovsky's people" in the Kremlin, a charge that Rabbi Lazar and the federation denied.

Rabbi Shayevich has accused Rabbi Lazar of splitting Russian Jewry, and Rabbi Shayevich also sent Putin a letter asking that he not interfere in the internal affairs of the Jewish community.

For his part, Rabbi Lazar asserted that Rabbi Shayevich had been installed by the KGB – a view shared by other Jews in Russia – and was limited in what he could do for Russian Jews: "He had to go between the drops," and he "did as much as he could… To say such a person should serve the Jewish community does not fit the situation today," Rabbi Lazar said.

Meanwhile, Pavel Feldblum, executive director of the Moscow Jewish community, said Rabbi Lazar can only be considered chief rabbi of Lubavitch in Russia. The Conference of European Rabbis said it would continue to recognize Rabbi Shayevich as chief rabbi, and Rabbi Lazar came under stinging attack in North America from Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of ARZA, the Reform movement's Zionist arm.

In an "alert" posted on the ARZA Web site, Rabbi Hirsch writes: "We have become increasingly concerned with Chabad Lubavitch's divisive activities in Russia...Many supporters of Russian Jewry are beginning to feel they are losing the struggle to define Russian Judaism broadly in a manner that embraces all elements of the Jewish community."

He criticized Rabbi Lazar for sending a mass mail appeal to tens of thousands of American Jews, without indicating that the recipient of the funds is the Lubavitch movement.

– With files from CJN news agencies

שישאר ג'ניוס

גידי קורן וחברים

חרפורמים וארץ ישראל-מה רוצים מחס

מידי קיץ מגיעים לישראל אלפי ילדים של תקהילה חרפורמית לבלות במחנות קיץ, ללמוד ציונות וליצור קשר חס עם ישראל. קהילה ציונית וחמה זו סובלת כבר שנים רבות מיחס קשה ומזלזל של הממסד חדתי האורתודוקסי, שאינו מקבל את הגיורים שלחם ואינו מכיר ב יחדותם. וחס, למרות חכל מקיימים קשרים חמים עם ישראל, כאילו לאמר- חקשרים שלנו עם ישראל אינם תלויים בדבר. והינה בקיץ הזה נפל דבר: מנהיגי היחדות חריפורמית החליטו שלדיחם לא יצאו למחנות קיץ בישראל בשל מצב הבטחוני והטרור המשתולל. קמה מיד צעקה גדולה בסנגון של: "סוף סוף ראים את הפרצוף האמיתי שלחם...כשישראל במצוקה חם חראשונים שמתקפלים..."

למי מכם שקורא עיתנות ישראלית היה מאוד בולט שכמעט כל העיתונאים עמדו על הצביעות חקשה שעולה מן הטיעונים חללו: האם מישחו בישראל היה שולה את ילדיו לחופשת קיץ בקלפאסט בזמן המהומות, או לבוסניה? לעשות את חדברים עד יותר אבסורדיים, מתברר ששישים אחוז מהישראלים לא אפשרו לילדיהם לצאת לטיול שנתי השנה... אז מה החתפלות חזאת על יהודים אמריקנים שחוששים לבטחון ילדיהם?

חמצב בישראל קשה ביותר וכולם מסכימים על כך. זה לא חזמן המתאים לחעליב מזה שאנשים לא שולחים את ילדיהם לחופשת קיץ בישראל. אבל שישאר בינינו.

באותו עניין

בניגוד ליחדים חריפורמים, רבים מאיתנו ניסע חקיץ לישראל. זה תבית שלנו, שם החהורים, חמשפחה וחחברים חקרובים. חם זקוקים לנו באותה מידה שאנחנו זקוקים להם. חיים יהיה אותו חיים, וחאבטיחים יהיו מתוקים יותר, וחחבירת חישנה תחמם לנו את חלב ואת חעצמות. וכל שאר חדברים שעושים את הארץ שלנו למקום מיוחד. כמו שאמר אלתרמן:

"יש יפות ממנה, אך אין יפה כמוה."

ישראל נגד ספרד... בסורנסו יורק פיינקר

כמה ימים אחרי שבוע חדמים בישראל שתגיע לשיאו בדולפיניום חתמודדה ישראל נגד נבחרת ספרד בכדורגל במסגרת מוקדמות אליפות העולם. וכמו כל ישראלי באשר הוא שם קוחתי שצפחון יביא רבע נחמה, חיוך וקצת נאוות. אחרי מחקר קצר חתברר שמועדון חבה נגילה מקרינים על מסך ענק שידור ישיר של המשחק באדיבות בלחת שמצליחה לשדוד את חלווין. וכך מצאתי את עצמי באולם המועדון יושב עם מאות אוחדי כדורגל מושבעים שחצליחו לפסוח על יום עבודה ולחתייצב בצחריים לטובת האידול. המשחק התחיל בלחץ ישראלי כבד על הספרדים העדיפים, ובדקה חרביעית, אחרי מבצע שלא היה מביש את נבחרת ברזיל חצליח רביבו מלך טורקיח לחבקיע שער בנגיחה אקרובאטית וחצופים בחבה נגילה חיו בדרך לחיקרה, ורק בגס חרציפה לא צנחה בנחיתה. או חז'ל אמרו שמי שלא ראה שמחת בית חשואבה לא ראה שמחה מימיו, מה שמוכיח שבומו חז'ל חכדורגל עוד לא היה בחיתולים,איך שלא יחיה 25 דקות שכחו שחקני חנבחרת שחם ישראלים ושיחקו כמו דרום אמריקאים או לפחות אוסטלקים, ועם ישראל נהל ושמח.

לצערנו משחק כדורגל נמשך תשעים דקות יותר מפחות והספרדים התחילו לתקוף גלים גלים וריח של גול עמד באויר. חמתח חגיע לשיא חסר תקדים והיו חברה שהיו מוחים כל כך ששכחו לנגב את החזמוס מהצלחת שהיתה מונחת לפניהם על השולחן. וכאשר שחקן ספרדי הצליח להשכיב את נימני ברחבת ששש עשרה, מעשה שלא זכה לתגובת השופט, לא שכחו החברה להזכיר לשופט את העובדה שאימו עסקה במקצוע חכי עתיק בעולם ומכלי עבודתה הגיח חצורר לאויר העולם. יותר מאוחר, כצפוי, חובקע שער ספרדי שהיה קצת יותר מפחות חוקי, וחשופט הערל ניצל בגס מליקי רק בגלל שהמשחק לא התקיים בחבה נגילה. כשנשמעה שריקת חסיום איש באולם לא התאכזב. חצפיה במשחק היתה עבורי יותר חנכחים גם תענוג וגם חוויה ואני כבר מזמין מקום מול המסך לקראת המשחק נגד חאוסטרים בספטמבר.

יורם פינקנקי

Argentinian mission met with enthusiasm

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The relationship between the Jewish communities in Winnipeg and Buenos Aires is "an ideal shidduch," says Evelyn Hecht, director of community relations for the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg.

Hecht, who was a member of a delegation from Winnipeg that met last month with members of the Argentinian Jewish community, said in a recent interview with *The CJN* that both communities have the same roots, much the same profile and share a high degree of volunteerism.

The delegation met individually with 49 families in Buenos Aires – the meetings had been prescheduled – and gave seminars, by invitation only, to another 150 people. The majority of the people they saw, Hecht says, were professional – accountants, psychologists, business administration graduates, architects, lawyers with young families. Some were newlyweds.

The other delegates were Bob Freedman, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg; Deb Zehr, who works in the provincial government's department of immigration, promotion and recruitment; Jim Carr, executive director of the Manitoba Business Council; and Monica Schor, an Argentinian Jewish immigrant to Winnipeg, to serve as a translator.

"We went there hoping to find a number of Jewish families who would be interested in coming to Winnipeg," Hecht says. "We were very gratified with the response.

"Having Monica with us was a tremendous asset. Most of the people we met spoke some English, but it was easier for them to be able to speak to someone in their native tongue. And Monica did her homework."

It was Schor's first trip back to Argentina since she immigrated to Winnipeg four years ago with her husband, Eduardo, and their two now teenaged children.

"We had been considering leaving for a long time," Schor said in a separate interview.

"There weren't many jobs where we were living in Tierra del Fuego. We wanted to give our children a better future," says Schor, who works in the Manitoba liquor commission's computer department.

The Schors were considering trying to get to Toronto when they heard about an earlier delegation from the Winnipeg Jewish community visiting Buenos Aires.

"We are happy we chose to come to Winnipeg," Schor says. "We don't need to live in a big city. Winnipeg has everything we need."

Argentina's Jewish population, most of whom live in Buenos Aires, stands at about 190,000. That figure has fallen from about 250,000 20 years ago. The Winnipeg Jewish community's Arentinian initiative began in the mid-1990s through a chance encounter on a plane between a Jewish Argentinian and Janice Filmon, whose husband, Gary, was premier of Manitoba at the time.

As a result of three previous visits by Winnipeg Jewish community leaders, 17 Argentinian Jewish families have settled in Winnipeg. One family returned to Argentina and five have left for other parts of Canada for employment or educational reasons.

"No one left because they didn't like Winnipeg or the weather," Hecht points out.

This most recent trip was different, she says, in that it was informational rather than promotional. A lot of South American Jews already know about Winnipeg as a result of the community's Web site which has a Spanish-language page. The people the Winnipeggers met have already made the decision to leave Argentina, Hecht says.

"We were as honest and open as we could be," Hecht says. "We told them about the immigration system – which can take up to a year to process new immigrants – and warned them that it can take up to six months to find that first real job. We spoke about our Jewish community and what we have to offer.

"Our government representative was very impressed by the calibre of the prospective immigrants we met with."

Domestic abuse among Jews explored

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG – Research shows that Jewish women suffer domestic abuse at the same rate as non-Jewish women and that abuse cuts across religious denominations and economic classes, says Elaine Weiss, a clinical associate professor at the University of Utah school of medicine and author of *Surviving Domestic Violence: Voices of Women Who Broke Free.*

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Weiss was invited by the Jewish Child and Family Service (JCFS) to educate the community about the scope of domestic abuse.

She sat for a radio station interview, addressed the Jewish community, spoke to high school students at Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate and was the keynote speaker at the JCFS annual general meeting.

Domestic abuse, Weiss says, is not about anger, but rather power and control. It speaks to the lack of self-worth in the abuser. While we may associate it mainly with physical violence, it takes other forms as well, such as constant criticism, public humiliation, control of the purse strings and blame for everything.

"It takes a woman, on average, eight years to leave an abusive spouse," Weiss says. "Jewish women and religious women stay longer."

Weiss speaks from experience; she was in an abusive relationship for eight years. She came from a loving home and married a Jewish man she had dated for two years. Before they married, he came across as a nice, smart and warm individual.

Potential abusers are not easy to spot in advance, Weiss observes, because they are on their best behaviour during the courtship.

"The abuse started the summer after we married, for no reason I could understand," she says.

That abuse included some physical violence combined with a concerted attack on her sense of self-worth.

"I tried hard to make my marriage work," she says. "I thought it was my fault, that I was doing something wrong. My husband convinced me that I couldn't do anything right."

She and her husband, by then a prominent corporate lawyer, went for psychiatric counselling for two years only to have the psychiatrist confirm that it was her fault for being a "Jewish American Princess."

The turning point came one day when she and her husband were walking in New York. At a crosswalk, she commented on how attractive a certain building looked. He, as usual, began putting her down. Another woman at the crosswalk turned to him, told him that his wife was right and called him a jackass. Then the lady crossed the street and continued on her way.

"We stood there silently," Weiss recalls. "That lady changed my life. I left him the next winter. I had started graduate school and had professors telling me I was smart. I made new friends. On my 27th birthday, I told him it was over. He cried and begged and promised to change.

"I moved into my own apartment and went on with life. I earned a doctorate, built a business and remarried. Neil and I just celebrated our 23rd anniversary."

She acknowledges that she was lucky that her first husband never threatened her or stalked her.

"My story is not unusual," she says. "Since my book has come out, I have received thousands of letters, all much the same story. The bad news is that so many women are being victimized. The good news is that the Jewish community is finally breaking the silence. We have to send a message to abusers that what they are doing is not acceptable and will no longer be tolerated."

Subtle signs of impending change

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Veteran political watchers will tell you, more often than not, one can begin to get hints that changes to the political landscape are coming by subtle signs rather than by major governmental announcements.

In the absence of the drama of the daily question period, we are left to study those subtleties to anticipate the next developments on a number of fronts.

On the leadership front, we can observe a couple of interesting things. First and perhaps most significant, rumour has it that Paul Martin is getting a bit nervous. Over the last few months, while Sheila Copps has been distributing flags, Brian Tobin shipping contracts and Alan Rock remedies to the healthcare crises, the finance minister has been relegated to offering defensive assurances about the state of the economy. Martin's concern is confirmed by his quiet decision to "reorganize" his staff in favour of a more aggressive approach. All of this suggests a much closer leadership race than was first anticipated. The thing to watch for now is who among the contenders manages to attract media attention during the listless days of the summer.

On the other side of the House, the leadership issue is burning as hot as the weather. Diane Ablonczy's and Deb Grey's decision to accept positions within the caucus strike a blow to the anti-Day rebels. Much of the anti-Day momentum is now spent and riding associations across the country will think twice before voting to dump Day.

The biggest loser out of all of this – and the one who is most responsible for the Grey/Ablonczy "rethink" is Joe Clark. By overplaying his card with a smugness that belied his paltry 12 seats in the House, Clark reminded all CA/Reform supporters of the reasons they left the Tories in the first place. This explains Clark's complete invisibility over the past three weeks and the renewed interest on the part of individuals like Peter MacKay in seriously exploring with Day's people initiatives like joint candidates.

If we see Day pick up a couple of impressive endorsements over the summer months, then we'll know that he has securely regained control over the party. If not, we can expect a painful time ahead for the Alliance and all other forces that dream of replacing the ruling Liberals.

Speaking of summer months, your "assignment" is to attend as many MP barbecues as possible and make your presence felt.

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Meeting in the middle at the Cedars

By JENNIFER M. PAQUETTE
Special to The CJN

WATERLOO — Halfway through my visit to Temple Shalom, I notice all four of my guides are wearing sandals.

It's a warm spring day, but all of them?

Feature

In a way, though, sandals are perfect. Their congregation wandered for over 35 years, coming home only five years ago, with Westminster United Church, to the world's first shared Jewish-Christian worship space: the Cedars Worship Centre.

A liberal outpost in a two-shul town, Temple Shalom's congregants longed for their own home, but with under 70 families, couldn't afford to build. When one congregant suggested building with Westminster, they leapt in.

At the Cedars, double doors from a shared lobby lead into an hourglass-shaped auditorium – an inequal hourglass; Temple Shalom is about half Westminster's size.

"The relationship's not a symmetrical one," says Bob Chodos, a former president. "In terms of the design of the sanctuary, it wasn't an easy thing to work out."

The spaces stand back-to-back, separated by a folding wall. Movable wooden benches face the "front" of each space. A woodwind ensemble rehearses throughout my visit, the music soaring among vaulted pale-wood ceilings and pink cinderblock. I linger, wandering over to the shared bookshelf to see what Cedars people are reading.

The books mirror what Westminster's pamphlet calls "two unabashedly different groups." A children's book by Harold Kushner lies with *The Friendly Beasts*, featuring the refrain "Jesus, our brother, kind and good." A bile-green 1970 volume dryly offering *Hebrew Through Values* is pushed aside by *Really Bad Girls of the Bible*.

A suitable statement of the liberal bent of both congregations.

Without those beliefs, Temple Shalom congregants say, the two groups couldn't have collaborated.

"We're more open to that kind of thing," says Jennifer Shalinsky.

Chodos agrees. "We're out in the world with non-Jews, living, working with them."

Roz Adelberg, a founding member, adds, "Our best friends are non-Jews. We're comfortable with them."

Their neighbours are just as comfortable. The Reverend Gary Boratto's first reaction to the Cedars project was, "Wow, cool!" An Alef-Bet chart hangs on his office wall beneath a portrait of Jesus as he speaks earnestly of erasing old enmities.

Boratto's denomination, the United Church, already known for its acceptance of Judaism, issued a statement in 1997 called "Bearing Faithful Witness," which emphasizes that Jesus isn't the Jewish messiah. It condemns deceptive conversion, and urges compromises like saying "Hebrew scriptures" instead of "Old Testament."

At the Cedars, compromise is no abstract concept. Temple Shalom recently opened a tiny Judaica shop; at first, the wooden display case seems typical, offering intricate havdalah candles and Rosh Hashanah cards. But another look reveals that the right side of the case holds olive wood crosses from Jerusalem. Many Jews would squirm to see such objects together.

Of course, compromises cut both ways. There's no permanent cross in the sanctuary; a child carries one in during services.

The cross's absence eases Jewish concerns about meeting in a church, and also eliminates potential conflict for Christians.

Even by Jewish standards, Temple Shalom is austere, from its hard wooden pews to the concrete floor. But a vast window overlooks a garden Shalinsky tends herself, and with the parochet revealed, majestic ark doors in steel and handmade paper by Toronto artist Temma Gentles, the effect is inspiring. With sunlight streaming in, the vast ceilings, and the wind ensemble picking its way through Mozart, it's easy to fall in love with this little shul.

Temple Shalom has had its share of problems, like their first and only contract rabbi, who lasted less than a year. Yet even that ended well, inspiring the congregants to hire student rabbis instead.

"We've been so happy with that decision," says Adelberg.

"They've all been wonderful," Shalinsky says.

And all different, her husband Bill says. Without the big-city variety of synagogues and adult education programs, the student rabbis have broadened the congregants' Jewish experience.

For a while, congregants, too, were coming and going, leaving Waterloo for other communities. But now, university faculty are seeking tenure and building families. Adelberg recalls driving her son to Toronto for bar mitzvah lessons – "he's 45, so you figure it out!" She marvels that this June, Temple Shalom celebrated four bnei mitzvot – one each Shabbat.

Adelberg stands with Boratto in the lobby, as he points out two Jerusalem stones, "one brought back by a member of each congregation."

"Almost everybody here is from somewhere else," Chodos says, but like those stones, this place has brought them together. Sandals or not, Temple Shalom's nomadic days are over – through hard work and compromise, they've come home to the Cedars.

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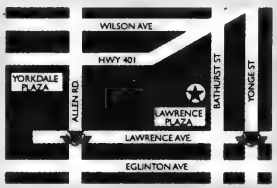

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Thursday, July 5

U.S. WORLD LEADERSHIP

At Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence. **Prof. Joanne Burgess** speaks on The Question of U.S. World Leadership under George W. Bush. 2 p.m., 645 Castlefield Ave. Call **Gwen** or **Susan** at 416-785-1511 to reserve a seat.

Sunday, July 8

LIPSHITZ MEMORIAL

The Yiddish Culture Council of Toronto literary-musical evening in memory of the late Yiddish activists **Sam** and **Manya Lipshitz** 7:30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Program features **Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg;** guest speaker **Prof. Abraham Novershtern**,head of the Yiddish department at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, lecture on Yiddish Literature in Eretz Israel; singer **Ruth Seligman Slater** accompanied by pianist **Tom Shilcock.** Evening is chaired by **David Newman**, Yiddish Culture Council chair.

JEWISH HEALING SERVICE

A Jewish service for healing for those wishing to pray for physical, emotional or spiritual healing, 3-4 p.m., Lipa Green Building, Service is led by **Rabbi Yael Splansky** of Holy Blossom Temple and music therapist **Mary Rykov**. For information, **Michelle** 416-932-0730.

TEMPLE SINAI SINGLES

A walk in the park for Temple Sinai Singles (35-55) at Edwards Gardens. Meet at 10:30 a.m. outside the parking lot entrance of Edwards Gardens Civic Centre for a leisurely group walk and afterwards go for coffee or light brunch. **Revekka Maron** 416-733-4327.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Feminist Book Discussion Group, Older Women's Network, discusses *In Her Own Time* by **Maggie Siggins** at 1:45 p.m. at North York Community Centre, 505 Lawrence Ave. W. (basement). **Ruth Goldsmith** 416-782-6414.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Beth Sholom Sisterhood's indoor garage sale of collectibles, good household items, small appliances, books, jewelry, toys, gently used clothing and leather goods. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the synagogue.

Tuesday, July 10

JEWISH SURVIVAL

Meeting Today's Challenges to Jewish Survival: An International Summit with leaders of Jews for Judaism. **Rabbi Bentzion Kravitz** (Intermarriage-What Can Be Done); **Mark Powers** (Missionaries Reporting From the Front Lines); **Scott Hillman** (Cults-Are They Still a Concern); Rabbi **Michael Skobac** (Spiritual Hunger: The Lure of Eastern Religions). 8 p.m., Reena Centre, 927 Clark Ave. W. 905-761-0040.

Wednesday, July 11

EMPOWER YOURSELF

Summer Learning Series for Seniors, On Being..Belonging..Becoming, with **Anne Balaban** continues with Strategies to Empower Yourself. 10 a.m. to noon at Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Sponsored by the centre, the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations, and Continuing Education, Ryerson University. **Gisela Côté** at OCSCO 416-785-8570, or **Sandra Kerr** at Ryerson at 416-979-5103.

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CHABAD MARKHAM

Upcoming events at Chabad Markham, 83 Green Lane, Thornhill. 905-886-0420.

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Registration is open for Chabad Lubavitch Hebrew School. Call for brochure and registration form.

Senior Women's Group meets Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. with **Rabbi Meir Gitlin** followed by lunch. All welcome.

Senior Men's Group, Friday, 10 a.m. **Rabbi Gitlin** discusses the weekly portion and other interesting topics followed by brunch. All welcome.

A GARDEN PARTY

Enjoy a beautiful summer evening with My Woman's Group, a group of women 45+ who meet on a monthly basis right after work. The Monday, July 16 event begins 6:30 p.m. and features Container Planting in Sun and Shade with master gardener **Janet Cooper** of the Civic Gardens Horticultural Centre. Dinner follows. RSVP by July 9 to Jewish Women International/Canada at 416-630-9313.

SUMMER ART COURSES

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TRAINING SESSION

Canadian Cancer Society training session on Tuesday, July 17 from 2-4 p.m. for volunteers interested in going out into the community to do Lunch 'N' Learn presentations about Seven Steps to Health. Contact North York Unit at 416-638-0771. Registration deadline is July 12.

HEBREW CLASSES

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces registration is now open for the fall courses for adults, teens and preteens in conversational Hebrew, all levels. Tuesdays Sept. 11-Dec. 18; Wednesdays Sept. 12-Dec. 19; Thursdays Sept. 13-Dec. 20; Fridays Sept. 14-Dec. 21. **Joseph Klinger** 416-787-0197.

FOR SENIORS

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Get ready for a Valentine party Aug. 5, 7 p.m. July 12, political lecture by **Yaen Vered** of Jewish National Fund; June 19, Israeli video; July 26, bingo game. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Park sale July 15; Presentation on Fire, Safety and Falls, Aug. 6, 10 a.m., Club House; Trip to Memphre Inn, Quebec, Aug. 14-17; Bus trip to Casino Rama every Wednesday during July and August; Bingo and bridge players wanted. 416-395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club: Dance classes every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets available for *Sound of Music* Oct. 4 at Stratford, **Libby** 416-782-2059 or the office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the boardroom.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to glatt kosher Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills. Aug. 3-12. Some good seats left. $1,425 Canadian includes tax, gratuities, air-conditioned bus Reasonable medical. **Al** 416-633-8127 or **Helen** 416-635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

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Canadian Culture series with author/lecturer **Hugh Innis** Tuesdays, 10 a.m.,July 10-Aug. 14. **Bookie Kwart** ext. 116.

Fun with Yiddish every second Thursday, 10 a.m. **Bookie Kwart**, ext. 116.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speaking persons meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnics. July 10, picnic in Earl Bales Park 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; July 17, lecture by **Yaen Vered** of Jewish National Fund; July 24, dance party, tickets on sale; July 31, sing-along with **Mickey Lewin**. For information on all programs, **Anna** ext. 110.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880.

Chanukah in July event at the Children's Museum Sunday, July 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a day of fun activities and programs for the whole family. Taste traditional food, dreidl games, create decorations, Children 1-8 years. ext. 456.

Mural installation in the BJCC atrium (main lobby) Field of Names by **Rafael Goldchain**. Photo-based mural deriving from the artist's family name search. On view July 15-Sept. 23. ext. 180.

Free computer workshop for mature adults offered by BJCC's 55+ Department and PlatinumLink Net July 17, 18 and 19, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 to 4 p.m. To book a seat 416-398-4008.

Wednesday, July 18, the show *Mixed Doubles*, reliving the great routines of memorable performers, in Stirling, Ont., preceded by lunch in a rural setting. Bus leaves BJCC at 9 a.m. and returns 6:30 p.m. **Janet** ext. 259.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211.

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ABOUT PEOPLE

BOOK PUBLISHED

Mazel Tov to **Dr. Howard Vernon** of Toronto, associate dean of research, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, on the publication and release of his new textbook on head and neck pain, *The Cranio-cervical Syndrome: mechanisms, assessment and treatment*. Four specialists from our community who authored chapters are **Dr. Marshall Deltoff, Dr. Gregory Hamovitch, Dr. Peter Rothbart** and **Dr. Allan Shapiro.**

BOYS TOWN JERUSALEM PRESENTATION: Rabbi Ronald Gray, executive vice-president of Boys Town Jerusalem, presents an original photo from Boys Town Jerusalem to Jackie and Larry Zimmerman, hosts of dessert reception at their home recently. Zimmerman is the newly appointed chair of the executive committee of Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem.

A MOMENT OF EXCITEMENT: On June 13, students of the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy, She'arim Hebrew Day School, accompanied by staff and parents, walked from their current location at Beth Emëth Bais Yehuda Synagogue to their new facility, the Sara and Sam Hennick Educational Centre, at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre. The school opens on Sept. 4 in their newly renovated premises.

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On Campus

Hebrew University launches major fund-raising campaign

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Hebrew University, Israel's flagship institution of higher learning, has launched a massive multi-million dollar fund-raising campaign to ensure that it remains on the cutting edge of innovation.

Over the next three to four years, the university hopes to raise some $400 million (U.S.) for new buildings and facilities.

It is also revitalizing its academic programs, said Menachem Magidor, the president, in an interview last week.

Magidor, a mathematician who has headed the Hebrew University since 1997 and was recently appointed to a second four-year term, was here to attend a dinner honouring Canadian business tycoon Israel Asper. The event was sponsored by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Asper, the proprietor of a burgeoning media empire, donated $5 million to build the Asper Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Hebrew University's school of business.

The university, which marked its 75th aniversary last year, launched a $1 billion drive in 1997. To date, $636 million has been raised in pledges and outright gifts, leaving a gap of about $400 million to fill.

"These funds will guarantee the future of the Hebrew University in terms of programs and buildings," explained Magidor, a visiting professor at the University of Toronto 10 years ago.

In line with its goal of keeping pace with the times, the university has opened a school of engineering, plans to inaugurate a school of public policy and an institute of plant science and intends to restructure its Jewish studies program.

The school of engineering, which admitted its first class in 2000, is designed to train a fresh cadre of leaders for Israel's increasingly important high-tech sector.

Computer engineering and bio-engineering are among the subjects offered.

"We are not competing with the Technion," said Magidor, referring to Israel's premiere school of technology.

The school of public policy, scheduled to begin operations next year, will be geared to graduate students.

Offering a rationale for its existence, Magidor said, "The way policy decisions are taken in Israel leaves something to be desired."

The institute of plant science will offer a more global and integrative approach to agricultural sciences than is the case today.

By the same token, the restructuring of the Jewish studies program is meant to give students a broader perspective.

"For example, we'll study the social implications of the interaction between Jewish and non-Jewish culture."

Magidor, a sabra born in Petach Tikvah in 1946, compared the university to a tree.

"Israel should be rooted in its heritage, but open to change. It's like a tree, rooted in its own soil but with its branches open to the world."

As the curriculum is reshaped to meet changing demands and challenges, the university will construct buildings for the school of engineering, the school of business, the institute of plant science and the Jewish studies program.

And it will erect additional student dorms and sports facilities.

In the past 30 years, enrolment has doubled to 22,000, of whom 13,000 are undergraduates.

"We're the most non-local university in Israel," said Magidor. "Seventy-five percent of our students come from outside of Jerusalem."

Among them are 2,000 Israeli Arabs and 70 Palestinians from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Although the Palestinian uprising has not affected student life on campus, apart from shouting matches, the intifadah will have a marked impact on enrolment at the Rothberg International School, which caters mainly to English speakers from abroad.

Hebrew University president Menachem Magidor

Projections indicate that far fewer foreign students, particularly Americans, will enrol at the Rothberg International School in the 2002 session.

Normally, 800 to 900 Americans sign up for the one-year program, which attracts a total of about 1,100 undergrads.

Next year, however, only 200 to 300 undergrads from the United States are expected to show up.

Magidor does not anticipate a startling downturn in Canadian enrolment.

Speaking of the university's importance to Jerusalem, Magidor said it is the city's second largest employer after the government.

"We employ 4,000 full-time faculty and staff," he said. "We issue an average of 12,000 pay checks per month."

Currently, the university, in cooperation with the municipality, is building a technological park for start-up companies.

It will be ready for occupancy in three years.

"The Hebrew University is an important resource for Israel's high-tech industry," he said.

Apart from helping Jerusalem economically, the university attracts young people to the city and thus widens its demographic base.

"If Jerusalem becomes a poor city, divided between haredim and Arabs, Israelis will lose interest in it."

Magidor manages an annual budget of $500 million, of which $150 million is earmarked for research.

Of its $350 million regular budget, 70 percent is derived from government subsidies, 15 percent from tuition, seven percent from gifts and eight percent from royalties and real estate.

"We live on a tight budget, but we manage," he said.

However, the situation maychange for the worse in the future, Magidor warned.

"The government is talking about budget cuts, and we don't know whether we'll be compensated for cuts in tuition, which go into effect next year."

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Argentine Jews tell of misery

By MICHAEL J. JORDAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — If it can happen in Argentina, it can happen anywhere.

So say American-Jewish activists and Argentine-Jewish expatriates of the economic and spiritual crisis afflicting Argentine Jewry.

"Ten years ago, if you had asked me which Jewish community in the world most mirrors the American-Jewish community, I would have said the Argentinian Jews," said Will Recant, assistant executive vice-president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), speaking recently as part of a panel at Congregation B'nai Jeshrun in Manhattan.

"If you had told me that today we'd be providing Argentinian Jews with relief aid and food packages, I never would have believed you."

Yet today, Argentina suffers from economic collapse and hardship that some compare to Depression-era America. Coupled with the failure of two Jewish-owned banks, it has spawned legions of "new-poor" Jews and has devastated a community of approximately 220,000 that once was among the Diaspora's most vibrant, Recant said.

Argentine Jewry's traditional pool of roughly 4,000 welfare cases has grown to some 25,000. In all, about 10 percent of the community is said to be living beneath the poverty line, drawn at $12,000 a year for a family of four.

All this comes on top of twin terror attacks – against the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, which killed 29 in 1992; and against the main communal institution, AMIA, which in 1994 killed 86 people, including much of the community's leadership.

No one has been prosecuted for either bombing, though a trial is said to be expected within months.

The community is shaken and, several years later, still feels vulnerable. Physical barriers and armed guards now protect virtually every Jewish institution.

"The trauma this community has suffered is tremendous," Recant told the shul's Latin America Committee.

He was joined on the panel by Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski, who moved from Argentina to the United States 11 years ago, and Stewart Cahn, a New York lay leader of Argentine-Jewish descent.

When Rabbi Borodowski returned recently to the Buenos Aires seminary where he studied for the rabbinate, he said he found the elevator dormant and the building lit by a bare bulb, as the seminary couldn't afford to pay its electricity bills.

The activity rooms at his synagogue, where he used to play, have been transformed into areas where food, medicine and clothing are dispensed.

"The idea that in Argentina Jews would have to go to the synagogue for food," Rabbi Borodowski said, is "beyond dreams – it's [a] nightmare."

He said his brother lost his entire $16,000 in savings, which he had held in one of the Jewish-owned banks. He now lives in a sparsely furnished apartment that "I don't know how he pays for."

His parents are in worse shape.

"I couldn't have conceived that my mom and dad – two professionals – would ever have accepted money from their son in the United States. And if they're accepting it, then that means they're not telling me 10 percent of what's really going on," he said.

Much of the Argentine community traces its roots to east European immigrants who, plagued by pogroms and economic misery, set sail for the New World a century ago.

"They went to Argentina for a sense of security," said Cahn, whose grandfather emigrated from Belarus, "and that sense of security is not there anymore."

Over the decades, they established themselves as one of the nation's most affluent communities. The older generation was primarily involved in mom-and-pop businesses – shops, pharmacies and furriers – while the younger generation embraced higher education and entered the professions.

Argentine Jews are a tight-knit group with a vast network of Jewish institutions, community centers, synagogues, day schools and Zionist camps.

But the network today is in disarray, and its congregations, sports clubs and other organizations are fast losing members.

The economic crisis is further exacerbated by a machismo that Jews have adopted from the greater Argentine society, panelists said.

"If you're a man, you don't want to admit that 'I lost my job, I can't afford it, can I have a scholarship for my kids?'" Recant said.

"It's just not the way it's done in a macho culture. So families are just dropping out."

As always, the elderly are hardest hit. The average pension is $150 per month, while the JDC estimates that an individual needs $400 per month to survive.

With their welfare net torn apart, Jews are forced to continue working into their 70s to eke out an existence.

Yet some of the troubles, it turns out, may have been self-inflicted.

According to Argentine Jewish expatriates in the audience, the Jewish leadership in the country is entrenched and incompetent.

Nasrallah to Japanese envoy: 'IDF prisoners are being treated well'

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — "Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah told me that the four kidnapped Israelis 'were being well treated,'" said Japan's ambassador to Beirut, Nauto Amaki, in an interview published last week in the Lebanese daily, *Al-Mustaqbal*.

The ambassador said, however, that in his meeting with Nasrallah, he had not been told outright that the three Israel Defence Forces soldiers and one civilian, in the captivity of the radical Shi'ite organization since last October, were indeed alive.

Amaki said that he had met with Nasrallah together with the visiting director-general of the Japanese foreign ministry.

"We discussed the subject of the prisoners and Nasrallah made it clear that from a humanitarian point of view, this issue has already been determined. We [Japan] offered to assist in solving the problem of the exchange of prisoners, because this would greatly help to defuse the crisis situation that exists in the area. We had a good and constructive talk with the general secretary, and at its conclusion, he clarified that the four Israeli prisoners are being treated well, as if they were members of Hezbollah, and even better."

This was the first meeting between Nasrallah and the Japanese ambassador, who was appointed to his post in Beirut this year. Japanese diplomatic sources refused last week to comment on the ambassador's statements.

Despite the meeting, Japan is not involved in the negotiations concerning the four kidnapped Israelis. Efforts have so far been carried out primarily by German envoys.

To date, Israel has received no concrete evidence that the four are indeed alive – a prerequisite stipulated by Israel before it is willing to begin negotiations that would lead to an exchange of prisoners.

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French Jewry demonstrate against Assad

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least publish an official response to Assad's remarks. However, he declined to specify when the response would be published or what exactly it would say. French Jewish leaders said that Vedrine was very vague on this point.

The main demonstration, in Paris, was attended by representatives of every political party in France – a rare gesture of solidarity with the Jews on the part of the French political establishment. The French Catholic Church also sent a representative to the Paris demonstration, and local bishops attended the demonstrations in other cities.

"The French church has taken a brave stand in comparison to the Vatican [which declined to denounce Assad's remarks]," Musicant said.

Other protests included one last Tuesday, at a reception for Assad organized by the Paris municipality. Three city council members got up, waved signs denouncing him and shouted slogans.

During his three-day visit, Assad urged France and the European Union as a whole to step up its involvement in the Middle East. According to the London-based Arabic newspaper *Al-Hayat*, Assad brought two principal messages to Paris: that Syria is committed to peace and economic reform, and that hard-liners within the Syrian government have accepted these policies. Assad also told French television that he wants to make peace with Israel.

French officials, for their part, said they would press Assad to "contribute to regional stability" by clamping down on extremist Islamic groups such as Hezbollah. On the whole, however, Assad is currently in France's good graces because of the recent withdrawal of Syrian troops from Beirut. Assad moved to defuse the anti-Semitism charge by insisting, in recent interviews with two French television stations and the paper *Le Figaro*, that his remarks in Damascus were misunderstood and that he never intended to offend the Jews.

France and Syria were scheduled to sign a number of economic and scientific agreements. The French foreign ministry, in an official statement issued prior to the visit, said it is interested in closer ties with Syria.

Syrian President Bashar Assad marked the end of his visit to Paris with a press conference, in which he stated that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon "is pushing the region" into further conflict.

"Syria does not want war, and nor do the other Arab nations," Assad said, "[but] Israel's behaviour is leading us in the direction of war."

Assad's remarks essentially reprised his address to French legislators last Tuesday, in which he said that the situation in the Middle East today was worse than it was a decade ago, before the Madrid conference kicked off the peace process.

Assad blamed the failure of the peace process on what he termed "Israel's non-compliance" with UN resolutions calling for it to withdraw from Arab territory. The Syrian leader said he had not yet met a single Western diplomat who could tell him that Sharon was interested in peace. Syria, in contrast, still longed for peace, he said.

"Syria has no conditions except the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions," he added.

In response to Assad's statement that he would be prepared to negotiate with Sharon, the Israeli prime minister said last Wednesday in Washington that he would be willing to meet with Assad and "negotiate with him without preconditions."

Sharon added, however, that it was not possible to start negotiations on the terms on which Syria had traditionally insisted – namely, that Israel agree to its territorial demands before the talks even begin.

Sharon also said that Syria was not discussed during his meeting with U.S. President George Bush last Tuesday.

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Rabbi Ovadia's dream creates messianic buzz

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JERUSALEM — A recent dream reported by Shas spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has sent a messianic buzz through the haredi community. Sources close to the rabbi said that after prayers on Saturday morning two weeks ago, Rabbi Yosef told his son, Moshe, and Minister Eli Yishai that he had dreamed about the Messiah the night before.

The rabbi reportedly asked them not to divulge any news of his nighttime vision.

Then, at a wedding of a grandchild on Monday, Rabbi Yosef told guests: "In a dream on Friday night, I saw the Messiah coming to the Western Wall. There were many people at the Wall plaza. The [Messiah] told them: 'I have come because there are a million pupils who study at secular schools and do not learn Torah. I want all religious scholars to mobilize… to teach them Torah. There shouldn't be a single school without Torah.

"I heard this all in a dream, and then I woke up," the rabbi told the guests.

Ashkenazi haredi sources said yesterday that this was the first time that Rabbi Yosef, who is viewed as a leading authority on religious law and does not usually delve into mystical matters, had spoken about dreams, the Messiah and redemption.

Members of Shas said that in view of the strong emotions stirred by Rabbi Yosef's dream, a discussion on the matter was to be held next Sunday at a yeshiva in Jerusalem's Geula neighbourhood.

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According to Reports

Conventional wisdom vs. empirical evidence

Recently, this column drew attention to the persistent way some journalists report the Palestinian claims of what their current uprising is about as if they were facts. The claim, for example, that the violence is about "establishing a Palestinian state" should not be reported as fact since Palestinians could have achieved statehood through negotiations but rejected it under Arafat's leadership. In actuality, the uprising is about destabilizing the region and drawing Israel into massive retaliation that will result in the "internationalization" of the conflict.

For some, particularly political moderates, the violence may even be about Arafat's wanting, by refusing to put an "end to the conflict," to destroy Israel, even if in the near future he cannot do so in a physical sense.

Several items in the Israeli media have recently appeared on this subject. In "What the Palestinians think" (*Ha'aretz*, June 27), Ze'ev Schiff referred to a survey of Palestinian public opinion conducted this month by Ghassan Khatib's Jerusalem Media & Communications Center (JMCC). It found that 79 percent continue to support the "intifadah" and that almost 69 percent support suicide attacks against Israelis (compared to 26 percent in March 1999). Schiff notes: "These figures naturally reflect a high level of frustration among Palestinians, who now believe that only the use of force will enable them to achieve national goals."

But what are these "national goals"? The JMCC results that were "most troubling" to Schiff confirmed what a great many Israelis fear: only 45.6 percent said that the campaign is about ending "the Israeli occupation" and establishing a Palestinian state based on UN Security Council Resolution 242. Nearly the same number, 41.2 percent, said that the goal was the "total liberation of Palestinian land," which means, as Schiff observes, Israel's destruction. (Only 9.2 percent consider the uprising's aim to be a tactic for improving negotiation conditions).

Journalists, especially those who've recently drawn a lot of attention to Israeli settlement activity as a major "cause" of Palestinian violence, should also consider another finding of the JMCC poll: 67.1 percent rejected ending the uprising in return for "ending Jewish settlement." Only 25.1 percent approved.

This empirical evidence should be a strong antidote to the persistence of conventional wisdom. But rarely are things so straightforward, not only within Western journalistic circles, but also among some Israelis who insist on remaining "incorrigible optimists" (in the words of Meron Benvenisti).

For example, when Yossi Beilin was recently asked in an interview with Ari Shavit (*Ha'aretz*, June 14), "Do you really think [Arafat] will accept the existence of a Jewish state inside the Green Line?", he evaded a direct reply, saying, "That's not the question." But of course it is. It's the question everyone should be asking. When Beilin then argued that "a Palestinian state is the life-belt of the Jewish state," he needed to consider whether, assuming this is correct, it is something the Palestinians – particularly Arafat – want for that very reason. Finally, when Shavit persisted: "Still, are you really sure that the Palestinian national movement in general and Yasser Arafat in particular, accept deep down the idea of two states for two peoples?" even Beilin admitted: "Deep down, I don't know."

Prepared by Paul Michaels for the Canada-Israel Committee.

June 25

• British Prime Minister Tony Blair "showed a lot of understanding for Israel's situation" when he met Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, according to a spokesperson for the Israeli Embassy in London.

• Israel arrested two more Palestinians it said were involved in the brutal lynching of two IDF soldiers in October in Ramallah.

June 26

• Sharon told U.S. President George W. Bush during a White House visit that all violence must stop before Israel resumes negotiations with the Palestinians.

• A third compound opened in Gondar, Ethiopia, for the roughly 10,000 Ethiopians gathered there awaiting the chance to emigrate to Israel.

June 27

• The Municipality of Jerusalem is planning to lower the Western Wall Plaza by almost six metres in order to uncover lower portions of the Western Wall and create a more impressive structure. The plan reportedly, will cost $25 million (US).

• Haifa University named Manfred Lahnstein, a former German finance minister, to head the university. Lahnstein is believed to be the first non-Jew and German to achieve such a post in Israel.

June 28

• Katya Weintraub, 27, was killed and another Israeli woman was wounded yesterday evening in an ambush by Palestinian gunmen north of Jenin. The Palestinians, waiting in a car by the side of the road, opened fire at the women's two-car convoy as it headed toward Israel.

June 29

• Archeological Authority discovered a synagogue from the Hasmonean period in the area of Modi'in, the home of the Hasmonean family of the Maccabees.

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Business Profile

Peter Beck: To the swift go the day trades

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

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Market momentum is everything and stocks are held an average of only three minutes. Profit might only be one-half, one-eighth or even one-sixteenth a cent per share. With enough stock churn, the profits – as well as the losses – can add up quickly.

Peter Beck, the Hungarian-born entrepreneur who founded Swift Trade three years ago, knows that day trading can be a risky business – especially for the uninitiated. But he believes that with the proper training and with a healthy dollop of self-discipline, day trading can be considered an honourable livelihood.

"Trading is a profession. It has been for the last 200 years and if you do it professionally, it's not gambling. If you do it without knowledge, it's worse than gambling," he said.

Swift Trade, Canada's only day trading company, is a full-service provider with more than 400 traders across Canada, 124 of them in the company's Toronto office.

For $4,000, recruits receive a six-week training program supervised by Beck's partner, Charles Kim. Once completed, graduates are offered a work environment in Swift Trade's offices, with satellite hookups to the NASDAQ as well as a variety of software to help them ply their craft. Trades can be executed in half a second with Swift Trade receiving 2.5 cents per share for every completed trade.

In mid-winter, the company's gross revenues exceeded $20 million and although he won't go into more detail for the privately-held company (Joseph Ianni is the third partner), Beck, 45, points out that Swift trade operates 10 offices across Canada and plans to open five more in the next year.

The management troika are so confident in the company's future that they plan to open a second floor in their University Avenue offices and hire108 employees who will each trade on the company's account.

Kim is confident in his ability to train enough graduates to make it a success. The median income for day traders at Swift Trade is $200,000 U.S. a year, and three to four people earn more than $1 million U.S. per year. The one-year record for a single trader is $8.6 million. The world record is $38 million, racked up by a 28-year-old computer geek trading in Austin, Texas, he said.

But there are plenty who've lost big as well.

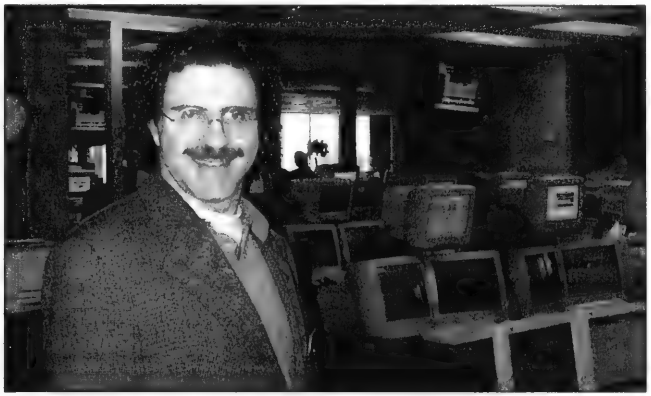
Kim says with the refinement of training techniques over the past three years, Swift Trade has reduced the average loss experienced by rookies trading in the immediate aftermath of the training course from $15,000 to $1,300. "It takes a good three months to start making money," he said.

Aware of the mostly American horror stories of traders losing their homes, Beck has imposed a sort of stop-loss mechanism at Swift Trade. Traders using the company's computers are asked to ante up $25,000 of their own money. Their progress is closely monitored and if their balance drops to $15,000, Swift Trade closes their account.

Successful traders share a couple of key characteristics, particularly self-discipline and self-confidence, Beck said. They are taught to set hard caps on their losses and they're told not to watch what people at neighboring desks are doing. People have thrown in the towel after losing only a modest amount, or even with small gains, if their neighbours are making big money. "They lose confidence comparing themselves to others," he said.

Day traders share no one specific demographic or background, he continued. The company receives applications from the 20-34 age cohort, and from 55-year-olds, who've made their money and are looking for a hot new thing.

Young people who are good at video games tend to be most successful. "Pattern recognition is key," said Kim.



Peter Beck believes day trading can be considered an honourable profession.

That's a far cry from the staid old world of investment, where a thorough understanding of financial markets, a grasp of macroeconomics, access to the most up-to-date information and the analytical tools to put it all together are considered important.

To be a successful day trader, you don't even need to know which companies you're trading. Traders buy and sell four-letter stock symbols, and knowing what the company produces or even its full name is unimportant, Kim said.

Volatility is the key – whether up or down – and NASDAQ offers plenty of movement each day. "The trend is your friend; don't fight the trend," Beck said.

Beck, a member of the Jewish motorcycle club, Yids on Wheels, was a middling day trader in his day, but nowadays he's too busy running the company to trade actively. An entrepreneur who loves the thrill of setting up a business, Beck has tried his hand at a variety of enterprises since moving to Canada in 1979.

A chef by training, Beck soon realized that he'd never get rich preparing meals. He tried his hand at selling bottled water and then he marketed his own brand of pet food. Neither venture was a success, but he learned from his mistakes.

While working in commercial real estate, a small newspaper article about long distance market deregulation gave him an idea. In 1988 he started his own long distance carrier, ITN Corporation. To raise capital for the business, he applied for 17 credit cards and maxed them all out, raising between $60,000 and $70,000. Within five years, the business was a roaring success worth $30 million, with a roster of blue chip clients, and he was fielding buy-out offers from major telcoms.

With the money he earned selling the business, he moved to Paris for a year, enjoyed the food and took a side trip to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. But he tired of the decadent lifestyle and was soon looking for a new business opportunity. A 1997 article in *Wired* magazine about day trading fired his interest. It seemed to offer the opportunity to combine two of his loves, the stock market and technology.

In May 1998 Beck and his partners created Swift Trade. "At the time, I didn't have to use my credit cards," he quipped.

With $250,000 in initial capital, the business – like the stock market at the time – took off.

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The King of Zing brings his put-downs to Toronto

Just don't call his barbs 'insults,' Don Rickles insists

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Pop quiz: Don Rickles is a) an acid-tongued wiseacre to whom everyone is either a "dummy" or a "hockey puck"; b) a surprisingly mild-mannered, polite, serious man; or c) both.

Don't be too surprised if it's c). But you'll probably get more of a) if you go see Rickles' July 9 show at the Hummingbird Centre, where he's slated to appear with fellow in-your-face comic Joan Rivers.

Rickles, also known by such showbiz monickers as Mr. Warmth, the Merchant of Venom and the King of Zing, has a great Jekyll-and-Hyde thing going: by night he's the wise-cracking Borschtbelt/Vegas lounge mainstay whose shtick for the past 40 years has been insults, barbs and biting put-downs delivered rat-tat-tat to whoever's unfortunate enough to be in his line of sight.

By day, like on the phone last week with *The CJN* from his Los Angeles home, he's a disarming, soft-spoken, co-operative guy. Nice even. Not a zinger to be zung.

Not that the opportunity wasn't presented.

"I have some questions you've probably been asked a million times," says *The CJN* reporter. (Pause for sarcastic rejoinder).

"Well, lissen, you got a job to do," comes the soft reply. "What can I tell ya?"

He can tell us the answer to the question every Rickles fan has: How does it feel making a living insulting people?

Ahh… there's that word.

"You use the word 'insult,'" Rickles observes. "I don't like to call it that, but I was always stuck with it and it took me a long way, so I settled for it. But with 'insult' you think of someone mean, and I've never been mean-spirited. I never will be; otherwise, people wouldn't come see me." To Rickles, offending someone for real wouldn't be funny.

"So it's not an 'insult.' It's an exaggeration of everything about us. And that's exactly what I do, whether it's religion, your appearance or what you wear or how you talk or where you live. I just take that, and exaggerate it, and have an attitude on stage, which is the funny, angry guy."

Rickles, now 75, has been that guy since 1957, when his signature style was born at a small Hollywood nightclub. One night, Frank Sinatra himself walked in, and the unknown comic from New York had the chutzpah to rib, "Make yourself at home, Frank. Hit somebody." Old Blue Eyes loved it, and he became a Rickles booster.

The comic turned serious for a bit part in the 1958 movie *Run Silent, Run Deep*. By the early '60s, his act was headlining the Vegas clubs. His big break took place on the *Tonight Show* in 1965, where he had Johnny Carson in stitches.

That style, he recalls, sprouted from a "very poor" early act in strip bars, in which he'd mug, tell old jokes and do impressions. One night, he was heckled, and Rickles did something no comedian had done before: he heckled back. The crowd loved it.

His early influences were Carson, Milton Berle, and Rickles' father, "a ribber."

Rickles tallies a long list of TV roles, including the short-lived *Don Rickles Show* and *CPO Sharkey*. On the big screen, he's appeared alongside Clint Eastwood in *Kelly's Heroes* and was Robert de Niro's faithful sidekick in *Casino*. And of course, die-hard fans know he was the voice of Mr. Potato Head in *Toy Story* and *Toy Story 2*. In between were several forgettable roles in beach blanket movies.

Rickles, who often draws attention to his Jewishness in his act, does a fair bit of behind-the-scenes Jewish communal work (he and his wife Barbara raised funds to build a gymnasium at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles). And he insists he's not the guy you see on stage.

"I'm a human being," he explains. "I do rib people, my intimate friends. But I don't go to a cocktail party and walk into a room and say, 'You're a dum-dum.' When the occasion's right, I kid around. But I would like to think of me as being a very average, normal guy."

Which he is. That hockey puck.

Don Rickles delivers his shtick rat-tat-tat on July 9.

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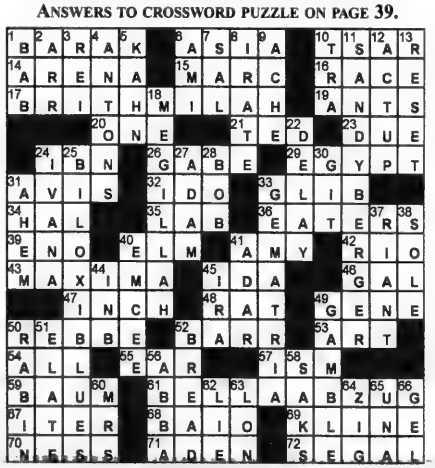

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Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg will speak (in English) about the Lipshitzes and their contribution to the Yiddish cultural scene in Toronto. Guest speaker is **Prof. Abraham Novershtern**, head of the Yiddish department at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and director of the Sholem Aleikhem House in Tel Aviv, whose topic is Yiddish Literature in Eretz Israel.

Popular singer and cantor **Ruth Seligman Slater** performs a medley of Yiddish songs accompanied by **Tom Shilcock** on piano.

Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Admission $3. July 8, 7:30 p.m.

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Variety Show: The Mel Lastman Variety Players, a non-profit theatre group made up of entertainers over the age of 55, perform *Showtime!*, their 8th annual "Jerry-At-Trick" revue. $18. Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr., North York (Don Mills, north of Sheppard) Aug. 30 to Sept. 9. 416-492-9348.

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HOT Music: Soprano **Rene Bouthot**, a co-producer of The HOT Music Festival, is a founding member of **The Ginger Group**, which opens the festival with the world premiere of *Songs of Arrival* by the late composer **Milton Barnes.**

Commissioned by the Ginger Group, this group of four songs was the last that Barnes composed before his death last February. Composers **Louis Applebaum** and **Ruth Lowe** are also represented in the group's program.

Opening concert, $25-$20. Arts and Letters Club, 14 Elm Street, Thurs. July 26, 8 p.m.

The HOT (Historic Old Toronto) Fest also presents A Leonard Bernstein Celebration with **Jeff Hyslop**, **David Warrack** and friends performing tunes from Broadway shows like *West Side Story*, *Candide*, *On the Town* and *Trouble in Tahiti*. Isabel Bader Theatre, Victoria University, 93 Charles St. W. $30-$25. Sun. July 29, 8 p.m.

The Festival runs July 26 thru 29. Festival Hotline, (416) 561-1527.

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Out of Town: Three distinguished musicians perform a stimulating programme in a bucolic setting. Violinist **Anne Robert**, pianist **Robert Silverman** and french horn player **Joan Watson** present a mixture of solo and ensemble performances of works by **Bach**, **Schumann** and **Brahms.**

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Arts Briefs

• The world-exclusive exhibition, Treasure from the Hermitage Museum, Russia: Rubens and His Age, continues throughout the summer at the Art Gallery of Ontario, which is also exhibiting a 17th-century portrait purported to be that of William Shakespeare. Adults $15; children 4 to 11, $7.50; free for children under 3.

• Toronto singer-actor **Theresa Tova** sings Yiddish and jazz numbers at Toronto's Top of the Senator, July 7 & 8, and performs an evening of Irving Berlin tunes at Stratford's Church Restaurant on July 28.

• *The Apple of Contentment*, an enchanting tale for children by **Howard Pyle**, is being enacted daily from July 6 thru 14 at various times at the Palmerston Public Library, 560 Palmerston Ave., north of Bloor. It's part of the Fringe Festival. Adults $8, children $5. 416-862-2222. Web site, http://go.to/cabbagetown.

* TVO is showing the two films in which **Barbra Streisand** plays the legendary Fannie Brice. *Funny Girl* (1968) airs July 17, *Funny Lady* (1975) on July 19. The network is also airing two great Israeli films: *Summer of Aviya* (1988) on July 22, *Under the* Domin Tree (1994) on July 29.

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The cast of *Slap*, a play about a Jewish partisan in World War II.

Fringe play tells the story of Jewish partisan fighter

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Toronto playwright Evan Brooker says that his latest play, *Slap*, is a story about a side of the Holocaust that has largely remained obscured.

"Jews are told about the Holocaust and the focus is on how many people died – I wanted to tell the other side of the story, about the Jews who fought or escaped death," says Brooker, who based the play on the experience of one of his father's acquaintances and the research he did about various Jewish partisan movements.

Slap, which will be performed at the Toronto Fringe Festival from July 5-15, is about Mordechai, a partisan in World War II who shot and killed an unarmed German officer.

Mordechai is visited by the officer's apparition, and the play focuses on the relationship between the two in a work Brooker describes as sombre, but has strength, maturity and humour.

"Mordechai is haunted by what he did, but he feels justified in some ways," Brooker says.

"The play is really about guilt and explores the way people are affected by the things they have to do to survive."

Ironically, the only character in the play who is not guilty is the Nazi officer, but Brooker isn't worried that this twist will infect audiences with anti-Semitic feelings.

"Mordechai is painted like a human being who was in an ugly situation and didn't know what to do. He comes out as an affable character we can all relate to," says Brooker, who notes that he has "a lot of respect for what we've gone through as a people."

In fact, his maternal grandparents, who were originally from Lublin, Poland, escaped the Holocaust. "When Germany and Russia divided up Poland, my grandparents escaped to the Russian side, and were shipped to Siberia where they worked as slave labourers."

Brooker was born in Toronto and has been writing plays since high school. He went to acting school at the University of Alberta, where he earned a BFA.

"Mid-way through I realized that I didn't like acting – I always wanted to write."

Now, in addition to writing and producing plays, Brooker is a freelance writer whose work has been published in the *Globe and Mail*, and he is also co-owner and advertising representative of the art and culture magazine, *Lola*.

Slap is his fifth play but the first to overtly deal with a Jewish theme. Yet as he's gotten older, Brooker says that he's become more interested in his own origins. With his 33rd birthday quickly approaching, he says his next few plays also deal with Jewish issues.

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YIVO EXHIBIT SPOTLIGHTS STAR OF YIDDISH THEATRE

An exhibition about Yiddish actress Ida Kaminska opened recently at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, in its headquarters at the Centre for Jewish History in Manhattan.

The exhibit, which is titled Ida Kaminska (1899-1980): Grande Dame of the Yiddish Theater, includes theatre posters and many photographs and photo stills. Kaminska, whose parents ran a touring Yiddish theatre, made her theatrical debut at the age of seven. In 1916 she was a member of the Vilne Troupe, which became famous for its avant-garde productions of Yiddish and European theatre classics.

She and her first husband, Zygmunt Turkow, established the Warsaw Yiddish Art Theater in 1923. After the war she and her second husband, Meir Melman, founded the Jewish State Theater in Warsaw. Her most famous role was in the Oscar-winning film, *The Shop on Main Street*. She and Melman left Poland for the United States in 1968.

15 West 16th Street, New York City. 212-246-6080.

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Photographs at Skirball: While rediscovered her Jewish heritage, photojournalist Shelley Gazin took photographs of some 30 rabbis over a three-year period. The resulting portraits, "reveal warm and spirited individuals, serious advisers, and generous mentors." They are on view at the Skirball Cultural Centre, Los Angeles, July 11 thru Sept. 30. Web site, www.skirball.org.

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TRAVEL TALK

BY BILL GLADSTONE

Travel Lawyers Congress: Toronto lawyer Gerald Heifetz of the firm Heifetz, Crozier, Law, has a long association with the travel industry. His father Solomon opened Dominion Travel in 1922 and his brother Murray ran the Toronto-based travel agency from 1946 until the family sold it about 10 years ago.

Gerald Heifetz has made a specialty of travel law, and is one of three founding directors of the International Forum of Travel and Tourism Advocates, which was established in Jerusalem in 1983. IFTTA now boasts a membership of about 70 lawyers, advocates and educators from 13 countries.

Since its inception IFTTA has always maintained a strong Israeli connection. Its membership presently includes about 10 Israelis, including the current president, Jose Fosman, who lives in Tel Aviv. "We also have members from Egypt," Heifetz notes.

A main goal of the organization is "to provide a forum for the exchange of information on the legal aspects of travel law, and to encourage the establishment of common legal standards for the travel industry," he says.

Heifetz is preparing to attend IFTTA's 13th international conference. The four-day gathering commences July 11 in Dundee, Scotland.

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Israel Briefs

• Based in Langhorne, Penn., the 15-year-old Israel Encounter program "is committed to sending young adults to Israel to show solidarity with the Jewish homeland." Young adult adventure tours are scheduled to depart July 26, Aug. 16, Oct. 18 & Dec. 13. E-mail, Lou4YJLC@aol.com; web site, www.israelencounter.org.

• The Third Temple Gallery, featuring Judaic art works by Avi Shalom Belloulou, has opened in Yishuv Metzad (Mirchav), a settlement in the North Judean Hills. "I desire to bring the beauty and emotion of Torah into pictorial and sculptural form," the artist says.

• Need information on any aspect of travel to Israel? Telephone the Israel Ministry of Tourism InfoCentre at 1-888-77-ISRAEL or visit the Web site www.goisrael.com

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More Travel Briefs

• A full-scale exhibition of Dale Chihuly glass is on view at London's Victoria and Albert Museum, now through Oct. 21. The V&A Web site is http://www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/ chihuly/

•Liturgical objects and contemporary works of Israeli designer Avi Biran are on view until Oct. 26 in the Jewish Museum in Prague; Spanish Synagogue, upper-floor prayer room, Vezenska 1, Prague 1. Web site, http://www.avi-biran.co.il

• England's historic Gloucester Cathedral is preparing for renewed celebrity. The atmospheric 11th-century edifice was transformed into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for the recent filming of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, based on the J.K. Rowling bestseller. The film is due for release later this year.

Jonas (Clement Sibony) loses his son's foreskin in Nina's (Rona Hartner) purse in the film *Dad on the Run*.

Farcical look at bris ritual

By JOSEPH SERGE
Arts Editor

It's hard to believe that a comedy can be made about a circumcision ritual, but that's exactly what *Dad on the Run* is.

Jonas – a not-especially observant young Jewish father – is told to follow a North African custom and bury his son's foreskin within three days of the bris.

Forgetting he's been carrying around the foreskin for three days, Jonas, a musician, is reminded of the ritual by his wife on the third day, just as he's performing at a bar mitzvah.

Determined to follow what he believes is a halachic requirement, Jonas leaves the bar mitzvah determined to find a suitable burial spot.

What follows is a farcical adventure through the streets of Paris that involves three bumbling thugs, a busload of Catholic youths on the way to a papal rally who mistake him for a vagrant, a pair of yellow shoes, a paranoid Romanian woman who ends up with the foreskin in her purse and finally has Jonas locked in a truck full of fish. (A bit of an allegory going on here, Jonas, belly of a whale, fish truck, get it?)

In French with subtitles, *Dad on the Run*, is directed by Dante Desarthe and features Clement Sibony as Jonas. It opens July 6 at the Bayview Cinemas in Toronto.

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By Alyssa Guttman
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Jewish Kids' Fun Page
by Ellene Newman and Hallel Newman

Who Wants Life?

*This story has been adapted from the Gemarah (Avodah Zarah 19b). It takes place about 2,000 years ago. A **shuk** is an outdoor market.*

"Strawberries, fresh strawberries, only half a shekel for a bucketful!" yelled a vendor. "Pots and pans repaired, pots and pans repaired," cried another. Shulamit loved going to the *shuk* with her mother.

"What healthy looking chickens!" exclaimed *Imma* (Mom), pushing her way through the crowd towards a young chicken vendor. "We'll have roast chicken for Shabbat."

"Hey lady, wanna buy some Egyptian linen?" inquired another salesman.

Ignoring him, Shulamit's mother pushed on. "Good afternoon Ishmael, how much are are those chickens you're selling?"

"Five shekels each."

"Five shekels!" shrieked Shulamit's mother. "For these scrawny chicks I'll give you three.

"Three shekels!" Ishmael indignantly shot back. "These are my parents' best home grown hens!"

"All right, I'll pay four."

Ishmael begrudgingly accepted the four shekels, and deposited a flapping, squawking chicken into her net bag. "Have a good Sabbath, and see you next week, Mrs. ben Tal."

"Now let's look for fresh apricots. I've been meaning to try Aunt Berria's recipe for apricot sauce. Shuli, could you please carry the chicken?" Shulamit accepted the bag, and the two of them continued through the bustling marketplace.

"Who wants life? Who wants life?" called out an old man. Shulamit looked up at him. He was wearing a colourful turban and a long flowing purple robe. "Who is that" she asked. "***I*** want life!"

"That's...Rabbi Alexandry," replied her mother, puzzled. "I thought he was a scholar. I didn't know he was...also...a salesman."

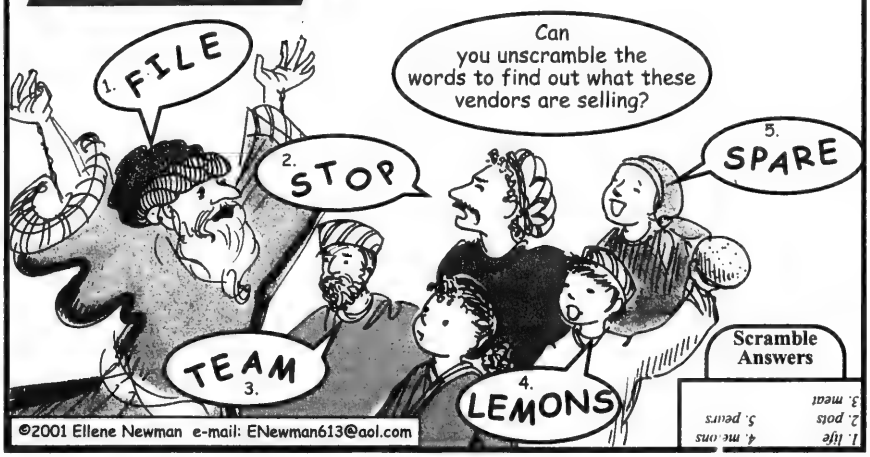
A crowd began to form around the old rabbi. "I want life!" rasped a very old lady. "What's your secret?" inquired a boy. "What medicine is he selling?" queried another. "Tell us, tell us," they urged him.

"I'm not selling anything," responded Rabbi Alexandry. "The recipe for life is **FREE**! King David told us how *(see Psalms 34:13-14)*: 'Who wants life, who wants to see long days filled with good?' " He raised his voice, and continued, " 'Stop yourself from gossiping, and don't tell any lies. Turn away from evil, and in its place do good. Look for peace, and chase after it!' "

"That's not free, that's hard work!" grumbled a bystander.

But Shulamit piped up, "Now ***that's*** a great recipe!" and she walked with her mother to the apricot vendor.

WORD SCRAMBLE


Can you unscramble the words to find out what these vendors are selling?
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3. TEAM
4. LEMONS
5. SPARE
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Scramble Answers

1. life
2. pots
3. meat
4. melons
5. pears

Fair Funding for Education: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

On June 27, 2001, Bill 45 was passed by the Ontario provincial legislature, clearing the way for the provision of tax credits for parents of children in independent schools beginning in January of next year.

For the Jewish community and its partners in other faith communities, this marks a major victory in the 17-year struggle for equity in education funding. Over the next few months, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, UJA FEDERATION and other representatives of the coalition for fair funding will continue to work with the Ministry of Finance on the regulations through which the tax credits will be applied. These discussions will likely take place until early fall to ensure the maximum benefit to independent-school parents.

Here is what some of the pioneers of the fight for fair funding say about the passage of Bill 45:

"Bill 45 is an extremely important step toward ending Ontario's historic inequity in funding religious education and in helping to make school choice a financially viable option for all parents in this province. We commend the government and those members of the opposition who supported this initiative in the face of often hostile criticism. Many of these criticisms are based on conjecture, and we look forward to the day when these ominous premonitions are proven to be baseless and the tax credit becomes a natural part of the landscape in education policy."

— PROFESSOR ED MORGAN, Chair, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region

"It's a great step for education in the province of Ontario. It's especially meaningful to the Jewish community, and we hope the regulations that will be established this summer will be very favourable to our day school parents. We congratulate the government of Ontario on this bold move that brings Ontario in line with most other Western democracies."

— DR. SEYMOUR EPSTEIN, Executive Director, UJA FEDERATION Board of Jewish Education

"This means that finally, many families who up to now, were financially unable to provide their children with an education in Christian schools will now have that opportunity. The passing of Bill 45 makes that educational choice more accessible to more people. On a broader scale, I believe that there is evidence in other places around the world that both student achievement and parental satisfaction are raised through choice in education."

— JOHN VANASSELT, Director of Communications, Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools

"We are extremely happy that the government has finally come through with the passage of Bill 45, which is extremely beneficial for the Muslim community. In the process, the government has done two things. Parents have a financially fair choice in how to educate their children in order to maintain their cultural heritage, their language, and their religion. Secondly, it allows the government to provide a partial remedy to the United Nations decision that the government was discriminating against other religious minorities by funding Catholic schools. We are very strongly in support of the public school system, and we would like to see it strengthened even more, so that it may flourish."

— MUHAMMAD KHALID, Director of Education, Islamic Society of North America – Canadian Chapter

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Ontario Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, center, reads a thank-you card presented to him on behalf of students who attend independent schools in Ontario. (Left to right) Ed Morgan, Attorney General David Young, Minister Flaherty, MPP Tina Molinari (Thornhill) and Muhammad Khalid.

"In this one watershed act, the government has moved parents toward a true choice in their responsibilities to educate their children within a respectful and accepting educational system. The Jewish community in particular will be a significant beneficiary of this act. The vision of the legislature passing such enabling legislation will be recalled in the years ahead not just as a bold new step, but as recognition that the Canadian Confederation of 1867 defended such rights."

— ROBERT SAMERY, Chair, Jewish Parents for Equality in Education Funding

"It's taken our Ontario community 50 years of hard work by many individuals and organizations to reach this historic milestone. The detailed regulations will come out in the next few weeks following discussions with the government. Those regulations will make all the difference in determining how many of our parents will actually benefit from this new law, and to what extent. We still have much work to do. The naysayers and scare-mongers are out in full force with their own agendas. It is very important that we express our thanks and support to this government – the only government in the last half-century prepared to take the political heat for doing the right and equitable thing for our families and children."

— RABBI YISROEL JANOWSKI, President of the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools

"The passage of this bill by the Ontario legislature in franchising parents for some relief of the burden of tuition fees is a step that is long overdue. Members of the Jewish community have been lobbying for the redress of a long-standing injustice over a period of decades. The Harris government should be commended for showing the political will and fortitude to ultimately provide equality in education funding for all children in this province."

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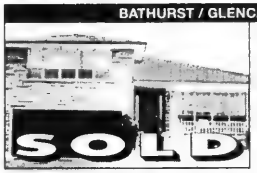

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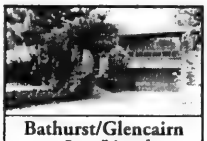

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Soccer players angry at Maccabi Canada

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A group of soccer players is angry at Maccabi Canada for dropping the team from the Maccabiah Games roster, and some are threatening legal action to recover $1,800 they say was supposed to pay for their now-aborted trip to Israel.

Maccabi Canada has promised to look into the matter following the Games, but would not promise a refund at that time.

Marc Askenasi

The dispute centres on the $1,800 contribution each athlete was asked to make towards the $5,000 cost of sending team members to the Games in Israel. Members of the soccer team contend that if the team cannot go to the Games, which begin on July 16, the contribution should be returned as soon as possible.

Maccabi Canada spokesman Allen Gerskup said he understands the players' disappointment, but he cautioned that nothing can be done until the Games are over.

Even at that point, there is no guarantee the players will be reimbursed. The $1,800 is considered a tax deductible donation and tax receipts were issued for the amount. It is not clear that Maccabi Canada can reimburse the money even if it wants to, he said.

The internecine squabble adds an unfortunate stain to an already diminished Games. Until three weeks ago, it appeared the uncertain security situation in Israel would lead to a one-year postponement of the Games. Spooked by suicide bomb attacks in the heart of Tel Aviv and Netanya, athletes the world over withdrew from their Maccabiah teams. Fund-raising efforts – which usually kick into overdrive as the Games approach – were put on hold in the expectation the Games would be delayed.

With the unexpected decision by the Maccabi World Union to go ahead with the Games, Maccabi Canada was left with little time to finalize the countless logistical details that go into sending a team to Israel. Matters were complicated by the surprise resignations of two senior officials – president Roy Salomon and national fund-raiser Martin Schwartz. Salomon resigned three weeks ago when Maccabi Canada voted to participate in the Games; Schwartz resigned about two weeks before that.

The result has been a leaderless organization scrambling to assemble Canada's Maccabiah team. Gerskup said he and senior Maccabi officials Nancy Rubin, Bernie Offstein and Bob Luxenberg "are running the show by committee."

Faced with a budgetary shortfall and $300,000 in outstanding pledges, the group has had to make some tough choices in paring down the Canadian Maccabiah contingent. At one point it was expected that Canada would send about 350 athletes. Organizers now hope to take perhaps 170 athletes to Israel, Gerskup said.

The men's open (adult) soccer team was one of the casualties of the cost-cutting exercise. However, the junior team (14- to 16-year-olds) will make the trip as will other teams.

That has angered the adult soccer players.

Marc Askenasi (right) in a game versus a team from Holland.

"A lot of players are very upset," said Mish Levkov, a midfielder/striker who plays college ball at Cleveland State University. "With the $1,800, they're going to take the money and fund another team. If we're not going, we should get our money back."

Levkov, 22, said he and most of the other players are students who are chronically short in cash. "I worked by butt off to make that money and I looked forward to the opportunity to play in Israel. Now, it's a big slap in the face."

Marc Askenasi, a 19-year-old midfielder who plays for McGill, said he worked hard for the money and now feels Maccabi Canada is taking advantage of the athletes on the soccer team. He is skeptical about Maccabi Canada's promises to look at the issue at a later date.

If the team is short in money now, "how are they going to come up with that money later?" he asked.

Askenasi said when the players were told they would have to come up with the money, they were told they would be reimbursed if the team did not go.

Sean Kane, the team's goalie, who plays for York University, said he was intensely disappointed to be told the team was not going to Israel. Each of the players worked hard to prepare for the competition and he was looking forward to returning to Israel after participating in a Birthright visit in February.

"It was sort of like a dream to go back and play for your country in Israel," he said. "Playing in the Maccabiah Games would have been huge. To play against and meet other Diaspora Jews… it's a beautiful thing."

"It's not only about soccer. It's about going to Israel as well," said Kane, 21.

Kane and Levkov suggested legal action is being considered.

Gerald Olin, the team's Winnipeg-based manager, said, "We're disappointed we're not going. Although we know Maccabi Canada tried very hard to make the situation work, it hasn't for us. It's reasonable for the team to be reimbursed before they leave for the Games.

"Our players are ready to return the charitable receipts right away."

Olin said two of the players who would have made the team – Roy Raviv and Sam Hazan – were already living in Israel and Maccabi Canada would not have incurred any cost in flying them there. But they too were told to pony up $1,800, Olin said.

He suggested the youth team was taken ahead of the adult team because they would be easier to supervise.

Gerskup confirmed that line of thinking: "The juniors are under our control over there… It's safer to take younger kids."

Gerskup said he too was disappointed the soccer team will be left behind, "but we had to make a decision. We only have money for 165 to 170 people.

"We understand their situation. They have to bear with us… All our efforts, time and energy are just to get over there."

The soccer players were not the only casualties of the budgetary shortfall – and not the only athletes to face a loss of $1,800. The women's open (adult) basketball team was also dropped, but "they had a tough time even fielding a team," Gerskup said.

Junior tennis and most of the squash team were dropped, while the track and field and swimming teams are down by 50 percent. Junior boys baseball is staying home (the tournament was cancelled), while Tae Kwondo is down to two fighters from eight.

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Inside Back

Stories that touch the heart

By ELI RUBENSTEIN ALEC GELCER

Encounter on Bloor Street

Sometimes, the words we say echo back to us in ways we would never expect.

The other week, I was speaking at my shul on the subject of tzedakah. After stressing that tzedakah was one of the very highest of Jewish values, I added that everyone, including the poorest of the poor, is commanded to give. After all, just because a person is poor, is that a reason to deny them the mitzvah of tzedakah and its reward and satisfaction?

Jewish tradition says that the one who gives actually receives far more than the one who receives. And everyone has something to give, and everyone needs to give in order to feel a sense of self-worth and to feel that they are doing their part in mending the world.

A few days after, running late for a meeting, I found myself on Toronto's bustling Bloor Street trying to find a place to park. I was in luck. I found a spot. I parked, got out, and started searching through my pockets. No change! Going through my pockets again didn't help. Still no change! Not a penny! I looked around desperately.

A man happened to be passing. His clothes were shabby, he slouched as he walked, his eyes were downcast. It was obvious that he was very poor, almost certainly a panhandler. Suddenly something came over me, and I heard my own words from the previous Shabbat.

I said, "Excuse me, sir, I don't have any change for the meter. Could you spare a loonie?"

He looked at me, taking in my nice shiny car. He blinked a number of times. This was a new experience for him. Then he drew himself up and said: "Sure thing!"

He stuck his hand in his pocket and pulled out a whole handful of change. "Help yourself," he said grandly.

"Thanks a lot! I really appreciate this!" I said, taking a loonie and popping into the meter.

The man had turned and was walking away when I called out after him.

"Wait!" I said. "Look! The meter didn't work! Do you think you could spare another loonie?"

Again he blinked several times. I could see that he was beginning to wonder if I wasn't some cunning scam artist who preyed on unsuspecting panhandlers and separated them from their hard-won earnings.

Then he said, "Sure thing!" and gave me another loonie.

This time the meter worked, (he watched to make sure I really did put the money in), and once more I thanked him.

"No problem, buddy!" he said, and with a proud flip of the hand, as if he were Rothschild himself, he turned to go.

But I stopped him again.

"Wait," I said. "I must give you something for your trouble."

I looked into my wallet, intending to give a five dollar bill, or at the most a ten. But all I had were twenties.

The man waited patiently. I had no choice. Heaven had intervened. I gulped and handed him the twenty.

"Gee, thanks!" he said, and went on his way with a perkiness in his stride that had not been there before.

The next week at shul, I recounted my adventure on Bloor Street, about how a homeless person had helped me out, and how he was rewarded with my $20 gift, which was a bit more than I wanted to give.

"Actually, you didn't give him $20," one of the observant and mathematically inclined shul goers pointed out.

"Since he gave you two loonies, you ended up giving him $18."

In Jewish numerology, 18 adds up to chai, the Hebrew word for "life," and for that reason Jewish donations are very often made in multiples of 18.

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- 1 loaf of French bread, cut in thick slices

Cook brown sugar, butter, corn syrup in medium saucepan over medium-high heat 4 to 5 minutes, until thick. Pour into 9"x13" glass baking pan. Top with sliced apples.

Combine eggs, milk and vanilla. Dip each bread slice into egg mixture for 15 seconds. Place soaked slices on top of apples in pan. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight. Uncover and bake at 350°F for at least 35 minutes or until set.

About Life

Dear Ella,

A close friend of mine has just bought some new furniture for her house. She was very excited when she called me about it and asked me to come over to and give her my opinion.

I didn't think anything of it at the time, as Deb and I go way back and we always consult each other on any number of issues.

When I got there, I realized she really wasn't kidding. She bought new living, dining and bedroom furniture. Practically redid her whole house!

We walked through her house and she asked me straight out what I thought about each and every piece. I have always been honest with her in the past, as she has with me, and I didn't feel this was any different; however, when I told her I wasn't crazy about the dining room set she informed me that she got all the furniture at a bankruptcy sale and it is non-refundable. She was quite hurt and upset that I didn't like the dining room. I tried to backtrack, but the damage was done. Was I wrong to give her my true opinion?

Truth or Dare

Dear Truth or Dare,

The first thing you have to do when someone asks for your opinion is think about whether they really want a truthful opinion or whether they are fishing for reassurance or a compliment.

Deb was so excited about her new furniture and she simply wanted to share her happiness with a friend and show off her great find. You put a damper on all of that by telling her you didn't like her dining room set.

I believe in telling people the truth, but not necessarily when the the situation is a *fait accompli*. If there is no way out, whether it's as small as a new dress or as big as a new house, let them enjoy and feel they did the right thing. If there is a way out, then by all means, offer your thoughts.

Do some preliminary questioning about the purchase before you give your opinion. Ask where, why and when. Only then can you give an informed answer – but only if you're asked!

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN., *email: eb@cjnews.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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(Answers to the crossword are on page 29.)

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

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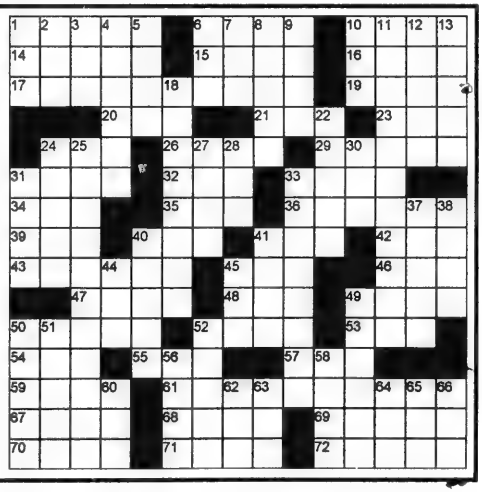

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Fireworks expected in Durban

UN conference on racism

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Despite the threat of a boycott by the United States and rumblings of discontent by Canada, the latest draft of a text up for adoption at a United Nations-sponsored conference on racism next month describes Israel's treatment of Palestinians as "ethnic cleansing" and a "crime against humanity," and revives the notorious Zionism-equals-racism issue.

The declaration, which calls Zionism a "movement based on racial superiority," is slated for final approval at the conference's last preparatory committee July 30 in Geneva. The conference itself, dubbed the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held under the auspices of the UN Commission on Human Rights, is scheduled to take place in Durban, South Africa, Aug. 31 to Sept. 7.

Canada's delegation at the Geneva preparatory committee (the last in a series of so-called "prepcoms") and at the Durban conference will be led by Hedy Fry, the federal secretary of state for multiculturalism and the status of women.

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Canadian Jewry will be represented by Karen Mock, director of
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Mordecai Richler 1931-2001

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Introduced to Mordecai Richler when his reputation as a writer was starting to soar, Saidye Bronfman remarked: "You've come a long way for a St. Urbain Street boy."

Richler, apparently sensing the patronizing tone, retorted: "And you've come a long way for a bootlegger's wife."

That story, recounted in Joe King's book *From the Ghetto to the Main: The Story of the Jews of Montreal*, illustrates how Richler did not hesitate to tell anyone what he thought if he felt they had it coming.

His unexpected death finds many in the Jewish community still perplexed by the man. What might have been unbridled pride that a

Fearless iconoclast remembered

working-class Montreal Jew could have achieved international literary status is tempered by the lingering feeling that he deliberately stereotyped Jews, especially in his earlier novels, for his advantage.

In the past decade, he was embraced by the community more readily. Not only was his later fiction more gentle, many Montreal Jews loved his fearless confrontation of Quebec nationalists in his journalism, as he increasingly took on the role of polemicist.

"His relationship with the Jewish community was ambivalent," said King, a journalist and former public relations director for what was then Allied Jewish Community Services.

"The community was not comfortable with him – they were ultra-sensitive, in fact – and he was not comfortable with them."
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Diving off a Dolphin

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Bronfman Fellows

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Israel

Belgium Cancelled

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has cancelled a trip to Belgium after a judge there opened an investigation into his role in the 1982 Sabra and Shatila massacre in Lebanon. Sharon was due to leave this week on his first official visit to Europe since taking office as prime minister.

Secret Launch?

JERUSALEM — Israel has carried out a secret launch of the Jericho II medium-range ballistic missile last week, according to the London-based *Al Hayat* newspaper. The paper said the rocket is capable of hitting every Arab capital in the region.

Vying for Leadership

JERUSALEM — The speaker of Israel's Knesset, Avraham Burg, submitted his candidacy for the leadership of the Labour party last week, just ahead of the deadline for filing. Burg and Defence Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer are the only candidates vying in a primary to be held this fall.

Parley for Agunot

JERUSALEM — L'mann B'nos Yisrael International, a New York-based organization dedicated to helping the plight of agunot, is holding a one-day conference here July 14. Speakers include Rabbi Shmuel Gamliel, director of the agunah department of the Rabbinical Courts of Israel, and Mattie Klein, founder and president of the organization. Agunot and former agunot who wish to have their names added to a list, which will be included in prayer at holy sites in Israel, can call Klein at 718-338-0833.

World

Swiss Jews Rally

BERN — More than 500 members of Swiss Jewish youth groups held a rally last week here to show solidarity with Israel. The demonstrators also called on the Swiss media to stop running stories with an anti-Israel bias.

Paper Silenced

MOSCOW — Officials in a city south of here have halted publication of the anti-Semitic newspaper, *Russkaya Gazeta*, and started a criminal case against the editors for fomenting ethnic hatred. The action in the city of Tula came as Russian police are intensifying their actions to combat hate groups.

Won't Get Involved

BRATISLAVA — The Slovak government says it will not interfere in a dispute between the Jewish community and Germany over compensation for the deportation of 58,000 Jews to Nazi concentration camps by the pro-Nazi wartime Slovak state. In March, a Berlin court rejected a $60-million lawsuit lodged by Jewish leaders, ruling they were not entitled to claim compensation on behalf of the victims.

Rabbi Dies

WASHINGTON — Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, a leader in the Reconstructionist movement, died June 28 near Washington, at the age of 94. Rabbi Eisenstein was a confidant of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism, and helped to create the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

Rabbi Arrested

NEW YORK — A chassidic rabbi in North Carolina has been arrested on charges of lewdness relating to a woman in his home, according to the *Raleigh News & Observer*. Rabbi Pinchas Lew conducts services for students attending the University of North Carolina. In 1991, Rabbi Lew was convicted of driving the getaway car in an Iowa armed robbery.

Swimmer to Games

LOS ANGELES — Olympic triple gold medallist Lenny Krayzelburg is warming up for the Maccabiah Games, which are slated to begin July 16 in Israel, by working with 95 kids at the swim camp of the Westside Jewish Community Centre, where he had his first job after his family arrived in 1988 from the Soviet Union. Krayzelburg will skip the World Championships in Japan to participate in the Maccabiah Games.

YU Discriminates

NEW YORK — Yeshiva University's policy of barring gay couples from its married student housing may violate New York City anti-discrimination statutes, New York state's highest court ruled last week. The Court of Appeals ruled that a lesbian couple should be allowed to sue YU's medical school for bias based on sexual orientation. The decision overturned two lower court rulings, which found the college's policy did not discriminate because it also applied to unmarried heterosexual couples.

Zhirinovsky Admits Father Was Jewish

JERUSALEM — Russian ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky last week finally admitted something he has denied for years: his family on his father's side was Jewish.

In an interview with Israel Radio's Russian-language station, Zhirinovsky said his father's family were Polish Jews. But all of them died during the Holocaust, he said, so today, he has no connection with the Jewish side of the family.

The admission follows a letter Zhirinovsky sent to the chief rabbi of Russia this month, in which he wrote that he "identifies with the victims of the Holocaust" and "repudiates all those expressions that were misunderstood," referring to statements that have earned him a reputation as one of Russia's most anti-Semitic politicians.

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Polish magazine under fire for wartime memoir

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The editor of a Polish magazine will meet this month with representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress to discuss an article that Congress believes repeats anti-Semitic stereotypes of Jews.

The article, which appeared in the February edition of *Miedzy Nami* magazine, is presented as part of the memoirs of author Chris Gladun's late mother, Janina Sulkowska-Gladun.

The memoir repeatedly refers to Jews in a way that "tars the entire Jewish community," said Len Rudner, Congress' director of community relations.

In a letter to Jolanta Bugajski, editor and publisher of *Miedzy Nami*, Rudner points out the article,which reflects Sulkowska-Gladun's memories of the Soviet occupation of Poland from 1939-41, describes members of the local Communist party as almost exclusively Jewish.

The memoir repeatedly refers to Jews as supporters of the Communist regime and it alleges the NKVD (the Soviet secret police), aided by Jews, decided the fate of its victims. It also states innocent people were in fear of arrest because of a Jewish militia.

"Your readers are presented with a litany of horrors either perpetrated by 'Krzemiencian Jews,' 'a young Jew,' 'two local Jews', 'a young Jewish female doctor,' 'Jewish assistants,' 'armed and bullying Jews,' 'teenaged Jewish thugs,' 'a local Jewish militiaman' and 'a rather dim-witted Jewish girl.'...On only two occasions does Mr. Gladun provide us with the actual names of these supposed Jewish perpetrators. For the rest, he is content to let the words 'the Jews', without proof, stand as condemnation of an entire community," Rudner's letter states.

Bugajski said she was not troubled by the references to Jews in the memoir, although she said "it's not my point of view or that of anybody else working for us.

"You have to show readers what other people think. It doesn't matter if you agree with it or not. You have to let her (the author) express views the way she sees things. It's her memoir. It's her words, not my words," Bugajski said.

"I certainly stand by what my mother wrote and her experiences," Gladun said. "I take umbrage at any accusations [the article] is anti-Semitic."

Gladun, a writer, researcher and poet, said the memoir is "just a representation of what was happening in Eastern Poland. It's not a reflection on all Jews...Certainly a sizable minority of Jews did collaborate with Soviets in imposing Soviet power in Eastern Poland."

Gladun, a past member of the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation, said a community can't be judged by the actions of a few individuals. Referring to the current controversy over the Polish village of Jedwabne, in which a recent book revealed that Jews were massacred by Polish villagers early in the Holocaust, he said that just as all Poles were not responsible for the murder of Jews, not all Jews were like those who collaborated with the Communists.

Rudner said the cumulative effect of the repeated references to Jews "is to present Jews in a highly unflattering and extremely negative way, It would be difficult for a reader to go through this portion of the memoirs and not conclude all Jews are like this."

Rudner said Congress will ask Bugajski to run a letter in the magazine expressing the concerns of the Jewish community.

"If [Bugajski] fails to understand the damage this kind of unsubstantiated claims make to the Jewish community, we will have to see what legal remedies are available to us," he added.

Miedzy Nami is a mostly Polish-language publication with 10,000 copies printed monthly.

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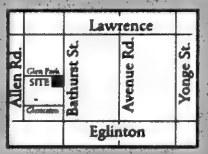

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The flaw in information

From the editor's desk

We all understand and agree that democracies function better when their citizens are informed. Information is the bedrock of free, independent conclusions that are, it is hoped, thoughtfully and logically arrived at. To be the strongest foundation possible, that bedrock of information must be secure and reliable – that is, as comprehensive and accurate as possible under the circumstances.

However, because information is created and disseminated by human beings, it acquires the imperfection of human beings. Generally speaking, therefore, despite our best efforts, information is always somewhat flawed.

As a disseminator of information, *The CJN* is constantly and acutely aware of this structural flaw inherent in information. We try our best to overcome that flaw and to ensure, as far as we can, the total reliability of the information we publish.

As individuals who are consumers of information, we must also be constantly and acutely aware of the flaws inherent in what we read. The quality of the information we receive, naturally, will have a bearing on the quality of the conclusions we reach.

The information is even more flawed, more suspect as it were, when it is infused with personal opinion and subjective interpretation. Yet as long as we are aware of this subjectivity and are able to assess it on that basis, we cannot object too loudly.

In news reporting, there should not be opinion and interpretation. In feature writing and analysis, however, opinion and interpretation provide colour and voice even as the subjectivity becomes the distinct identities of the newspapers we read.

A powerful illustration of how this subjectivity affects the identities of the three daily Toronto broadsheets occurred last week. One single, discrete event was covered in three distinct ways.

Statistics Canada released data from a study it conducted for the first time ever examining the link between family income and the type of school attended by the children of that family.

The headline of the story that ran on page 3 in the *Toronto Star* was: Tax Credit Boon to Top Earners. The accompanying subhead read: Report Says 37 Percent of Private School Students From Families Making $100,000 Plus.

The headline of the story that ran on page 1 of the *National Post* was: Private Schools Not Just For Rich: StatsCan. The accompanying subhead read: Similar Proportion of Pupils From Each End of Spectrum.

The headlines were diametrically opposed.

An individual glancing at the headlines would have been justified in assuming that the stories were based not only on different data but on conflicting data. There was no immediate and obvious way to reconcile the two opposing views.

Helping to clarify matters somewhat was the headline of the story that ran on page 8 in the *Globe and Mail*. It read: Private Schools Defy Elitist Image. There was no accompanying subhead; rather, a bar graph aided readers in understanding the story's myriad statistical and monetary details.

Setting aside, for the purpose of this column, any conclusions about what the content of the stories tells us about the reporters, the headlines tell us a great deal about the newspapers themselves.

The *Toronto Star* has been implacably and fiercely opposed to the recent decision by the government to provide a measure of tax credit assistance to the parents of children who attend independent, private schools. The headlines reflected the editors' opposition. Moreover, the *Star* was the only paper, in its headline, to write about tax credits, thereby directly tying the apolitical StatsCan study on family and income to the very political issue of the tax credit. The two other dailies omitted any reference in their headlines to the highly charged, red flag-like "tax credit" reference.

The *National Post* has generally been supportive of the tax credit initiative; its headline was consistent with its editorial stance.

Interestingly, the *Globe and Mail*, like the *Star*, has been unequivocal in its opposition to the tax measure. And yet its editorial position could hardly be inferred from the headline on the StatsCan report.

In addition to the headlines, the stories' first paragraphs further illustrate and underline the subjectivity of information we read.

Elaine Carey of the *Toronto Star* wrote: "More than a third of the people who will benefit from the provincial government's controversial tax credit for private schools are the ones who need it the least, a new report shows."

Julie Smyth of the *National Post* began her story, saying: "Twenty-nine percent of children attending private schools come from families with incomes below $50,000 a year while 26 percent come from families earning at least twice that amount, according to Statistics Canada."

Marissa Nelson of the *Globe and Mail* wrote: "Most parents who send their children to private schools in Canada earn an annual income of less than $100,000, a report [released yesterday] says."

The differences in these headlines and in these stories should reinforce for us the need to be vigilant in assessing what we read, since what we read says as much about the author and the newspaper as it does the subject of the story.

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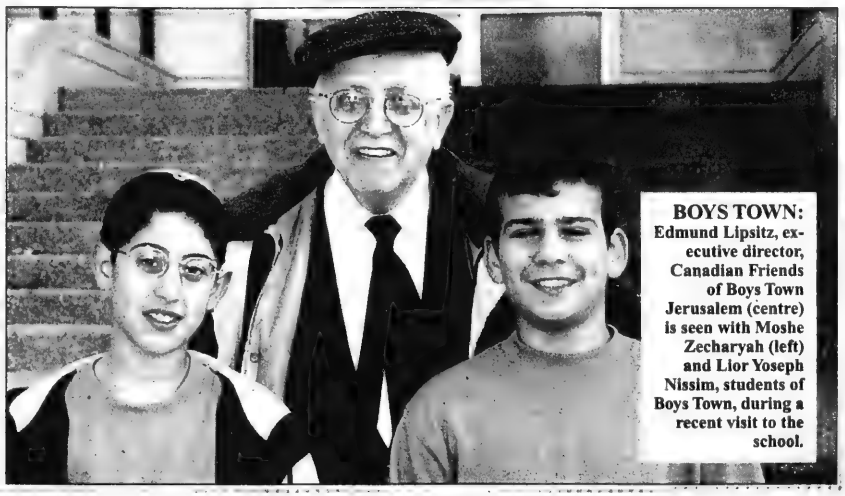

BOYS TOWN: Edmund Lipsitz, executive director, Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem (centre) is seen with Moshe Zecharyah (left) and Lior Yoseph Nissim, students of Boys Town, during a recent visit to the school.

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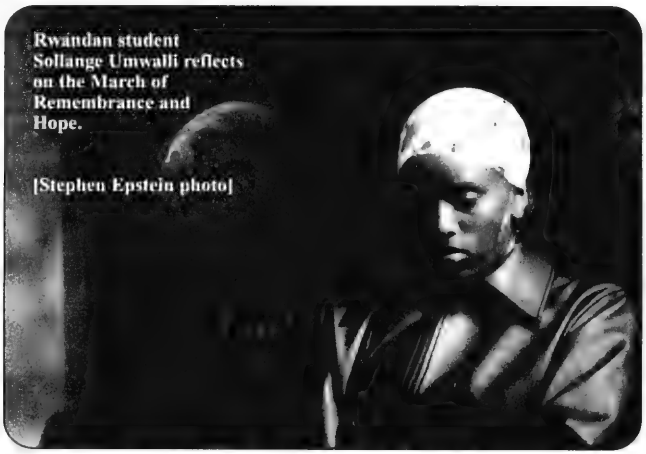
March educates gentile students about Holocaust

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter



Rwandan student Sollange Umwalli reflects on the March of Remembrance and Hope.

[Stephen Epstein photo]

TORONTO — Juliet Karugahe, Gilbert Gatali and Sollange Umwalli are students of history, in particular of Jewish history, and more specifically yet, of the Holocaust.

They are familiar with the events of the 1940s, though it's not man's capacity for evil that intrigues them – in their own lives, they've seen plenty of that and they're well aware that man's inhumanity can be unleashed at any time with devastating results.

Rather, it's the Jewish people's capacity to absorb such punishing blows, to acknowledge it and to get on with their lives that interests them.

Rwandans whose families were devastated in the Hutu genocide of Tutsis in 1994, Karugahe, Gatali and Umwalli feel a special affinity to Holocaust survivors. Though their experiences were separated by 50 years, they feel there is much they can learn from them that can help they and their fellow Rwandans heal from the catastrophe that befell them. They believe the Holocaust teaches profound, universal lessons in tolerance and acceptance and in not turning a blind eye to the horrors being experienced by other people.

Karugahe, Gatali and Sollange were part of a group of five Rwandan students who participated in the inaugural March of Remembrance and Hope (MRH), a program that brought together about 400 gentile students from around the world on an educational trip to Poland.

Fourteen Canadian students, including the Rwandans, participated in the trip, in which they visited sites of Jewish life and death in Poland.

In one week, the group visited the Jewish quarters of Warsaw and Cracow, where Jewish life flourished for a thousand years, and they also witnessed the death camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau and Majdanek.

Despite the emotional surroundings and the anguish it sparked, the MRH was a very beneficial program, the three said.

"It's a great program, very educational," said Karugahe. "It's good for the Rwandan community to see how people are dealing with this after 50 years. There is a lot of trauma in our community and it's not being dealt with."

Divided into 10 buses, each manned by guides, MRH staffers and a Holocaust survivor, the participants relied on each other for support to get through the wrenching experiences.

A special bond developed between Sylvia Gutman, a child survivor of the Holocaust and, as she put it, "my beautiful Rwandans."

"Because we share so much and because of my willingness to open my heart and not stay silent, it allowed the Rwandans to speak about their genocide as well," Gutman said.

"When you speak up, it brings you out of hiding and a whole different relationship opens up between yourself and the world," she said in a telephone interview from her home in Washington.

"It was very, very deep and moving... There are things about their genocide they'd never shared before. Because they were with me for seven days, they opened up, and when they did so, it was healing and liberating. It's cathartic."

Gatali, 23, who was born in Rwanda but moved to Toronto before the slaughter began, said "understanding the Holocaust helps you understand current Rwandan experiences. You see that similar things happened to Jews. It creates a common bond."

Umwalli, who was born in a refugee camp in Kenya 22 years ago, said she returned to Rwanda shortly after the genocide and was shocked by what she saw: mass graves, bodies lying on the side of the road.

The trip to Poland helped her deal with her pain.

"It was definitely a healing experience to be among people who feel strongly about human rights," she said.

The therapeutic aspects of the trip touched other participants as well. For Gutman, who, with her two sisters was spirited to Switzerland by the French resistance, one of the most emotional moments came at the end of the trip. At a discussion following the visit to Majdanek, a young woman from Germany who had been quiet for most of the trip broke down in tears, stricken by guilt and grief. Gutman strode over to her, embraced her and told her it was not her fault.

"It was such a powerful moment, it reached out across the room and filled everyone's heart," she said.

For Eli Rubenstein, a member of the MRH's executive committee, the closing ceremonies in Warsaw in which Umwalli and Karugahe asked the assembled group for a moment of silence in memory of the fallen Jews and of all victims of genocide, were particularly touching.

"You could've heard a pin drop," he said.

The trip "was an important step. You are not only interested in our own victims, but in all victims of racism and genocide. That's a step towards healing the world," he said.

The program itself is modelled in part on the March of the Living, which brings thousands of Jewish teenagers to Europe and Israel. Rubenstein said March organizers have repeatedly turned down applications from gentiles to join in the program but the MRH responds to that demand.

It is sponsored by the Centre for the Study of Jewish Heroism-March of the Living in Jerusalem and is funded in part by the League for Educational Awareness of the Holocaust (LEAH). The participants are university students, who are at least four or five years older than the March of the Living teenagers.

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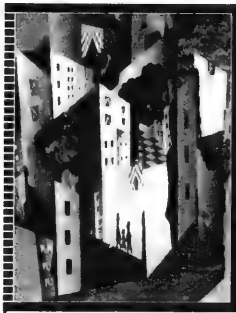
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Vatican-Jewish relations explored

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Christian-Jewish relations have been "radically transformed" since the mid-1960s, says an expert in interfaith affairs.

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Roman Catholic church has abandoned its formerly hostile attitude toward Jews and Judaism, Rabbi David Rosen declared in a speech at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue last week.

Rabbi Rosen played a role in the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican in 1992. Currently, he heads up the American Jewish Committee's inter-religious initiatives and programming department.

The former chief rabbi of Ireland, he was in Toronto under the auspices of The Miriam Alkin Memorial Fund, Shaarei Tefillah and UJA Federation.

Delivering a speech entitled Vatican Revolution: The Inside Story, Rabbi Rosen surveyed the dramatic changes that have altered the landscape of the Vatican's relationship with Jews.

Thanks to Pope John XXIII, the Second Vatican Council condemned anti-Semitism, stopped referring to Jews as an accursed people and repudiated the notion that Jews are collectively responsible for the death of Jesus.

He described this proclamation as "an historic, epoch-making document."

Since then, he added, the Vatican's relationship with Jews has matured remarkably.

As a result, the church generally views Jews today in a positive light.

Such is the change that anti-Semitism is now considered a sin in the eyes of the Vatican, he said.

Claiming that some Jews are "amazingly ignorant" of the "new reality" in Christian-Jewish relations, Rabbi Rosen asked them for "a degree of reciprocity."

Turning to the current pope, John Paul II, Rabbi Rosen said he is committed to reconciliation between Catholics and Jews.

He disclosed that Pope John XXIII wanted to establish ties with Israel officially, but died before he could act.

Political rather than theological reasons delayed the Vatican's formal recognition of Israel, said Rabbi Rosen, a member of the Permanent Bilateral Commission of the State of Israel and the Holy See.

Only after the 1991 Madrid conference, which paved the way for the Oslo accords,was the Vatican ready to open up to Israel.

Recalling the Vatican's once- hostile stance toward Zionism, he described the Vatican's decision to establish relations with Israel as "an amazing transformation."

Rabbi Rosen said that Pope John Paul II's trip to Israel last year, during which he visited Yad Vashem and the Western Wall, introduced the vast majority of Israeli Jews to the "changed reality" of Christian-Jewish relations.

But challenges still face Christians and Jews, he cautioned.

It remains to be seen whether the Vatican's new approach to Jews will filter down to the grassroots.

And the Vatican has yet to acknowledge that theological anti-Semitism was one of the underpinnings of the Holocaust.

Rabbi Rosen said he doubted whether Jews and Catholics would ever agree that Pope Pius XII, having been accused of maintaining silence during the Holocaust, is worthy of sainthood.

During a question-and-answer session, Rabbi Rosen revealed that the Vatican soon intends to issue a formal statement dissociating itself from anti-Semitic remarks levelled recently by Syria's president in the presence of Pope John Paul II.

Rabbi Rosen pointed out that the Vatican did in fact denounce Bashar al-Assad's "rhetoric of hate" a day after his fiery speech.

He said the Vatican can be supportive of Israel while being sensitive to the needs and pain of Palestinian Christians.

"It's not impossible to reconcile these interests."

The Vatican's position on Jerusalem has changed, he said.

Whereas it once called for Jerusalem's internationalization, the Vatican now regards Jerusalem as a city of three faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

In principle, he said, the Vatican is not against Israeli control of Jerusalem.

Nova Scotia's Lt. Gov. blends responsibilities

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Myra Freeman maintains that her Judaism is of the utmost importance to her.

"My family and my heritage define who I am and remain my first and foremost commitment," says Freeman, the lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia.

"I know I bring a different perspective to the position than it has brought in the past."

Freeman, the first woman to hold this position in Nova Scotia and the first Jewish woman to hold the position in Canada, was speaking at a recent breakfast hosted by the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and its brotherhood.

She said she has completed her first year as lieutenant-governor having faced many challenges and having had to make difficult decisions.

Balancing her official responsibilities with her responsibilities to the Jewish people in the country, she said, "I was determined to retain my priorities and uphold the practice of our traditions that have defined our people."

She's also had to balance those responsibilities with managing a 31-room, 200-year-old stone mansion.

"Because I am the first woman, I seem to carry a double role here," she says.

The former educator credited her parents for "instilling in me a gift of values… [they] have taught me that service to one's fellow man is the highest endeavour. I try to live up to that credo."

Freeman grew up in Saint John, whose Jewish community had 500 families in the early 1900s and 120 families in 1960, she said. Today, there are some 35 families in the city, "and it's a struggle to maintain the tradition. My dad is 89 and he usually is the 10th man to make up the minyan on Friday night."

As the Queen's representative in Nova Scotia, Freeman says, her Jewish identity is tested, reminding her of her "essential Jewish being." The first difficulty she encountered was regarding the installation, which traditionally takes place on Saturday. Last year it was held on Simchat Torah.

After many consultations with her rabbi and government officials, the date was changed, as well as the prayers, and a private ceremony was held.

"I did not compromise my beliefs and I was given the utmost support from the Order," she said. "I marvel at the respect that others have for us outside the Hebrew faith."

Indeed, Freeman has brought Jewish rituals to Government House, affixing a mezuzah to the door post, arranging for kosher food, lighting Shabbat candles and saying the brachot. When the kiddush was recited, she said, "[it] was highly emotional – it reverberated off the walls of this 200-year-old house."

Jewish commitment is no longer an impediment to achieving recognition in the broader community, she said. You can be "very Jewish and achieve in a non-Jewish world.

"It is no longer an excuse for one to say that they work in the broader community and they have no time to contribute to Jewish causes."

Along with our responsibility to the Jewish community, she said, "we have a responsibility to the secular community because this great community afforded us a home and an opportunity to achieve. As a Canadian woman and as a Jew, I have succeeded in blending these two responsibilities."

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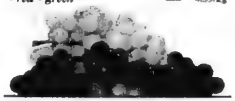

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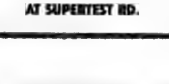

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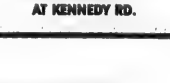

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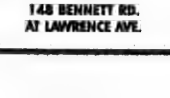

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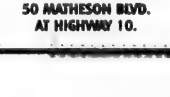

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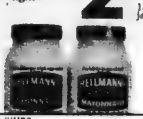

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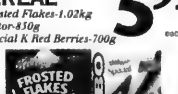

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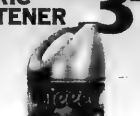

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Justice not on this court's agenda

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Alas, the existence of the legal proscription has hardly mattered at all in preventing, in every decade since the Nuremberg trials, the slaughter of innocents or mass murder on a genocidal scale.

Thus, one can hardly quibble with the general intent and importance for all mankind that such criminal behaviour be prevented and punished. Indeed, the international community is presently struggling to find adequate legal machinery to bring mass murderers and other perpetrators of crimes against humanity before the bar of justice.

But the "universal jurisdiction" conferred in the early 1990s by the parliament of Belgium upon the Belgian judiciary to try individuals accused of war crimes or of crimes against humanity regardless of the defendants' nationality or the place of the alleged offence, is surely not the way to deal with the issue. In the long run, in fact, it will probably set back rather than advance humanity's cause.

Two complaints under the law were filed last month – by Palestinians and others – with the special Belgian prosecutor against Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for his alleged role in the Sabra and Shatilla massacres in Lebanon in 1982. The prosecutor decided there was enough evidence to investigate whether formal indictments should be brought against the Israeli prime minister.

The prosecutor's decision was shocking and offensive. The Jewish community inside and outside Belgium were outraged. "We'll do everything to make sure this trial does not take place," David Susskind, one of the leaders of the Jewish community in Belgium told *Ha'aretz* recently. "We are horrified," Susskind said. "This is meant to hurt Israel. After all, the same thing could be done to Belgium for its role in the elimination of Lumumba in the Congo. There's a desire to blacken Sharon's face. To demonize him."

The proceeding against Sharon has less to do with justice than it has to do with politics. Some 20 years ago, by an Israeli commission of inquiry, Sharon was found to have been *"indirectly responsible"* for the Shabra and Shatilla murders.

Surely, if justice were the Belgian court's true aim, it would want to try the men whose hands actually wielded the knives across the throats of the Palestinians in Sabra and Shatilla. It would want to try the men who actually ordered the murderers into the refugee camps. It would, in short, want to try the men who were *directly responsible* for the slaughter, most of whom are known to Belgian authorities, some of whom are even today public figures in Lebanon.

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Criticism of Pope unwarranted

I must take issue with Lily Kutner's characterization of Pope John Paul II's recent conduct in Damascus as "silence" (*CJN*, Letters to the Editor, June 7). Simply because the Pope did not respond to President Bashar Assad's pathetic and transparent appeal to religious bigotry in the way Kutner would prefer does not justify her berating him. Kutner completely overlooks what the Pope did say:

"We all know that real peace can only be achieved if there is a new attitude of understanding and respect between the peoples of the region, between the followers of the three Abrahamic religions. Step by step, with vision and courage, the political and religious leaders of the region must create the conditions for the development that their peoples have a right to, after so much conflict and suffering. Among these conditions, it is important that there be an evolution in the way the peoples of the region see one another, and that at every level of society the principles of peaceful coexistence be taught and promoted."

While not the outright confrontation Kutner desired, the Pope was hardly "silent" about his position. Why should an apology be demanded of the Pope because he rebutted Assad's religious bigotry with a vision of interreligious harmony and not with the counterproductive direct attack Kutner would have wished? Does an elderly pilgrim engaged in a historical and complex mission for peace among many divided peoples deserve such castigation simply because he chooses a different strategy than instant combativeness? Does Pope John Paul's record of frequent and forceful condemnations of anti-Semitism suddenly mean nothing when, in the pursuit of peace in the long-term, he chooses not to stoop to a public confrontation?

Rather than indulging in unjust criticism, it might be more constructive to consider the remarks that the Pope offered on the same day: "The language of peace and culture must replace the language of incitement and hate."

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World War II lesson forgotten

David Marx *(CJN,* Letters to the Editor, July 5) asserts that true peace between Israelis and Palestinians is probable. As proof, he cites as an example, among others, the peace enjoyed by the United States and Japan, former enemies.

What Marx has ignored, however, is the process by which the attitudes between the parties changed. After World War II ended, Japan was decimated. The United States set itself up in the position of reforming Japanese society, especially the political landscape of Japan. Gone was the all-powerful Japanese emperor – replaced by a mere figurehead position and a democratically elected government. Gone was any notion of Japanese supremacy as a race.

The politicians and diplomats of the late 20th and early 21st centuries have forgotten the lessons of their post-World War II predecessors on how to turn an enemy into an ally. Instead of reforming the Palestinian school system to have it teach tolerance, Israelis let the Palestinian schools use Jordanian texts from 1967 on, until their recent replacement by PA textbooks that were even more racist and anti-Semitic. Instead of establishing a clear presence in all parts of Jerusalem, Israel's government took down the Israeli flag from the Al-Aksa Mosque one week after the victorious Israeli soldiers placed it there and ceded administrative jurisdiction over the whole of the Temple Mount to the Wakf authorities.

As long as Israel pursues a path to peace that does not begin by expunging the preaching of hatred and anti-Semitism in textbooks, sermons and the PA media, and by setting up a system for democratically elected representation for the Palestinians, there will only be bloodshed.

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God involved in Entebbe miracle

I just finished reading your articles on the Entebbe rescue (*CJN*, June 28).

While it is true that the IDF soldiers acted with tremendous courage, the ultimate credit must be given to God. I find it very disturbing that in a Jewish newspaper, God isn't credited as a partner in this miraculous event. How can we expect His assistance in Israel's current crisis if we don't show our gratitude for His help in our previous times of need?

Steven Miller
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Correction

In a letter last week by Issie Veisfeld (*CJN*, July 5, "Romania should admit atrocities"), we inadvertantly altered the author's meaning, implying that Tudor Vadim was elected president. The sentence should have read, "In the recent election in Romania *under President Ion Iliescu's government*, a well-known extreme right, anti-Semite fascist leader, Tudor Vadim, was elected with approximately 30 percent of the votes." *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Should Clinton have spoken on behalf of Yad Vashem?

An appropriate guest

The recent visit to Toronto by former U.S. president Bill Clinton on behalf of the Canadian Friends of Yad Vashem generated a storm of controversy within the community.

Everyone agreed on the worthiness of the cause; but not everyone could agree on the choice of the former president as a spokesperson for that cause.

The disagreement, which centred on the response of Clinton's administration to the slaughter of some 800,000 Tutsis in Rwanda by the neighbouring Hutu, begs the question: what should have been the proper Western response to the slaughter?

The two writers on this page answer the question differently.

By HENRY ODIMBE OJAMBO

The guest appearance of former U.S. president Bill Clinton at Canadian Society of Yad Vashem's recent fund-raiser made the news because of the protesters who greeted him. The protesters were demonstrating against what they perceived as Clinton's inaction in the approximately 800,000 deaths that occurred in Rwanda during his years in Washington.

Although it is always easy to blame the Americans for all political and economic crises, the fact is that there is only so much the Americans can and should do around the world. To hold the United States responsible after the fact for not having intervened to prevent a crisis, is to invite effective – i.e. massive – U.S. intervention before the crisis occurs.

For example, during the past several years, almost two million people have died in the civil war in the Congo, a bloody and senseless conflict known about, but ignored, by much of the outside world. One might rightly ask where the United Nations has been with its mission of humanitarian relief/intervention to nations in need. But no one, including Clinton's most vocal critics, has seriously advocated U.S. military intervention on the scale that it would have taken to avert the Rwandan killings in the early 1990s. One can only imagine the outcry from African political leaders, among others, if President George W. Bush were to decide to invade and occupy a part of Central Africa. Even if this were done in the name of averting genocide, one can foresee African politicians, spokespersons, NGOs, and others claiming that imperialism by any other name is still unwanted imperialism.

Bill Clinton

None of this is meant to apologize for the inaction of the United Nations and the only remaining superpower in the face of the Rwandan crisis. It is only to point out that there is a realistic limit even to American power, especially when it comes to mobilizing collective action. Unlike veto powers, it takes much more for any member of the Security Council- be that U.S.- to sponsor a proactive role. Conceptual points aside, the fate of peacekeepers in Somalia was still so fresh that unless effective intervention was permissible (which unfortunately it has never been), any leader of a Western country had to be extremely cautious about intervention in Rwanda. There is certainly a limit to how much the world actually wants America to do on its own.

There is no doubt that Clinton, like most other presidents, can count both successes and failures during his time in office. This is as true in international politics as it is on the domestic front. The disaster in Rwanda, however, is one for which Rwandans themselves, as well as the neighbouring African countries who acted only in their own self-interest, Belgium, as the former colonial power whose legacy of divisive rule lives on in central Africa, and the United Nations, whose relief/intervention efforts are administered too selectively, can share in the blame.

As a champion of improved race relations everywhere, Clinton more than most knows the meaning of the phrase "never again." And unlike many others who could share in the blame, Clinton will be remembered for participating in the healing process in Rwanda as evidenced by his visit to Kigali. Though he may not have been able to implement the phrase and put an end to irrational violence, he does have the moral stature to say it. For the above reasons, our condemnation of Clinton's appearance at a Holocaust memorial ought to be reviewed.

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Wrong man to invite

By JULIET KARUGAHE
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On June 25, 2001, members of the Rwandan and Jewish communities stood in silence to protest former U.S. president Bill Clinton's appearance at a fund-raiser organized by the Canadian Society of Yad Vashem.

The horrible and well-orchestrated plan by a group of Hutu extremists to systematically wipe out Tutsis only succeeded because of the passive and negative response of the international community, which could have easily stopped this heinous crime, but didn't.

Demonstrators oppose Bill Clinton's appearance in Toronto. [Frances Kraft photo]

Clinton's administration, which was aware of the genocide occuring in Rwanda, was instrumental in blocking United Nations action as a powerful member of the Security Council. In May 1994, Clinton passed a presidential directive (PDD 25) that imposed impossible restrictions on U.S. support for UN peacekeeping, indicating an absence of political will to end the genocide.

In addition to placing conditions on their own participation, the United States, through former U.S. ambassador to the UN Madeleine Albright, imposed these conditions on other countries. The Clinton administration also insisted that what was happening in Rwanda constituted "acts of genocide," well aware that if it officially recognized what was happening as such, then it was obliged, as a signatory to the 1948 Genocide Convention, to act.

The United States also delayed the shipment of armoured personnel carriers to UN forces on the ground, ensuring no serious action could be taken until the genocide was over. Stalling strategies, such as raising prices and arguing about the colour of the carriers, went on for two months. Calls for help from Major General Dallaire, the Canadian commander of the peacekeeping force, were ignored.

Clinton's apology for Western inaction and his claims that it was due to ignorance are false. A true apology must be accompanied by actions to rebuild a nation and a people shattered by this horrible tragedy. Hopefully such an apology would pave the way for a U.S. inquiry into its inaction during the genocide.

The Rwandan youth who organized the Toronto protest are very sensitive to Holocaust issues and have close ties with the Toronto Jewish community. We are often involved in commemoration events organized by both communities and we support efforts to memorialize the six million Jews murdered during World War II.

Last month I, along with four other Rwandan young people, was honoured to travel to Poland on the first March of Remembrance and Hope. It was heart-wrenching to see even a tiny fraction of the unimaginable horrors faced by victims and survivors of the Holocaust, and this journey will remain one of the most profound experiences of my life.

For us in the Rwandan community, it was also a painful reminder that what happened then could happen again. It is a slap in the face that Yad Vashem would invite Clinton to speak, and even more outrageous that they did this knowing full well his moral record in Rwanda. Clinton deliberately looked the other way during genocide. He has no place speaking at such an event.

I cannot forget the words of a Holocaust survivor I met in Poland: "We want you to see through our eyes," and "Let our fate be a warning to you."

Unfortunately, as we have painfully seen, this warning was not enough for the world. When we say "never again," let us show that we mean "never again" for all human beings.

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The unknown Israel

Shortly after Yom Ha'atzmaut, I received the following letter:

On the occasion of Israel's 53rd anniversary, it is good to be reminded that not everything is bleak in the Jewish State:

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Israel is the only country in the world where…

When you greet the street cleaner in the morning, he may respond with a quotation from the Tanach or siddur.

When a family goes away for a holiday, they routinely turn over their keys to a neighbour who needs spare sleeping space for holiday guests.

Bins of bread and rolls, and of milk bags, are deposited at dawn in front of closed grocery stores and restaurants and no one touches them. (Unless someone needs his groceries early, in which case he takes what he needs and sends a child, after the store opens, to pay the bill.)

Trucks, buses and ambulances are parked overnight in front of their drivers' homes.

On the months with the major Jewish holidays, government pension cheques are sent out a week before the holiday, instead of the usual last week of the month. Government employees receive a substantial advance on their salary the week before a holiday as well, to make holiday buying easier.

Handicapped drivers have permanently assigned parking places in front of their homes.

There are 12,000 doctors for a general population of 4.5 million (the highest ratio in the world).

There are over 10,000 synagogues.

Youngsters get up in the bus and give their seats to elderly or pregnant passengers, or get yelled at by strangers if they don't.

Fathers of newborns are granted paid leave from work; and if it's a boy, they get the day of the brit off too.

All Jewish holidays are national holidays.

There is a supply of Psalms available for the families of patients in hospital waiting rooms, as well as in doctors' and dentists' offices.

After office hours, mayors answer phone calls at home from regular citizens. Doctors, lawyers and other professionals also list their home phone numbers and accept calls after hours with good cheer.

Strangers stop you in the street at midday and tell you to put a hat on your child's head if the sun is too strong.

An invitation to a simchah automatically implies husband and wife, children, grandparents and grandchildren, without reply cards.

Before the High Holy Days, and on each erev Rosh Chodesh, special buses are scheduled by bus companies to take people to cemeteries at the outskirts of the cities.

Small neighbourhood grocers offer lower prices than the supermarkets.

Bible contests are held regularly in the Armed Forces.

All these, and many more, are the reasons that so many of us love Israel.

Beyond our wildest dreams

In 1982, during High Holiday services, I had a subversive thought: why were the Torah readings, Haftorahs and honours all being taken by men? Clearly, many of them were unfamiliar with the texts they were reading. It was equally clear, as I looked around at other women in the congregation, that we could do what they were doing, and do it well.

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

In my naiveté, I wrote to the ritual committee chairman asking him to explore participation of women in services. My first inkling that I had done wrong was a call from the president: why wasn't my query addressed to him? Then everyone weighed in: the committee would consider my letter and get back to me. The rabbi asked if this was not just an idea imported from general feminist militancy. Already my dander was up. My daughter and many of her friends, all literate in Hebrew, would have bat mitzvahs in the coming year. What about them? The battle was joined. What happened next was not pretty, but it ultimately involved the sisterhood, the entire synagogue board, the rabbis, the congregation and probably the entire watching community.

The outcome was ultimately good for everyone. Our synagogue is now egalitarian: women are counted in the minyan, lead services, read from and are called to the Torah, and have become so well educated in synagogue and personal observances that I derive immense pleasure from their strengths. We were supported in this struggle by many men, and ultimately the changes were effected with less animosity than I expected, during the heat of the debate.

The outcome also included the founding of an entirely new congregation which is not egalitarian in any way, but attracts young and old, and satisfies a need in our community for a warm, welcoming and unique congregation. In fact I now have daughters who chose two paths: one egalitarian, one less so – and I rejoice in both of them.

In the spring, I had the pleasure of reading Torah for the first time, along with other men and women, including my daughter – and my daughter outshone me, as I knew she would.

(Both daughters had bat mitzvahs with their own aliyot; both did their own readings.)

Why recount what is now history? This month my Women's League of Conservative Judaism *Outlook* magazine took a retrospective look at women rabbis who have been graduated from our seminary and now serve in North American and Israel. While our modest, west-coast fight is a slender victory when weighted against the incredibly more difficult fight to have women ordained as rabbis (and cantors), the message is the same.

In October 1983 (a year after my letter to our synagogue board) the Jewish Theological Seminary voted to admit women to their theological school. What a bombshell! Today 35-40 percent of the rabbinical student body is female. Women are still less than 10 percent of the Rabbinical Assembly, but every year our numbers grow. More significant to me is the increasing number of women who assume public roles in congregations, and the new ceremonies that mark women's milestones. And while nay-sayers predicted that once women got to "run the shul" men would leave in great numbers, the opposite has happened. Our combined strengths have made our synagogues vibrant places of worship and joy.

Of course it is not just the Conservative synagogues that have achieved equality for women. Jewish renewal, Reform and Reconstructionist movements also ordain and train women. And what greater boon could it be that Orthodoxy also has recognized women's scholarship, opening yeshivot to give Orthodox women eager to engage in deep textual study, access to our texts, and in Israel, a voice in the male-dominated rabbinical courts?

Imagine if we were told that women were unfit to practice medicine, law, dentistry, car repair, welding, nuclear medicine, scientific research? Suppose we had waited until the 1980s to be admitted into these professions? Suppose Jews had been banned until then? Would there not have been an outcry? How bitterly we remember the quotas that lasted until the 1950s, the Montreal strike when the first Jewish intern dared to enter a public hospital there!

Rabbi Adin Steinsalz, a great mystic and scholar, called the Talmud the greatest product of the Jewish people. He was wrong. It was the greatest product of half of the Jewish people, the male half. Imagine what we will accomplish in the next two millennia, now that the other half is included.

The formula for synagogue success

I have, for some time, been fascinated by the subject of synagogue life, wondering what factors have influenced the development of a particular synagogue's philosophy, ideology, organizational affiliation, traditions and customs. As I am a law professor and not a sociologist, my observations are those of a rank amateur. However, I have spent a good part of my life in synagogues, dating back more than 45 years to when my father first took me to Temple Sons of Israel in Sydney. Rather than play the role of "congregational tourist," I have become involved in synagogue life.

Bruce Elman in Windsor

Recently, I once again had occasion to reflect upon this subject. There are three synagogues in Windsor – two Orthodox and one Reform. When I am in Windsor for Shabbat, I attend the, Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue. Later this month, the members of the Shaar Hashomayim will be voting to determine whether the synagogue should remain Orthodox or become affiliated with the Conservative movement. I have been a Conservative Jew all my life and would welcome the decision to become a Conservative congregation, particularly because there are no other Conservative synagogues in Windsor. However, my purpose in this column is not to take sides on this issue. The decision will be left to the membership, who have a longer and greater stake in the matter than do I.

About a week ago, I had a conversation with a few of the individuals who are working to bring about this change in congregational affiliation. They are very worried about the current state of their congregation and they have every right to be concerned. Shaar Hashomayim does not have a rabbi, although they do have a cantor. They are having a great deal of difficulty ensuring the viability of their daily minyanim. Attendance on Shabbat is very weak and there are very few young people attending services at all. The greatest problem, however, may be that those who do attend services are largely uninvolved in the tfillot.

Although I have not undertaken an empirical study, I would assume that the overall participation rate in the various activities and functions of the synagogue is quite low. The individuals with whom I spoke hope that, by becoming a Conservative congregation, they can reverse these disturbing trends and bring new life to their synagogue.

I have been very vocal in this column in celebrating the accomplishments of my Conservative synagogue in Edmonton, Congregation Beth Shalom. About five years ago, when Beth Shalom parted ways with its rabbi, the congregation began having trouble ensuring two minyanim a week. Attendance on Shabbat was poor, there were no classes for adults, the religious school was in disarray and the shul was in debt. Today, by contrast, there are healthy daily minyanim, increased Shabbat attendance, a very large and vibrant Shabbat Minchah/seudah shlishit/Ma'ariv service, regular classes, visiting scholars and no debt.

These individuals wanted to know exactly how we had managed to accomplish all this without a rabbi or a cantor. I had a lot of difficulty explaining it. In my opinion, Beth Shalom is successful not because it is a Conservative congregation (though many of my friends in Edmonton would probably disagree), but because it is participatory – congregants lead the prayers, read the Torah and teach the classes. Of course, this is in addition to those who serve on the board or the women's league executive or assist with fund-raising activities. An ever-increasing number of congregants feel "invested" in the congregation and have taken "ownership" of the synagogue. Some have learned part of the prayers, others have learned to read Torah, and many have made a commitment to regularly attend a weekday or Shabbat service. Some have decided to attend a class at least once a week and others have agreed to lead a class once in a while.

Many congregants find their spiritual fulfilment through acts of social justice – donating to food banks or shelters or organizing yard sales to purchase school supplies for inner city children.

In my view, congregations are successful when their members feel a true sense of ownership and commitment to their synagogue. The key is participation. It struck me that the formula is actually quite simple and is a well-known element in our tradition – Torah, avodah and gmillut chasadim – learning, service or prayer and acts of loving-kindness.

Whatever the congregants of the Shaar Hashomayim decide this month, one thing is certain: they will be successful only if they dedicate themselves to these three pillars of Jewish and synagogue life.

The Kirshner File

A cornucopia of books...

Publishers churn out an endless torrent of books of interest to Jewish readers. Here is the latest batch, just in time for your summer reading pleasure.

For better or worse, Israel is almost always in the news. All too often, however, the context is missing in newspaper stories. *Review Essays In Israeli Studies* (State University of New York Press), a volume of learned essays examining the Jewish state in all its dimensions, remedies that gap. Editors Laura Zittrain Eisenberg and Neil Caplan are seasoned scholars.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

A biblical figure of immense proportions is figuratively brought to life by Steven McKenzie in *King David* (Oxford University Press) and by Jonathan Kirsch in *King David* (Random House).

Orde Wingate, the British army officer who embraced Zionism after being posted to Palestine in 1936, is a legend in Israel. Journalists John Bierman and Colin Smith have written an empathetic biography about him entitled *Fire in the Night* (Random House).

The American writers Herman Melville and Mark Twain visited Palestine in 1876 and 1869 and wrote impressionistic books about their travels. In *American Palestine* (Princeton University Press), scholar Hilton Obenzinger connects their respective trips with America's so-called "divine mission" in the world.

As a documentary filmmaker working in Israel for some 30 years, Alan Rosenthal has been an eyewitness to history, having covered the Eichmann trial and pivotal events since then. His memoir, *Jerusalem, Take One!* (Southern Illinois University Press), is a mix of the personal and the political, and contains 36 black-and-white photographs.

Raquela: A Woman of Israel, the winner of the 1978 National Jewish Book Award, has been reprinted by Three Rivers Press in a revised edition. It is the inspirational story of Raquela Prywess, a ninth-generation Sabra, battlefield nurse and hospital founder.

The Arab economic boycott of Israel has waned since the Oslo peace process. Gil Feiler studies the boycott in a thoroughly researched and thoughful primer, *From Boycott To Economic Cooperation* (Frank Cass).

Amira Hass covers the Palestinian Authority for the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*. In *Drinking the Sea at Gaza* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside), she writes sympathetically about the lives of Palestinians who live in that impoverished enclave. Read it in conjunction with Larry Towell's *Then Palestine* (Aperture), a collection of stark black-and-white photographs of Palestinian life and politics in East Jerusalem and the territories.

Barry Rubin, an Israeli specialist in Palestinian affairs, skillfully analyzes the PLO and the Palestinian Authority in an authoritative work, *The Transformation of Palestinian Politics* (Harvard University Press).

Secular and religious politics coexist uneasily in the Arab world, and in *Between Memory and Desire* (University of California Press), R. Stephen Humphreys eruditely analyses these tensions against the backdrop of Western colonialism, pan-Arabism, Israel and Islam. Two useful companion volumes are the lavishly-illustrated *The Oxford History of Islam* (Oxford University Press), edited by John Esposito, and *Empires of the Sun* (Harvard University Press), a provocative study by Efraim and Inari Karsh of Western imperialism in the Middle East.

Once a kaleidoscopic city of minorities, including Jews, Cairo is profiled in all its permutations and hues by Andre Raymond in *Cairo* (Harvard University Press), a book of impressive scholarship.

Who could have imagined that a thriving Jewish community would emerge in Germany on the heels of the Third Reich? *Jews in Germany After 1945* (Edition Tribune), published in honour of the late community leader Ignatz Bubis, is a collection of topical essays turning on the astonishing Jewish revival in Germany. *Divided Memory: The Nazi Past in the Two Germanys* (Harvard University Press), by Jeffrey Herf, is about the efforts of two now-defunct states – West Germany and East Germany – to come to terms with a dark legacy. It is superb. *The Beast Awakens* (Little, Brown), by Martin Lee, knowingly looks at right-wing extremism in Europe since the collapse of Nazism in Germany.

David Vital, in *A People Apart: The Jews in Europe 1789-1939* (Oxford University Press), explores the mercurial relationship between Jews and Christians on that continent. Vital's mastery of the sources and the material is nothing less than amazing.

Similarly, Hillel Kieval's *Languages of Community: The Jewish Experience in the Czech Lands* (University of California Press) is an engaging work of scholarship.

The Jews of Modern France (University of California Press), by Paula Hyman, synthesizes 200 years of history in exemplary fashion. William Carter's *Marcel Proust* (Yale University Press) is a magisterial and exhaustive biography of a great French man of letters and indubitably one of France's most preeminent Jews.

Originally published in French, *Sephardi Jewry* (University of California Press) is a rigorous account of Judeo-Spanish Jewish communities that flourished in the Balkans and Asia Minor for more than four decades until the 20th century. The authors, Esther Benbassa and Aron Rodrigue, are specialists in this field.

The University of New Mexico Press has published three books shedding light on Latin American Jews, all with introductions by Ilan Stavans. *The Jewish Gauchos of the Pampas*, a set of vignettes on early 20th century shtetl life in Argentina written by Alberto Gershunoff, sparkles with vivacity. By contrast, *Sun Inventions* and *Perfumes of Carthage* are bracing novellas about Jewish immigrants by Uruguayan writer Teresa Porzecanski. *Mestizo*, a novel by Argentinian Ricardo Feierstein, is a clever detective story unfolding against the backdrop of an old Jewish family.

Syracuse University Press showcases the myriad talents of Yiddish novelist Chava Rosenfarb in two nostalgic novels, *Of Lodz and Love* and *Bociany*, set in Poland.

A Rich Garland: Poems for A.M. Klein (Vehicule Press) celebrates this distinguished Canadian poet in prose and poetry. It is edited by Seymour Mayne and B. Glen Rotchin.

Quest for Inclusion (Princeton University Press), by Marc Dollinger, deftly explains a lingering question: Why, despite their socio-economic status in American society, are the majority of Jews liberally inclined? *Jew vs. Jew: The Struggle for the Soul of American Jewry* (Simon & Schuster) by Samuel Freedman is a sharply-observed portrait of a deeply divided community.

Legacy: A Biography of Moses and Walter Annenberg (Little, Brown) delves into the lives of two media moguls (*TV Guide* and *Seventeen*, among other publications) who've left an imprint on American culture.

Fannie Hurst, pulp fiction novelist and crusader for women's rights and liberal causes, was quite a lady. Brooke Kroeger pays tribute to her in a sprawling biography, *Fannie* (Random House).

The Bialy Eaters (Bantam Books) is Mimi Sheraton's graceful treatise on bialys, those chewy rolls with a toasted onion centre that originated in Poland. Call it a labour of love. Since we're talking food, *Bubbe's Kitchen* (Raincoast) is also worth mentioning. It's a compendium of mouth-watering recipes compiled by the Vancouver branch of the National Council of Jewish Women in Canada, with a foreward by Sara Waxman. Similarly, *The Book of Jewish Cooking* (Berkley) by Denise Phillips is well worth investigating.

Toronto's Orthodox Jewish community serves as social historian Etan Diamond's model for Orthodox suburbia in North America. In his slender but illuminating study, *And I Will Dwell In Their Midst* (The University of North Carolina Press), he explores their lives through their synagogues, schools and social networks.

Exposed as a forgery in the 1920s, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* has long been used by bigots to defame Jews. In *A Rumor About Jews* (St. Martin's Press), Stephen Eric Bronner dissects the origins of this pernicious tract and its role in illiberal movements opposed to modernity.

Anti-Semitism was not born yesterday, and in *Judeophobia* (Harvard University Press), Peter Schafer analyses its roots in the ancient Greek and Roman empires.

The Passion Play in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau, first staged in the 17th century, has offended Jews with its anti-Semitic undertones. James Shapiro discusses the play's traditions and troubles in *Oberammergau* (Random House), a tart examination of culture, commerce and religion.

Hillel Kook, otherwise known as Peter Bergson, was a Holocaust hero who was instrumental in the formation of the War Refugee Board, which saved thousands of Jews, especially in Hungary. *Shake Heaven & Earth* (Gefen), by Louis Rapoport, is a biography of Bergson and his life-saving activities.

Reference books are always worth keeping close by. Published by Oxford University Press, *The Oxford History of the Twentieth Century* and *The Oxford History of Modern War* are first-rate. The *Concise Encyclopedia* (Firefly) is packed with 10,000 facts, figures and statistics. *The Oxford Companion to Western Art* (Oxford University Press), edited by Hugh Brigstocke, is immensely informative and polished.

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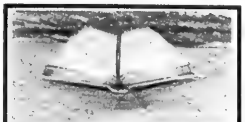
'We must listen with our hearts'

By RABBI ELIE KARFUNKEL



Rabbinic Reflections

Growing up in New York, I can remember my father's firm rebuke: "Always say thank you, and never play hard ball in the street."

The first came fairly easily to me. Saying thank you became second nature. Not playing ball in the street, however, was a different story entirely. It was always so much easier than making the trek to the ball field. Sure enough, the fateful day came in seventh grade when my mighty swing sent a hard ball flying right through the windshield of the neighbours' T-Bird.

The tragic result of that incident (aside from the small monetary issue of replacing a windshield) was my banishment from the all-star game. Why? Because I hadn't listened to my father's rebuke.

Criticism is very hard to hear. What is even harder is to actually listen, internalize the words and consciously decide to make a change.

In parshat Vayechi, we encounter our forefather Jacob foretelling the destiny of his sons, who would become heads of the tribes of Israel. Each tribe is mentioned separately, its strengths, weaknesses and the future of its families foretold individually – with the exception of two: "Shimon and Levi are accomplices..." (49:5). These two brothers are grouped together, seemingly possessing a similar character, and are criticized by their father as one. One would imagine that the future of the tribes of Shimon and Levi would be somewhat similar, considering their common character. However, the tribe of Levi continues on to holiness, while Shimon strays spiritually.

In parshat Pinchas, the differences in the two tribes are accentuated further. We read a fascinating account of Pinchas and Zimri. Zimri was a leader in the tribe of Shimon. In the midst of acting immorally with a princess of Midyan, he is slain by Pinchas, a leader in the tribe of Levi.

Pinchas and Zimri. Sons of Shimon and Levi, brothers with the same character who received identical criticism. From one brother we find a Pinchas, a defender of the morality of Israel, who, in his pinnacle act of defence of God, slays the offspring of Shimon. Righteousness stems from one, immorality from the other. How can it be that two brothers with the same traits can produce such vastly different children?

Rabbi Shimon Shwab offers a beautiful explanation. Shimon and Levi both heard the same criticism from their father. They had acted as accomplices in their crimes, and therefore deserved the curses they received. However, while one brother simply heard the criticism and did not allow it to penetrate his psyche, the other internalized the words, and made a commitment to change. The difference in their attitudes toward the rebuke produced strikingly separate tribes, one capable of complete immorality while the other became a stronghold against it.

The message we must take from Pinchas is how to hear rebuke. It is not always enough simply to hear it. We must listen with our hearts and make a commitment to change, not only for our own sake, but for the sake of future generations... (and all the gleaming windshields on the block.)

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Lauding or leadership

By WAYNE J. LEVIN

Guest voice

The series of UJA/CJC advertisements concerning public funding of independent schools is at best incomplete and inaccurate and at worst revisionism. While UJA and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) spend their time worrying about whose name appears in boldface in these ads, what is happening to the important job of mobilizing community support?

The Ontario Alliance of Jewish Day Schools (OAJDS), whose formation was featured in the ad's list of milestones, was conceived to do this work. What is not widely known is the fact that UJA and CJC objected to the creation of the alliance, and, after two years of internecine bickering and squabbles, permitted it to exist in a less than formidable state. It has been almost four weeks since the Mike Harris government's announcement, and we have seen precious little direction, encouragement or movement on the part of the community "leadership" or the OAJDS.

Contrast the Jewish community's record with the Christian community's accomplishments. Within just 10 days of the acceptance of their tax credit proposal, the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools' team of part-time staff and volunteers have generated thousands of phone calls and letters to government and opposition leaders. Several have made excellent presentations at the public hearings and the mechanism for further mobilization is at the ready even at this time-constrained end-of-school season.

Leadership is about educating, encouraging and supporting those that are led. I suggest that UJA/CJC undertake an active shul-to-school-to-home campaign featuring a set of knowledgeable speakers. They can start by detailing the basis for the discrimination accusation: why our kids are excluded from tax dollar-supported services equivalent to those provided to a variety of others, not just Catholics.

Continue with the claim that little if anything that we are asking for is unprecedented in public education and that the tax credit may open the door to full equity for our children after the next provincial election. Produce the studies that prove that choice in education benefits everyone and that decades of experience elsewhere, such as in Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta, provides no evidence whatsoever of any harm to anyone as a result of funding independent school education.

Conclude by stating that $90 million, more than twice what UJA raises annually, is sucked out of the community due to this inequity. This discrimination affects us all, particularly at a time when government cutbacks make more and more people dependent on their community for assistance.

Most important of all, UJA and CJC must make it possible for anyone capable of and interested in contributing to this or any struggle to do so, particularly for those causes that affect their lives.

My experience is that there is no shortage of people prepared to contribute real sweat and sacrifice to effect a positive change in their own lives and in the lives of others. Good leadership knows how to muster and harness such talent.

If the government does not see substantial and sustained support from the Jewish community on this issue from individuals and families, it will not only jeopardize this important development in education funding but it may also affect how well we as a community press for other changes geared toward making Ontario a better place for everyone to live and raise a family.

To the UJA and the CJC, I say, forget the congratulatory ads lauding those involved in the effort. This is a time for action. Our leadership should instead involve our community in this most important effort.

Wayne Levin has two of his three children currently enrolled in a Jewish day school and has been active in promoting equal rights in education for over six years.

Jewish Life

By RABBI BERNARD BASKIN

Shiksa Goddess a mixed bag

***Shiksa Goddess (Or, How I Spent My Forties)*, by Wendy Wasserstein, Random House.**

Wendy Wasserstein is best known as a successful playwright; *The Heidi Chronicles* won a Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize. *The Sisters Rosenzweig* had a long run on Broadway and she has also written several screenplays, a collection of essays called *Bachelor Woman* and a children's book.

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Shiksa Goddess, an unfortunate title and Wasserstein's first book in 10 years, is largely a disappointment. The 25 personal essays, most of which appeared in a variety of magazines, tend to be brief and inconsequential. Her subjects range from finding a place to live in New York City and dieting to theatre and politics, with constant references to her Brooklyn childhood in the 1950s and the eccentricities of her family members. In one satiric piece she spoofs personal ads for the Last Unattached Male Persons (LUMPS).

In the book's initial essay, the basis for its title, Wasserstein refers to a New York newspaper's disclosure that Hillary Clinton had Jewish relatives by marriage. The author jokes about her mock discovery that she's really an Episcopalian, and begins wearing the faded cardigan sweaters and headbands of her newfound Wasp identity.

The voice in these ephemeral pieces is compassionate and ironic with a self-effacing charm. Wendy is, after all, a celebrated chronicler of haute, neurotic society – and any time spent with her promises some funny glances at much of the silliness that surrounds us.

Wasserstein still feels the tug of her early yeshiva education in Brooklyn. In a recent interview, she confessed, "There's a draw to tradition and to home and to values. I think one of the reasons why I'm a playwright is that there's a wonderful Jewish tradition of culture and regard for language. I was brought up with all of that and I will bring my daughter up with that too."

The final two essays, longer and quite different from the others, redeem the book from its shallowness and frivolity. In "How I Spent My Forties," a piece written expressly for the book, she writes admiringly of her sister Sandra, a corporate executive, who helped to raise the glass ceiling for women. Stricken with cancer, Sandra fought the relentless disease with the same tenacity she brought to her work.

While Wasserstein was supporting her sister and accompanying her to doctors, she was also pursuing single motherhood. After a chain of painful disappointments, she was ready to give up.

"When I called Michael Drews and told him I was willing to try once more, it was Sandra's obstinate and heroic determination that made me do it," Wasserstein says. "Just as she had guided most of the more ambitious efforts of my life, I was neither particularly brave nor insane. I was just, one more time, emulating my big sister."

In the essay "Days of Awe," the author, a new mother at 48, describes the medical and emotional events that led up to the birth of Lucy Jane at 26 weeks and her successful efforts to save her grievously underweight child.

A member of a New York congregation, Wasserstein feels very much connected to the larger Jewish community, and appreciates how embraced she feels when she travels across the country to speak.

"It's very interesting, very nice. They want to feed you. What could be better?"

Shiksa Goddess is a mixed bag of midlife observations and obsessions. Though it's never quite a satisfactory read, it deserves attention for its bits of humour and sagacity here and there and for its evocative narratives about birth and death.

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Maccabiah & the Internet

Sixty-nine years ago, a few hundred Jewish athletes met to compete in a unique sporting event in Palestine, the Maccabiah. Since then the Maccabiah has grown to become the premier sporting event for Jewish athletes – and has even become a showcase for future Olympic superstars. In addition to athletic excellence, the Maccabiah has also been associated with politics, controversy and tragedy. As Israel prepares to host next week's 16th Maccabiah, we look at the games past and present on the World Wide Web.

The best place to start is at the official Maccabiah Web site, which paints a colourful picture of the games **[http://www.maccabiah.org/etemplate.asp?code=21]**. The first Maccabiah games took place in Tel Aviv in 1932. The Games got off to a rousing start as the mayor, Meir Dizengoff, made an entrance into the stadium riding a white stallion. Those first games welcomed 390 people from 18 countries.

Here's a fascinating piece of history about the second Maccabiah in 1935: "In defiance of the British government's strict limitations on aliyah, many competitors took advantage of their being in the Holy Land and decided to stay. Such was the decision of the entire Bulgarian delegation, which unanimously decided to make aliyah and shipped their musical instruments back to Bulgaria instead of themselves."

Over the years, the games have grown and attracted some very talented though still unknown competitors. In 1965, an American swimmer named Mark Spitz won two gold medals in the pool. **[http://www.maccabiusa.com/quotes.html]**

By 1997, the Maccabiah hosted 5,500 athletes from 50 countries. But the 15th Maccabiah will always be remembered for the tragic accident that caused loss of life and numerous injuries. Four members of the Australian delegation were killed and some 70 others were injured when a footbridge collapsed as they walked over it for the opening ceremony **[http://www.jpost.com/Editions/2001/02/14/News/News.21380.html]**.

Four of the five officials found guilty of negligence for the bridge accident have been sentenced to prison terms. But Australia's participation in this year's Maccabiah was in doubt until Israel agreed to pay $4 million in compensation to Australian tennis player Sasha Elterman **[http://www.jpost.com/Editions/2001/06/26/ LatestNews/LatestNews.29114.html]**.

Special memorial services will be held on Sunday prior to the opening ceremonies. As well, the official Maccabiah Web site has dedicated an area to the late Australian athletes with biographies of Yetty Bennett, Elizabeth Sawicki, Greg Small and Warren Zines **[http:// www.maccabiah.org/etemplate.asp?code= 14]**.

This year's Maccabiah may see far fewer than the 5,000 athletes originally expected to attend. Because of unrest in Israel, the games were only confirmed after the U.S. delegation decided to attend. According to London's *Jewish Chronicle*, the American "about-face" and pressure by the Israeli government convinced Britain and other countries to send delegations **[http://www.thejc. com/Print.asp ?Record=11351]**.

Athletes this year will compete in more than 30 games and sports, and over 50 countries have been invited. You can find links to many of the national Maccabi sites **[http://www.maccabi ah.org/etemplate .asp?code=14]**. You can find more background at the Maccabi World Union Web site **[http:// www.maccabiworld.org/]**.

While looking for photographs from previous Maccabiahs, I came across a wonderful Web site I hadn't seen before. The State of Israel's National Photo Collection has placed thousands of historic photos online. Just go to the Collection **[http://www.mof.gov.il/pictures/defaulte.htm]** type in a keyword like "Maccabiah" and you'll get some lovely results. (Try this site for just about any topic that interests you.)

Although the Maccabiah may not have the international profile of other sporting events, some athletes appreciate it for the values it represents. U.S. swimmer Lenny Krayzelburg won three gold medals in backstroke at the Sydney Olympics. Last December, he said that he planned to skip this month's World Swimming Championships in Japan just so that he could compete at the Maccabiah **[http://www.zipple.com/sports/ 20001228_maccabiah.shtml]**.

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Lillian Freedman (right) and Maxine Isaacs. [Ron Csillag photo]

Campaign launched for shelter for homeless Jews

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two Jewish women have decided to do something concrete about Jewish homelessness.

Well, not so much concrete as bricks-and-mortar: Lillian Freedman and Maxine Isaacs are leading a campaign to open Toronto's first shelter for homeless Jews.

Even the word shelter is not quite accurate. The women envision a comfortable, non-threatening residence where homeless Jews can stay as part of their transition and eventual reintegration into society.

Dubbed Neve (Hebrew for "oasis"), the freestanding building, to be located, ideally, in the uptown Bathurst Street corridor, will offer residents "anything they need," says Freedman. Already, two Jewish psychiatrists have offered to donate their services, as have a real estate agent, a lawyer and other professionals.

Those who use the residence will have access to medical and dental care, a pharmacist, a social worker, drug and alcohol counselling, even help with job searches and resume writing. It's planned as fully kosher, with Shabbat and holidays marked.

The project is expected to be registered as a charity soon, enabling it to issue tax receipts for donations.

Freedman, a freelance social worker, is no stranger to the issue of Jewish homelessness. A few years ago, she was contracted by Jewish Family & Child Service to locate homeless Jews on the streets of Toronto. She found a dozen who fit the various definitions of homelessness: those out on the street, those in danger of imminent eviction and those staying with friends or relatives.

Isaacs, an Orthodox mother of two, was spurred to action by a *CJN* article last spring that described the plight of a 61-year-old Jewish former Bay Street financial analyst who landed among the homeless. "I just saw an opening," she says. "As far as I'm concerned, every Jew is responsible for every other Jew, just like the Torah says. We owe this to our community."

Freedman sees a two-pronged approach: a place to go after all resources and luck are exhausted, and an onsite outreach and service centre for the sick and destitute.

But it won't be free. Freedman and Isaacs estimate costs will in the $400 per person per month range, to be paid from clients' welfare and disability cheques. But no one will be turned away. And its focus will be on Jewish homeless, the way native residences cater to aboriginal homeless.

"It won't be an emergency shelter," explains Freedman. "It will be a dignified place to go for as long as anyone wants. It's like having a relative say, 'If you have a problem, you can come to me.' It will be the place to go when you turn to your community."

The women also hope to work with existing services in the Jewish community. JF&CS tops up welfare payments, pays first and last month's rent on apartments and finds emergency hotel rooms. The Kehilla Residential Programme has spearheaded several affordable housing projects in Toronto.

Freedman and Isaacs are looking for donations of kosher food, clothing, appliances, linens and furniture. The biggest donation they seek is the actual property. They're hoping to having something up and running by year's end.

For details, contact Isaacs at 905-764-8096.1

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Gilda's Club opens doors at former comedy site

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — After the late *Saturday Night Live* comedian Gilda Radner was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, she found that it took the support of others to help her regain her sense of humour and learn to appreciate every moment of her life before she died in May 1989.

In her attempt to learn to live with the disease, Radner envisioned a place where people touched by cancer – which includes not only cancer victims but their family and friends as well – could congregate to share their fears about treatment, a place where they could go for moral and emotional support, a place where others could regain their sense of hope and their sense of humour.

The result of this vision is Gilda's Club. Founded in 1995 with a flagship facility in New York, this non-residential community centre has 13 locations across North America and has spread to Europe. Twenty-five more are in development around the world, and the newest Gilda's Club opened here recently.

"It only seemed fitting that Gilda's Club in Toronto should be located in the Old Firehall and Second City site on Lombard Avenue, where Gilda got her first big stage break," said Linda Rechtsman, one of three co-founders of Gilda's Club of Greater Toronto.

"That is why we picked the building – because of the emotional ties associated with it," said Rechtsman, who was involved in negotiations with the city of Toronto for two years before Gilda's Club was allowed to buy the building.

While the facility is marked by the Toronto decorators and contractors who helped renovate the building free of charge, the whole facility resonates with Radner's strength, optimism and sense of humour.

Just inside the signature red doors, colourful murals of Radner are painted on the entrance walls to welcome members into the building, giving them a sense that somehow they should smile.

The second floor, where the Second City stars performed, features the It's Always Something room, "after the title of Gilda's book and a phrase her father always said," and Noogieland, a playroom for children, "because Gilda liked to give noogies," Rechtsman explained.

In addition to more serious lectures on topics such as Talking to your Children about Cancer and Managing Pain, there are workshops and social events, such as Jokefests, Noogiefest (a children's Halloween party) and Comedy Night.

Such programs are needed, no doubt, as cancer affects a staggering number of people. In fact, an Ontario resident has a one in three chance of developing the disease while cancer touches the lives of three out of five Toronto families. One out of four people in Canada will die from the disease.

"Cancer shows no discrimination in terms of age, race, or religion," said Rechtsman, who was drawn to Gilda's Club after having lost two close girlfriends to the disease.

Mural of Gilda Radner performing at Second City. **[Erin Silver photo]**

While Gilda's Club is not afraid to talk about dying and will offer bereavement programs in the future, the focus is on Radner's philosophy, "which emphasized living and not wasting a moment," said program director Don Hunter.

"The focus is on making the most of every day and thinking about how you're going to spend the time you've got left."

This philosophy has also had an impact on Gilda's Club workers.

"I've learned how precious life really is," Rechtsman said. "Those with cancer show us the way because they learn to live in the moment and know that relationships are important. The idea of community is also important and that's what Gilda's Club is all about," she continued, noting that the sense of community pervades every level of the club – executive board members, designers, volunteers and those living with cancer.

"Before Gilda died, she said she wanted 1,000 of these places," Rechtsman said, "and I think her dream is coming true."

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Goldblatt sees connection between adoption and death

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Michaele-Sue Goldblatt says there is a close connection between her former work as an adoption counsellor and her current position as co-ordinator, aftercare and advance planning at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel.

"In an adoption, people face loss. The birth family faces the loss of a child, the adoptive family faces the loss of conceiving a child, and the adopted child faces the loss of a family of origin.

"All three parties have to come to terms with the loss. They have to face that loss, or they cannot give freely in a new relationship," says Goldblatt, 54, who has been at Benjamin's for 1½ years.

Goldblatt, a social worker, grew up in Hamilton. She ran a private adoption service in Ontario for more than 20 years before moving to British Columbia, where she worked for a company that ran funeral homes, cemeteries and crematoria.

"I found the work very gratifying; I felt that I could make a difference. Most people are terrified of death. When they have someone to talk to, it makes a difference."

When she moved back to Ontario, she called Michael Benjamin. "I was not looking for a job, I wanted information on Jewish cemeteries. He knew about my work, however, and our talk turned into a three-hour interview.

Michaele-Sue Goldblatt

"We met for 13 hours over the next few weeks, and a job was carved out for me."

Goldblatt meets briefly with families when they come in to make funeral arrangements and then does a follow-up after the funeral.

"I go to the shivah, and after the shivah I talk to them about things they might expect. I am not a counsellor. I just let people know I care. I am a safety net."

In the other part of her job, advance planning co-ordinator, Goldblatt assists people in planning their funerals. "Death is inevitable. People should plan the type of funeral they want in advance."

By pre-planning and pre-funding a funeral, she says, "you have peace of mind. You're not leaving decisions to other people.

"[Those who have pre-planned their arrangements] are usually happy that everything has been arranged. They feel that a burden has been lifted."

She loves working in the Jewish community, she says, "because it is my own community. I can identify with the people I work with and I understand the issues they are facing.

"I also feel honoured to be part of Benjamin's. They show tremendous respect for the deceased, and all rituals are performed lovingly. The level of care is phenomenal. When I talk to families, they feel that care."

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פון דער רעדאקציע: דער יידישער וועלט קאנגרעס גיט אויס א חודש־בולעטין אין דער ענגלישער שפראך, מיט קורצע נייעס וועגן יידישן פאלק איבער דער וועלט, אונטערן נאמען: *Dateline: World Jewry* - Evelyne Kayess, *Editor*

עס איז א קאמפלאצע פון נוטע און שלעכטע נייעסן און מיר גלויבן, אז די יידיש־ליינערס פון אונדזיגר „וינקל" דארפן זיי ליינען. האבן מיר באשלאסן איבערצוזעצן א טייל פון זיי אין יידיש. אויב זיי וועלן נעפעלן וועלן, וועלן מיר דאס וויידער טון.

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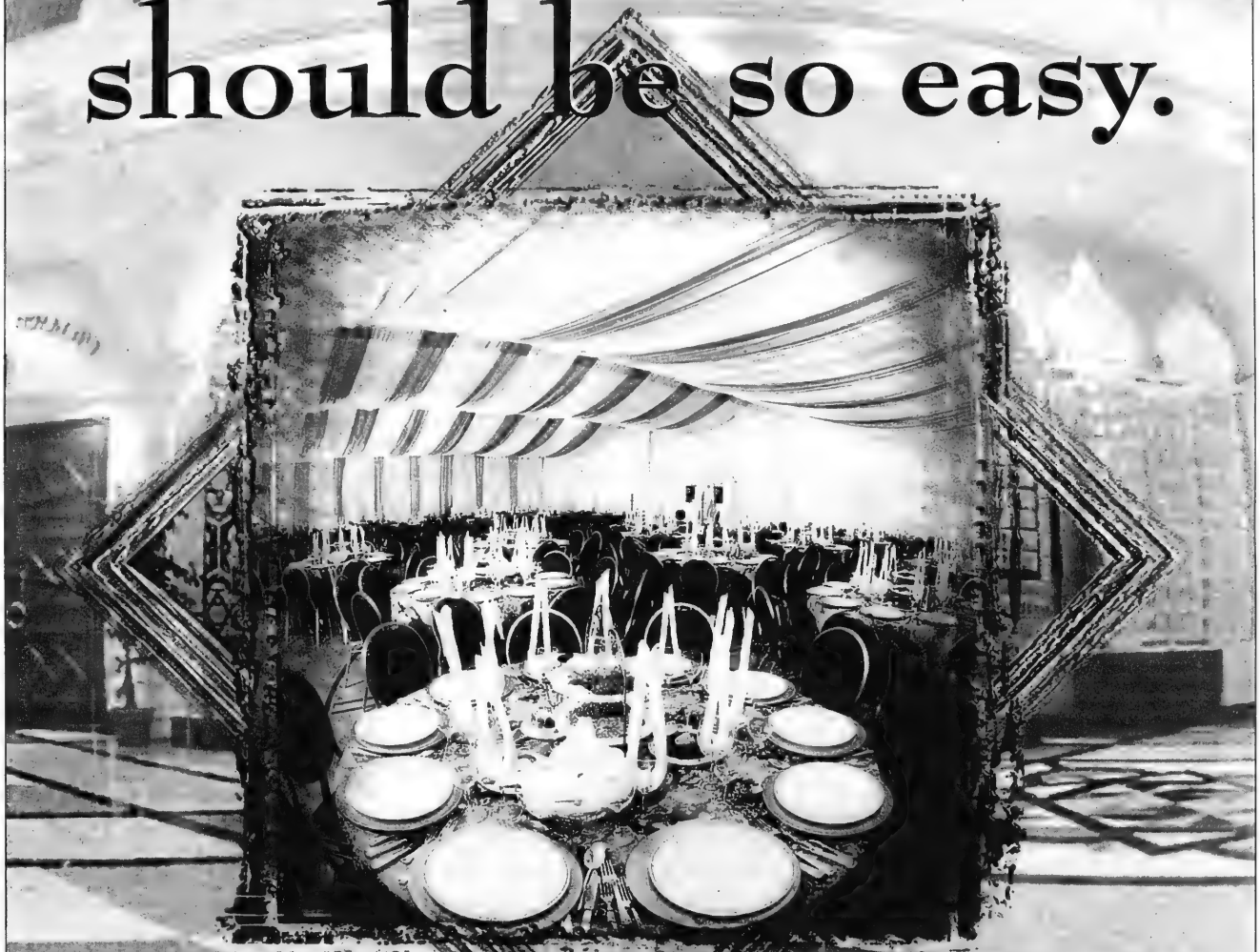

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By Miriam Herman

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DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note: There is no issue July 19. What's New and About People deadlines: Monday, July 16, is deadline for July 26 issue and Monday, July 23, is deadline for Aug. 6. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 416-391-1836, fax 416-391-0829.

This week's What's New column was prepared by Carolyn Blackman.

Sunday, July 15

MEDINA THEATRE

Medina Theatre Ensemble's 5th annual Scenecraft Presents Performance takes place at Earl Bales Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Free parking, pay what you can.

CHANUKAH IN JULY

Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum celebrates Chanukah in July. Enjoy traditional Jewish food, play dreidel games and create decorations, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St., $2 admission. Call 416-636-1880 for information.

Tuesday, July 17

ONE-MAN PLAY

Jody Miller's *Vladeck*, the one-man play about the senseless murder of a Toronto teen will be performed at The Cameron House, 408 Queen St. W., 7 p.m. Pay what you can. Call 416-730-1104.

Thursday, July 19

WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate branch of Royal Canadian Legion is having a barbeque at Earl Bales Park, Area #2, 10 a.m. To attend, phone **Sam Romberg**, 416-633-7836. Put your name on the list early.

Monday, July 23

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League Thornhill West presents the Art of Breastfeeding – Overcoming Difficulties, 7:30 p.m., 199 Glenmanor Way. For information or breastfeeding help, call **Nancy** 905-889-7445 or **Joyce** 905-881-8779.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

PROSTATE AWARENESS

Prostate cancer awareness meeting, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. **Dr. John Trachtenberg** will talk about new medical therapies. Call 416-932-8820.

And What Else Is New

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Shomer Israel Congregation traditional heimish minyan welcomes all non-affiliated. No dues. Shabbat 9 a.m. Shabbat Minchah study class with **Rabbi Sheldon Schwartz**. Sunday morning minyan, 8:30 a.m., 60 Rockford Rd. (behind Rockford Road Public School). **David**, 416-256-1600.

HEBREW CLASSES

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces registration is now open for fall courses for adults, teens and preteens in conversational Hebrew, all levels. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Dec. 18. Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Dec. 19. Thursdays, Sept. 13-Dec. 20. Fridays, Sept. 14-Dec. 21. **Joseph Klinger**, 416-787-0197.

SUPPORT GROUP

Support group for parents and families of lesbians and gays. For information call **Ruth**, 416-763-9111.

INTRO TO JUDAISM

Introduction to Judaism course begins Aug. 13. Open to all those considering the possibility of conversion to Judaism. Call Rabbinical Assembly, Ontario region (Conservative), 416-781-3514, ext. 46.

TISHA B'AV

Pride of Israel Synagogue Tisha b'Av services: Saturday, July 28:

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Shacharit 9 a.m.; Minchah, 8:30 p.m.; Ma'ariv, reading of the Megillah and Kinot begins 9:38 p.m. Sunday July 29: Shacharit and Kinot 9 a.m., Minchah, 6 p.m., Ma'ariv follows Minchah. Call 416-226-0111 for information.

HARBORD REUNION

Did you graduate from Harbord Collegiate in 1951? A 50th anniversary reunion, to take place on Oct. 4, is being planned. If you have not received an invitation, call **Debbie Cowitz**, 416-633-0115.

NISHMAT

Nishmat, the Jerusalem Centre for Advanced Jewish Study for Women presents its Seventh Annual Yarchei Kallah, July 24 - 26. Topic is The Book of Ruth: Women Shaping Destiny. Co-sponsored by Canadian Friends of Nishmat, Emunah Women of Toronto and Mekorot Institute of Torah Study for Women. Sessions will be held at Yeshivat Or Chaim, 159 Almore Ave., 9:15 to 12:15 p.m. Open to women of all backgrounds. Call 416-789-4883.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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DIABETES ASSOCIATION

Jewish chapter, Canadian Diabetes Association is looking for volunteers to be part of the executive. Volunteers will plan and execute the general meetings that offer support and education for people with diabetes. Call **Shirley**, 416-225-1989.

HEBREW CLASS

Canadian Zionist Federation presents daily Hebrew language studies, July 16-19 and July 23-26, 9:30-11:30 a.m., led by **Channa Sargon**. For information and registration, call CZF, 416-633-3988.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors presents To our Good Health, Thursday, July 26, Earl Bales Park Recreation Centre, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring lunch; fruit, desserts and drinks provided. Topic, volunteerism. Entertainment by Marvin Rosensheim. Members free, guests $3. Reservations a must. Phone **Goldie Leibman**, 416-635-2860.

Summer Learning Series for Seniors sponsored by Bernard Betel Centre, Ontario coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations, and continuing education department of Ryerson Polytechnic University. Wednesday, July 18, Becoming the Best You Can Be. Session held at Bernard Betel Centre. Registration limited. Register early. Call **Gisela Cote** 416-785-8570 or **Sandra Kerr** 416-979-5103.

Bloor JCC Seniors program presents a day at Camp Sunshine on Ward's Island, July 19. Live music, gentle nature walks, crafts and games. July 26, **Dr. Edmund Lipsitz** will show a video and give a talk about Boystown. Call 416-924-6211 for information.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to glatt kosher Raleigh Hotel in Catskills, Aug. 3-12. $1,425 includes tax, tips, reasonable medical, air-conditioned bus. Partners available. Call **Helen** 416-635-6343.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St., (B'nai Brith Building). July 19, Israeli video, July 26, bingo game. Call **Menachem Wallach**, 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Park sale July 15; presentation on Fire, Safety and Falls, Aug. 6, 10 a.m., club house; trip to Memphre Inn, Quebec, Aug. 14-17; bus trip to Casino Rama every Wednesday during July and August; bingo and bridge players wanted. 416-395-7881.

LZA Senior Citizens Club: Dance classes Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets still available for *Sound of Music*, Oct. 4 in Stratford. Call **Libby**, 416-782-2059 or the office, 416-630-9444. Seniors cultural club weekly meetings continue Tuesdays 10 a.m. in boardroom.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 416-225-2112.

Fun with Yiddish every second Thursday 10 a.m. **Bookie Kwart**, ext. 116.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speaking persons meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnic. July 17, lecture by **Yaen Vered** of Jewish National Fund; July 24, dance party, tickets on sale; July 31, sing-along with **Mickey Lewin**. For information on all programs, **Anna**, ext. 110.

Reiki treatments, Thursdays until Aug. 30, 1-3 p.m., Culture Room. $5 per treatment or $45 for nine treatments. Call ext. 105.

Arthritis management clinic, Thursdays, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Wellness Clinic. Call ext. 131.

Casino Rama, Thursday, July 19, includes buffet lunch and lake cruise. Details at ticket sales desk.

Writing Memoirs Workshop with **Gloria Temkin**, Wednesday, July 18, $10 members, $15 non-members. To register, call **Therese**, ext. 124. Space limited.

WAGMAN CENTRE

Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., 416-785-2500.

Casino night, Thursday, July 19, 5-7 p.m. Refreshments available for small charge. Call **Mara Swartz**, ext. 2275.

Bereavement group for those age 55 and over offers understanding about the issues of loss, loneliness, pain and healing. Next meeting Friday, July 27, 10-11:30 a.m. Check at service desk for room location.

Beginners bridge begins Monday, July 16 and runs for six weeks. Cost $36 members, $54 non-members. Call **Mara**, 416-785-2500, ext. 2275.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-636-1880.

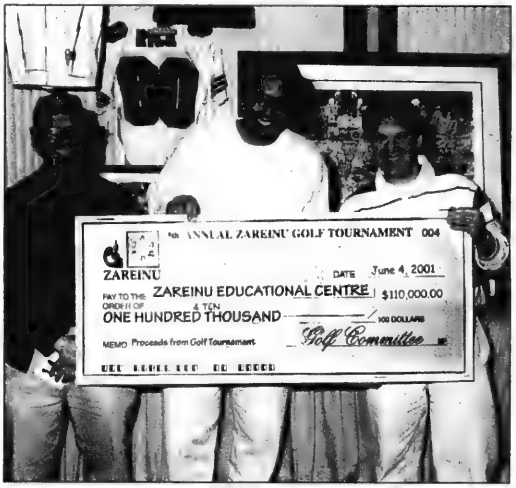
Limited nursery school spaces for September, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Monday to Friday. Limited Tic Tac Two Tuesday/Thursday spaces for Sept., 9:15-11:15 a.m.

July 15-Sept. 23: **Rafael Goldchain**: Field of Names, mural installation in the BJCC atrium. Photo-based mural deriving from the artist's family name search. Part of FLEX, an ongoing program of site-works and interventions. For information call ext. 380.

Fun with Yiddish, July 25, 1-2:30 p.m. facilitated by **Evelyn Yuditsky.** Call **Janet,** ext. 259.

Informal jazz concert with Fern Lindzon Jazz Trio, at Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets available at BJCC information desk. Adults $8, seniors and students $5.

During a recent field trip to the Lipa Green Building, Downtown Jewish School Grade 1 students were greeted by UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education director Seymour Epstein.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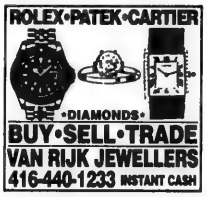

Homework Club helps unite communities

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Siham Kamal, 13, loves science and math. One day she wants to be a doctor.

During the school year, Siham and about 30 other Somali kids come down to the Duke of York Public School twice a week in the evenings to participate in the Jewish Somali Mentorship Program, a homework club.

For Siham and the other students it means being able to go to class the next day with homework prepared and the confidence that the work is correct. For many of the 20 mentors, it is a way to fulfil required high school volunteer hours in a productive and meaningful way.

Organized by Ve'ahavta: the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee, the East African Program for the Somali community in Regent Park, and Frontier College, the homework club brings together Somali schoolchildren with Jewish tutors, said Rachel Lasry of Ve'ahavta. This past year, there were 15 kids on a waiting list.

"The Somali children come from refugee camps and a country engaged in civil war," Neema Dahir said in an interview. She has been involved with the program for three years.

Many of these children are very bright kids who have fallen behind because of their circumstances. Their parents simply can't afford to help them, Dahir said.

In Regent Park – an area known for crime and drugs – the kids are committed to coming out and studying with the volunteers. If the kids miss too many classes, they are asked to leave.

Even in the winter, when it gets dark early, the children almost never miss a session, Dahir noted.

The program allows for positive role modelling, and for some kids it provides for male interaction. Even when they don't have homework, they come here for the relationships, Dahir added.

It's been three years since Alison Cohen has been coming down to help. On the way downtown she picks up high school kids from a pre-arranged meeting spot. Some are students at Mackenzie, others from Northern.

For all the tutors, "it's a real challenge teaching kids who have just arrived from Somalia," Cohen said. For example, "it's very hard to get them to connect to plays written by Shakespeare. There is a huge cultural divide."

"But the kids are amazing, they just soak up the knowledge."

A graduate of Forest Hill High School and City Academy, Shane Fenton, 18, has been participating in the program for the past two months.

"I've learned so much from the kids," Shane said. "After all they've been through, these kids are still so optimistic.

"They've learned to make the best of every situation. It's a great feeling to see how they apply themselves to their studies."

Alison Cohen works with Noel Amed.

Abdulah Kamarudin, Hassan Hassan and Jacob Morgan study together.

NEW ENDOWMENT FUND: The Jack Weinbaum Family Endowment Fund in Support of Jewish Teacher Education was recently established at York University's centre for Jewish studies. Seen are, standing from left: Carol Weinbaum's husband, Nigel Schuster, and Julia Koschitzky, chair of the advisory committee, centre for Jewish studies; seated, from left: Carol Weinbaum, Lorna R. Marsden, president of York University, and Allan Weinbaum.

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There will be no issue of *The CJN* next week

On Campus

McGill fellows return to Mideast to promote peace

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Israeli Sarit Zik says her face "turned red more than once" during the heated exchanges she had with her Arab colleagues in a McGill University visiting fellowship program that seeks to promote dialogue and lasting links between Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli (both Jewish and Arab) community workers.

Zik is one of the 10 fellows who arrived in Montreal last August for a year's study of graduate-level social work in the McGill Middle East Program in Civil Society and Peace Building (MMEP). The two-year program was launched four years ago to train a cadre of community workers dedicated to improving social conditions in their homelands and developing professional relations on a regional basis.

Over its four years, 25 other Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians have completed the program.

The fellows recently went back to Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority to complete the second year of the program. They will do field work at five "storefront" practice centres, modelled on Montreal's Project Genesis, located in low-income neighbourhoods in East and West Jerusalem, Beersheba, Nablus and Amman, applying the theory they learned at McGill. These centres, which are linked to universities and non-governmental organizations, help the disadvantaged take a more active role in improving their living conditions.

Zik, who worked with Arab citizens of Jaffa for three years, was nevertheless ill-prepared to share her anxieties over the violent conflict back home with "them."

Though it was emotionally draining, Zik calls the experience of studying side-by-side with her Arab neighbours "the most significant year of my life."

One month after the group's arrival, the intifadah broke out and Zik found herself amid people she perceived as "causing the problem."

Slowly, her thinking shifted from one of "us versus them," to a more common perspective on the conflict.

"Our dialogue raised significant questions about our own beliefs and values," she said at a "send-off" ceremony for the fellows. "It was not easy, but it was honest... I discovered we do not have to agree with one another, but we have to try to understand one another."

Zik thanked McGill for giving her and the other fellows the opportunity to get to know one another as equals, an impossibility in the Mideast because of the "psychological and political walls that divide us."

The camaraderie and affection among the fellows on their last day together was clearly genuine as they joked about surviving their first Canadian winter and weekend outings to the country home of professor Jim Torczyner, the MMEP's founder and guiding light.

Before leaving, Zik said she is going back with "the hope that things can be different." Now that she has gotten to know "the other side" and has made friends, she believes they can work together to "create a just, equal society that is a better place for all of us."

Palestinian Bilal Salameh, who was dean of students at An-Najah University in Nablus, agreed that this was a difficult year for Israelis and Palestinians to have to face one another so frankly.

"We are now building our state," he said. "Social justice can help our society and peace can be shared by all.

"Canada, with its cultural diversity, has given us an example of all people living and working together."

Ra'd Al Hadid of Jordan, who described himself as a dreamer, said he is going home determined to help fulfil the late King Hussein's dream of peace among the peoples of the region.

Al Hadid, who worked for the Red Crescent Society's refugee centre, quoted Shakespeare's reminder that that there is "a world outside our own." His time at McGill, he said, opened his eyes to that.

Senator Sheila Finestone, one of the program's staunchest supporters, brought a written message from international co-operation minister Maria Minna at the send-off.

Fellows of the McGill Middle East Program in Civil Society and Peace Building unfurl a 20-foot banner in a symbolic expression of their determination to stand together as Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians. Third from left in back row is Prof. Jim Torczyner. [Howard Kay photo]

Torczyner, just back from a month in Israel, the PA and Jordan, said that "despite their fear, anger and anguish, everyone there wants the violence to stop and [the] dialogue to start in order to find a way forward.

"These 10 people will bring back the values, goals and drive to their homelands to help that happen. The trust, friendship and collegiality that has grown among them will last. We have vowed that, whatever the situation, we will help them maintain those links."

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Cohen brothers celebrate special relationships

By HEATHER CHEIFETZ
Special to the CJN

WINDSOR — Forget Philadelphia. Windsor is truly the city of brotherly love.

Joe Cohen, 101, and his younger brother Sam, 95, are not only siblings who remain active in the Jewish community, they are also best friends.

Seniors Scene

"Some brothers, they fight over a penny," Sam says. "Not us. We get along very nice."

The two are inseparable, say family members who keep a close eye on the pair.

Meeting each day around 3 or 4 o'clock, Joe and Sam go for walks, attend exercise classes, have dinner or just sit and talk, with Sam inevitably finishing Joe's sentences.

"You have to speak up, I don't hear so good," Joe warns me at the start of the interview. "Any questions he doesn't answer, I'll answer for him," Sam says.

"After so many years, you'd think they would run out of things to say to each other," says Joe's son Morry, 71. "I once watched them talk non-stop during an eight-hour plane ride. It's amazing."

Living in the same apartment building also has its advantages. Joe admits that being directly above his brother is very convenient.

"I stomp on the floor when I want to tell him something," he laughs. "It's true!" Sam says.

Sam (left) and Joe Cohen

Born in 1900 in Karvasar, Russia, Joe was one of six children born to Moishe and Sarah Cohen. Sam was the youngest, born five years later.

Karvasar, which Joe compares to "East Windsor in the 1930s," was a shtetl of 7,500 families located just steps away from the larger city of Kamenets, Podolsk, close to the Romanian border.

Life was not easy for Jews in those times. Joe and Sam remember the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution being a temporary reprieve from the daily hostilities.

"When the local Bolshevik leader came in, for the Jews it was an open door," Joe recalls. "We could go to school, practice our religion; the pogroms had stopped. Many of the Jews were Bolsheviks."

But the respite didn't last long. Soon the Bolsheviks were overthrown (new regimes only lasted a few months before being overthrown themselves). After enjoying some measure of freedom, the Jews of Karvasar were terrified.

When Isaac, Moishe's eldest son, turned 21, Moishe sent both him and Joe to Romania to evade mandatory conscription into the Russian army. Joe stayed four years before immigrating to Canada. Isaac never left Romania.

After Sam turned 21, he also left Karvasar, joining his brother Joe in Canada.

Moishe died later of natural causes; the rest of their family were murdered in the Holocaust.

Joe settled first in Kenora, Sask., where he met Sophie Lewis. Sophie's parents had an uncle in Windsor, so when the young couple decided to marry, they moved there permanently. Sophie died of cancer nine years ago, after they had been married for 63 years.

For a few years when he first arrived, Sam shuffled between Yorkton, Sask., where he worked as a store clerk, and Winnipeg, where he worked in a factory, stitching mens' pants. After he married his "bashert" Millie, he decided to join Joe in Windsor.

The brothers started up separate grocery stores, with the same name, Ford Provision, "so we could advertise together," says Sam.

They both became active in the city's Jewish community. Joe is one of the original members of the Shaar Shomayim synagogue and past president of the congregation. In fact, Joe and Sophie were the very first couple to be married there.

Years later, as Joe and Sam became increasingly frustrated watching young boys discontinue their religious commitment after their bar mitzvahs were over, they started up a club called the Tefillin Club to encourage them to stay involved.

"We gave them a nice breakfast, took them to ball games – bribed them actually – and they learned," Sam says. At its peak, the Tefillin Club had 50 members.

But that was then. In the years since, community involvement has dwindled remarkably. This, say the brothers, is unfortunate.

"Sometimes we come in the morning to shul and there are only three or four people here, not even a minyan," Joe says. "We are losing a lot of members. It's too bad."

Yet Joe and Sam can always be counted on to join a minyan if they are needed, says Shaar Shomayim's cantor of eight years, David Neumark.

"The Cohens are held in high regard in the community, but if you're looking for their single, most significant contribution – that's it," Neumark says.

Four years ago, Joe broke his hip and needed surgery, but has since made a remarkable recovery.

Sam had bypass surgery when he was 85, he has had cancer of the bowel and he receives regular blood transfusions. But he, too, seems much younger than his 95 years.

"We always say, 'he has nine lives,'" says Sam's daughter Janet Rosenbaum, 64, a former professor of nursing at the University of Windsor.

Joe and Sam each have two children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren with whom they remain close. But, as their children say, Joe and Sam's relationship is unique.

"They have a very special bond," Janet says. "It's funny, sometimes I feel like we switch roles. When I go for a walk with my dad, I hold onto him, but when he walks with my Uncle Joe, he holds onto my dad!"

Though their families bring them care packages regularly, both brothers still love to cook for each other despite their age. Brisket, hamburgers, meatloaf and perogies are some of Sam's specialties.

"Joe eats everything, but I am very particular," Sam says.

"Sam talks more than I do," Joe shoots back.

It's comforting, if at times strange for their children that even at their age, Joe and Sam never stop being "parents."

At 71, Morry sometimes still feels like a little boy.

"Every night at nine o'clock when he gets home from Sam's, my dad calls me to say 'good night,'" he laughs. "He keeps me young."

The Cohen brothers have always been close, but have become even more so since their wives passed away.

"My dad was devastated when my mother died," Morry says. "But he still talks to her. He wakes up every morning and says, 'Good Morning, Sophie.' 'I'm having eggs for breakfast, Sophie.' When he goes to shul, he puts his hand on her plaque and wishes her a good Shabbat."

Sam's wife Millie died just last year, after 67 years of wedded bliss.

"Look at her picture," Sam beams, pointing to the wall of his apartment, filled with photos and portraits of his family. "Isn't she beautiful?"

Last year, Windsor's Jewish community came out to celebrate Joe's 100th birthday at the synagogue. Even Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray made an appearance.

"Everybody wants to know what's the secret to a long life," says Joe. "So, I'll tell you. Write it down. 'You choose for yourself the life that you want to live. Choose your path. Then don't worry so much.'"

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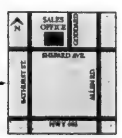

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Coast to Coast

Richler was proud of Jewish heritage: Steinberg

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King said Richler seemed to sometimes go out of his way to offend.

"I remember he spoke at an important community function years ago where there were two head tables. The theme of his talk was how ridiculous head tables were. That angered many people for whom being at the head table was important."

King thinks Richler, in his writing, was "bluntly realistic" but sometimes "deliberately provocative," veering into areas that "smacked of anti-Semitism"in an attempt to "titillate."

Friend and drinking buddy Irwin Steinberg explained that Richler actually "just had little patience with the pretensions of certain people."

Steinberg said Richler was very proud of his Jewish heritage and cared about the community. He believes Richler had a high ethical standard that stemmed from his family's rabbinical background and that he expected people to live up to the Jewish teachings he was raised with.

Barbara Kay, former president of the Jewish Public Library and Jewish Book Month chair, admitted she had mixed feelings about Richler for many years, but in the end thought of him with affection and recognized his greatness.

"I've loved him and hated him at times," said Kay, an avid Richler reader. "I used to feel he was motivated less by the satirical impulse than by a personal need to exact revenge on his community… He didn't seem to have the detachment for great literary achievement."

Kay found the "venom and vitriol" in *Solomon Gursky Was Here* especially "gratuitous" in portraying the community, yet she loved *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, despite the stereotypical anti-hero.

"I appreciated him more when he changed the target of his attacks to the Quebec nationalists, but even then I sort of winced," she said.

His last major novel, *Barney's Version*, was his "most mature" work, she said, and came to represent the author's own "mellowing."

"I felt a tremendous pang when I heard he died… In the end, I had come to think of him as someone in the family, someone who could be exasperating, but whose loss has diminished us."

Retired Concordia University English literature professor Mervin Butovsky thinks those who regard Richler as anti-Semitic are "silly."

"His writing comprises the epoch of the immigrant Jews in Montreal. It is the story of how we came to be who we are and the process by which we came to the identity we now have."

Richler, he said, was an astute observer of how these "uncultured people, with rough exteriors, caught up in a world that largely rejected them, slowly made it to positions of comfort and often power… His characters embody the tensions of his generation as it moved from traditional Jewish life to what North America had to offer."

Butovsky, who believes *St. Urbain's Horseman* was Richler's best, thinks that in his last years the author was trying to reconcile with the Jewish community.

He recalled a lecture Richler gave at McGill University 1½ years ago, sponsored by the Jewish studies program, in which he spoke "without bombast or barbs or insults.

"He looked back with deep feeling at his past and how he had made his life, alluding to the trials he had suffered in separating himself from the community."

Norman Ravvin, director of Concordia's Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies, said his impression was also that Richler was "performing more carefully" during that talk than usual. He compared Richler to American novelist Philip Roth who also broke ground depicting Jewish life "honestly, if not politely," without fear of what anyone would think.

"Richler was taking risks in his writing that the community in the '50s and '60s was not ready to take," Ravvin said. "Like Roth, Richler paid the price."

But in recent years, he said, Richler's reputation as a "bad boy" was fading. With the publication of the scathing non-fiction work *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec!* almost 10 years ago, Richler found new respect among his previous critics in the Jewish community because his political views concurred with their own.

The most serious schism between Richler and the organized Jewish community came following his scathing 1991 article in the *New Yorker* in which he excoriated Quebec nationalists and left the impression that their attitude to Jews had changed little since the 1930s.

Richler was infuriated when Canadian Jewish Congress, in response to the clamour from offended francophones, responded that he was overstating the case and that today's nationalists should not be equated with the rabid followers of Lionel Groulx decades ago. Richler dismissed CJC as "court Jews."

Frank Schlesinger, then chair of CJC's community relations committee, recalled a four-hour lunch he and three other CJC officials had with the author. By the end, the best that could be said was the two sides "agreed to disagree."

"Richler went ballistic," Schlesinger said. "He said how dare we condemn him or tell him what he had a right to say. But we had not done that. CJC was besieged by French Quebecers wanting to know if we agreed with the *New Yorker* article. There was a perception he was speaking for the Jewish community. To be silent would have appeared to be endorsing his views. We did believe that, though anti-Semitism still existed, Quebec had evolved a great deal since the '30s and '40s. It's a shame it had to be such a nasty exchange."

In retrospect, though, Schlesinger said that perhaps this public airing was "healthy" because it forced Quebecers to look at their past and stimulated debate.

As for Richler's fiction, Schlesinger counts himself as a fan.

"He was not shy about criticizing everybody, including Jews. But there is no question he was a great author and put the Montreal Jewish community on the world stage. A lot of those who criticize him did not read what he wrote.

"He was just too abrasive to be embraced as 'a son of the Jewish community.'"

Jack Jedwab, who was also at that marathon meal, said he liked Richler a lot more afterward than before, even though Richler called him a "flack."

"I left with the impression he was a very decent person," Jedwab said. "He told us he did it [the article] for the community. He knew the frustration a lot felt at seeing the community decline. It saddens me thinking about it now."

The official tribute from CJC was polite; Richler is praised as a great Canadian and literary figure:

"Mordecai Richler was in his own way a true egalitarian; no one, including himself, was spared his sardonic wit and his brilliant acerbic humour. His unique portrait of immigrant society and Canadian Jewry is an enduring literary legacy to the world.

"His fearless portrayals of various sectors of society were driven by an intense passion and love for Montreal, Quebec and Canada."

Fireworks expected in Durban

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B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights (and chair of a national advisory committee to Fry), and Keith Landy, president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

While Mock is hopeful that the harsh language relating to Israel will be struck or deferred before the conference starts, Landy feels it will make it to Durban.

"There's general skepticism that it will be defeated before the conference," said Landy, who had just returned from a conference in London called by Israel's deputy foreign minister, Michael Melchior, to discuss the proposals. "I think it will make it to the conference agenda, and there's a better chance [it will be defeated] by hard bargaining at the last minute."

Mock said the language of the draft is almost unchanged from the inflammatory rhetoric that emanated from the Asian regional prepcom held in Tehran earlier this year. The wording on Zionism especially "is outrageous. I can't imagine they would allow such language to stay in. We will work very hard to lobby states to see to it that it's removed.

"I'm going to remain optimistic that we have a strong enough lobby to remove some of the most contentious language in Geneva."

Mock said past prepcoms have tried to achieve consensus among interested parties, failing which individual resolutions may be "bracketed," meaning they will still be up for negotiation in Durban.

Over the past few weeks, Mock has distributed to UN member states and NGOs (non-governmental organizations) a detailed paper that explores popular misconceptions about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, authored by Canadian human rights expert David Matas. Mock was also instrumental in forming a so-called Jewish caucus, comprised of a dozen Jewish NGOs from Canada, Europe and the United States. In a recent statement, the caucus warned that including anti-Israel rhetoric in any document endorsed by the Durban conference "would be a tremendous blow to the anti-racism cause."

The following draft clauses, which came out of the last prepcom in Geneva, held May 21 to June 1, relate to Israel and Zionism, as reported in the July 4 *Jerusalem Post:*

- Clause 25, listed in a section titled "Ethnic cleansing, genocide, slavery, and similar crimes," reads: "We affirm that a foreign occupation founded on settlements, its laws based on racial discrimination, with the aim of continuing domination on the occupied territory, as well as its practices, which consist of reinforcing a total military blockade, isolating towns, cities, and villages under occupation from each other, totally contradict the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and constitute a serious violation of international human rights and humanitarian law, a new kind of apartheid, a crime against humanity and a serious threat to international peace and security."
- Clause 29, in a section entitled "Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance," refers to the Holocaust and to "ethnic cleansing of the Arab population in historic Palestine." There are also references to "racial discrimination against the Palestinians as well as other inhabitants of the Arab occupied territories" and a call for the cessation of such practices.
- Clause 55 reflects concern at the worldwide increase in anti-Semitism and "the increase of racist practices of Zionism… as well as the emergence of racial and violent movements based on racism and discriminatory ideas, in particular, the Zionist movement, which is based on racial superiority."

UN Conference on Racism

Landy, who was joined by 60 Jewish leaders from around the world at the meeting called by Melchior to discuss the draft resolutions and how to lobby against them, was hesitant to call on Canada to boycott the Durban conference.

"It depends on how outrageous the final declaration will be. If the language is so bad as to make a mockery of the conference, then we would want Canada to leave. It's important for us to be there, but there may be an advantage to walking away once we're there."

The United States has said it would boycott the conference if it descended into a polemic against Israel. In March, Canada said boycotting was an option. While Ottawa is not discounting a boycott, it is now hinting that attending is preferable.

"While we believe that engagement is the correct approach in most instances, we will decide on the form and level of Canadian participation once we have a clear understanding of what the conference's outcomes might be," foreign affairs spokesperson Michael O'Shaughnessy told *The CJN.*

Canada, he said, "will continue to participate in UN preparatory meetings and work towards a forward-looking global commitment to eradicating the scourges of racism and racial discrimination."

As for the anti-Zionist clauses, Canada, in past prepcoms, has "strongly maintained its position that any linkages between Zionism and racism are unacceptable. Canada has been supporting language that would clearly identify and condemn both anti-Semitism and Islamophobia as racism."

Hamilton synagogue becomes earth-friendly

By JULIA KOLLEK
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — A Hamilton synagogue has taken an earth-friendly step this summer. Temple Anshe Sholom has decided to stop spraying chemicals on its gardens and to instead use alternative measures to keep the grounds looking attractive.

Norm Weddum, board president, says that for many years the temple hired a commercial garden company to use fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides. The board asked for a report on pesticide use to be drawn up after a parent complained.

"There are three schools using the temple," Weddum says. "The temple supplementary school, a preschool and a day school, and as we know, children prefer running across a lawn to walking on the path. There were valid concerns raised, and we did not want to take the chance of having our kids exposed to any unnecessary health risks."

This is not the first time the temple has looked at environmental issues. About three years ago, a study was conducted on the cleaning products and even the type of toilet paper being used. As a result, foam cups were no longer bought for meetings and functions – paper cups or the temple's own crockery were used instead. And while keeping an eye on costs, the temple considered eco-friendly cleaning products available on the market.

To find out more about the effect of using lawn chemicals, two of the temple's committees, the lawn and garden and the social action committee, were asked to prepare a report to the board.

Sari Ackerman was one of the members involved in planning the research. Despite the fact that she is a committed environmentalist, Ackerman stresses that the group was careful to present an objective report.

"There were several steps in our report," she says. "The first part was to find out what exactly was being used on the lawn. It was treated four times a year using fairly standard chemicals. These included a urea-based fertilizer, herbicides such as 24D and Par3 to deal with dandelions and crabgrass, and Diazinon was sprayed if needed to control slugs and insects."

As Ackerman and her team discovered, all these chemicals are legal for use in Canada, as stated in the Pest Control Act. The chemicals were being sprayed by a licensed company "and we had to assume they were being used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations."

Ackerman began looking critically into the product-testing process. She found that tests conducted by the chemical manufacturers themselves focused only on the active ingredient. Each chemical was tested individually, so the combined effect of bringing several together – the reality on the ground – was not studied. Recommended levels for use were measured for safe exposure to healthy adult males – not children.

The temple's research also found that the Canadian medical community has voiced concern over the effect of pesticides on children's health, and that there has been a call for more independent research to be carried out. As children are smaller and lower to the ground, they are more exposed to breathing in garden chemicals that could result in respiratory problems.

Other general concerns were that with underdeveloped nervous and immune systems, children may be more vulnerable to chemical exposure.

In addition, Ackerman says, "We needed to ask ourselves whether our current actions were consistent with Judaic tradition. The next step was to find Jewish sources to look at our relationship with the land."

The final step of the research was to see what was happening in schools and public parks in the region. Ackerman found that the municipality had stopped spraying several years ago because of health concerns, legal liability and cost. Grassy areas were simply cut. The same was true for grounds at cemeteries.

"With all this, the big question in my mind was were we going to find a viable alternative?" Ackerman says.

"The benefits of spraying had been a beautiful appearance and the cost was reasonable – only $300 for the season. It was labour-saving; were people going to be willing to dig up any weeds we found?"

The alternative route was to look at prevention rather than intervention. If the soil could be nourished and a strong healthy lawn created to compete with the weeds, there would be no need to spray. The report included gardening suggestions, such as optimum watering times, the need for lawn aeration and the advantage of over-seeding if necessary.

When the report was finally presented, the decision to stop spraying was unanimously accepted, and discussion extended to the maintenance of the temple cemetery in a separate part of the city where the property is still chemically treated.

Ackerman and her team were pleased with the response.

"I think the board was ready to make that commitment," Ackerman says. "One board member even offered to pay the difference if the switch was going to cost more. But in the end, the cost will be about the same."

Now gardeners come once a week to cut the grass and check the grounds.

"It's great not to smell the chemicals and to see kids running across the lawn, and not be worrying about health risks."

Struggle for the Alliance's soul

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Perception in politics not only shapes reality, it is reality. Even hardened political pundits have to sit back and watch in wonder as two competing perceptions fight for support in the struggle for the very soul of the Canadian Alliance. Let me explain this latest saga of the "one hand and the other."

Fifteen months ago or so, Reformers realized that they could not wrest power away from the Liberals unless the party somehow packaged itself in a way that could attract serious support in the one province that serves as home to one-in-three Canadians… Ontario. For some Reformers, that realization went one step further. Preston Manning, the super-bright but distant politician who simply could not connect with people who favoured penny-loafers over cowboy boots, had to be replaced with a more accessible face.

Thus was born the Canadian Alliance and its new-found, photogenic, energetic, quasi-bilingual leader, Stockwell Day.

Master politician that he is, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien was virtually alone in recognizing the acute vulnerability of the fledgling party and its unseasoned leader. So, against all advice – and conventional wisdom – he called an election and overwhelmed the opposition.

Day never had a chance. His inexperienced team and his own unfamiliarity with the nuances of federal politics prevented him from ever hitting his stride – both during and since the election. Nor did the passive-aggressive attitude of the Manning loyalists within caucus help the cause. It is almost as if Day's "obituary" notice was prepared on the same day as the announcement of his birth as leader of the Alliance. Seen in this light, it is hard not to feel some compassion for the man.

Now shift the camera to Deborah Grey's recent media conference where she formally broke with the Alliance caucus. This courageous school teacher, who became involved in politics twelve years ago only because she felt that her hopes and interests were being ignored, endured the loneliness of being the sole Reform Party MP for years. She saw the party grow in popularity and its agenda of fiscal responsibility become the universal battle-cry (even of the ruling Liberals). She saw the need to reach out to the eastern half of the country and gamely accepted the democratic process that denied her mentor and political "father," Manning, the leadership of the vehicle that could help him realize the populist dream.

But Grey also saw a bunch of superficial "Johnny-come-lately's" fritter away their chances, rob the party of any credibility and betray the principles of openness and democracy within caucus. In her mind, she did not leave caucus; the caucus left her.

So who's got it right? In the next issue of *The CJN*, I'll try to answer that question… as disturbing as the answer may be.

Senator dead at 84

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sidney Labe Buckwold, Saskatoon's first and only Jewish mayor, was also Western Canada's first Jewish senator.

Having acquired a taste for community service as a student in the Young Judaea movement (where he met his wife Clarice), Buckwold went on to take an active role in the Jewish and general community. He died June 27 of a heart attack at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. He was 84.

The son of Russian immigrants, Buckwold was born in Winnipeg and raised in Saskatoon. After graduating from McGill University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1936, he joined the family business, Buckwold's Limited, a wholesale drygoods distributing firm that is now a six-city floor covering business run by his two nephews. During World War II, he served in the Royal Canadian Army, attaining the rank of captain.

Buckwold remained active in the family business following his retirement in 1991 after 20 years as a senator, during which time he commuted weekly to Ottawa. The afternoon before his death, he played golf with a friend.

His political career dates back to 1953 when he was elected an alderman. He served as Saskatoon mayor for 11 years, from 1958 to 1963 and 1967 to 1971.

As a senator, Buckwold's service included stints as chair of the Canadian National Committee of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, co-chair of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on Employer-Employee Relations in the Public Service, and Government Whip.

Among his many voluntary positions, Buckwold served as regional chair of the Zionist Organization of Canada, president of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, chairman of the board of St. Paul's Hospital, and as a director of many large Canadian companies. He was also a Negev Dinner honoree.

"He was definitely a figure in the Jewish community," said Buckwold's son-in-law Arnie Shaw, speaking last week from Saskatoon, which has a Jewish community of about 150 families.

"He was very instrumental in 1967, raising funds for the Six-Day War campaign. He was involved in the building of the [Agudas Israel] synagogue where it's currently located, and was honorary vice-president until his passing."

Among the numerous honours listed in his biography, Buckwold was installed as an officer of the Order of Canada in 1995 and named as an "honorary Indian chief" for his role in bringing the 1971 Canada Winter Games to Saskatoon.

In eulogies at his funeral, family members recalled Buckwold's sense of humour, devotion to his family, and skill as a storyteller and public speaker (evident in his youth on school and Young Judaean debating teams).

Buckwold is survived by Clarice, his wife of 61 years; son Jay and daughter Judy Baillie, both of Vancouver, and daughter Linda Shaw of Saskatoon; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his two brothers Alvin and Seymour.

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Schroeder tells Sharon he won't buck EU policy

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

PARIS — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon arrived in Paris last Thursday night for meetings with French President Jacques Chirac, after spending the first part of the day in Germany in meetings with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Sharon also visited the infamous Track 17 of Grunewald Station, a former freight depot where more than 50,000 Berlin Jews were loaded on deportation trains during World War II. Nearly all died in Nazi death camps.

At a joint press conference, Sharon called Germany's positions on the Middle East "balanced," and indicated he would accept German diplomatic efforts in the region, but Schroeder quickly noted that Berlin has to stick to the agreed-upon European Union policies.

Sharon made the brief trip to Germany and France as part of what he called a public-relations campaign to convey Israel's position and to seek European pressure on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to enforce a ceasefire.

At the joint press conference, Schroeder and Sharon were friendly, but clearly differed on a number of issues. The German chancellor said that it was time to start implementing the Mitchell Committee report, saying that "we emphasized that this is the time to start the first stage."

Sharon, on the other hand, demanded "a total halt to all the terror actions, the violence and the incitement" before beginning a countdown to the start of the Mitchell framework.

At the end of the press conference, which followed the working session, Schroeder said that Germany wants to see more "flexibility" by Israel on the settlement issue, which did not come up in their working session.

That session was devoted in large part to discussions about German efforts to help arrange a prisoner swap that would free at least three kidnapped Israeli soldiers in the hands of the Hezbollah, and dozens of Lebanese held by Israel.

But on the crisis with the Palestinians, Sharon stuck to his demands of Arafat.

"It's not up to us to pick the leader of the Palestinian Authority, but there is a problem with his behaviour, which has to change, of manipulations and maneuverings. Arafat has not ceased the incitement and did not order terror suspects arrested. Pressure has to be applied on him, isolating him, which is the only way he will act against terror."

He called on European leaders to "stop dancing around Arafat," but he also denied a report last week in *Ma'ariv* that he had ordered the army to prepare to topple Arafat through military means.

When Schroeder asked Sharon, "When will you know when it's quiet?", Sharon answered with the same reply he gave U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell: "When a mortar is fired, you hear it. Yesterday [last Wednesday] there were 58 hand grenades thrown. That's also visible."

Schroeder also asked about a mechanism for an observer force to supervise the ceasefire. Sharon explained there are contacts between the commanders on the ground and there is a security co-ordination committee that includes the Americans. "But we oppose international observers," he said.

Sharon also warned Germany about the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the hands of Iran and Iraq, and he attacked Syrian President Bashar Assad for his recent anti-Semitic comments to the Pope.

At the old train platform, now a Holocaust memorial in Berlin, Sharon said that "Israel's right to self-defence is a great right and a great duty flowing from the death of 6 million Jews in the Holocaust. This is the right of the Jewish people."

Sharon also met with Belgian Foreign Minister Louis Michel, whose country holds the European Union presidency for the next six months. Sharon had cancelled a planned stop in Brussels, because of a war crimes investigation there related to the massacre of Palestinians at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in 1982.

Michel told Sharon that his government is "embarrassed" by the investigation, and said that the Belgian prime minister would like to visit Israel to explain the matter. Sharon said the prime minister would be welcome.

"The investigation is a problem of justice and not a problem of politics," Michel said before meeting Sharon.

Michel also offered Sharon EU assistance in achieving stability and quiet in the region. Sharon said that Europe needs a balanced policy regarding the Middle East.

"Meanwhile," he added, "you can help with economic development and if you are interested in a peace process and stability, massive pressure on Arafat to stick to the ceasefire would help."

Later, Sharon said to reporters that while the EU in general is not balanced in its policies towards Israel, there are two European countries he thinks do have balanced positions on the Middle East – Germany and Britain.

Belgium to change human rights law

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

BRUSSELS — Belgium plans to amend a controversial law that allows courts to prosecute foreign officials for human rights abuses committed abroad, said Johannes Thuy, a Justice Ministry spokesperson.

The law threatens to overburden Belgium's justice system and jeopardize its diplomacy, said Thuy.

The revised law would contain a "filter" to increase the threshold for applying the law to avoid "everybody prosecuting everybody," he said.

One option under consideration is suspending the admissibility of a complaint filed against a head of state, prime minister or government minister until after he or she leaves office, Thuy said.

The initiative comes after a Belgian judge opened an investigation of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for his alleged connection with massacres at Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon in 1982.

Foreign Minister Louis Michel, who was in Berlin to represent the European Union (EU) in talks with Sharon last week, took the initiative to change the law.

"I didn't raise it. He raised it," Sharon said on his flight from Berlin to Paris.

"He said it had severely embarrassed them and they are trying to find a way to end the embarrassment."

Sharon reiterated an invitation to the EU's Belgian presidency to visit Israel in the coming months.

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UN admits it has videotape of soldiers' kidnap

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JERUSALEM — Defence Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer announced last week that United Nations officials acknowledged the existence of a videotape containing information on the kidnapping of three IDF soldiers by Hezbollah guerrillas at Har Dov on October 7, 2000.

Israeli security sources suspect the tape has scenes recorded immediately after the abduction. In a strongly worded letter, the government demanded that the UN immediately transfer it to Israel.

Israeli officials had insisted for months that the cassette existed, but the UN had adamantly rejected the claim. According to Ben-Eliezer, information about its existence was leaked from New York.

While it is still unclear what the recording contains, two pictures showing UN tow trucks removing two vehicles used by the Hezbollah guerrillas during the kidnapping were shown last week on both Israeli television news channels.

The pictures were acquired by Shlomi Afrayat, owner of Topline in Kiryat Shmona, who has worked for months to make contact with the persons responsible for the recording. Afrayat is not in possession of the original tape.

"The scene was taped 18 hours after the abduction of the three soldiers," said Timor Goksel, spokesman for UNIFIL (UN interim force in Lebanon) peacekeepers in south Lebanon.

"It contains footage of abandoned vehicles the Iran-backed Hezbollah guerrillas used in the attack," Goksel said. "Inside the vehicles, UN peacekeepers found UN insignia, uniforms and license plates along with weapons and explosives."

Ben-Eliezer said that for months the Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs insisted that a video recording existed. As recently as June 28, Ben-Eliezer told senior UN representative in the region, Terje Larsen, during their meeting that there was a tape. Larsen angrily insisted that there wasn't. The meeting was tense.

"On Friday [last week] the same senior representative [Larsen] called me and to my amazement said, 'There is a tape!' He was very apologetic. I told him, 'I am asking that this tape be sent to us,'" Ben-Eliezer said.

"The tape may shed light on the circumstances surrounding the incident [the abduction]," he added, referring to security service assessments that the same soldier also recorded scenes of the actual attack.

The UN position near the area of the attack is manned by members of the Indian battalion. UN officers and officials insisted that the soldiers at the position did not witness the attack because they took cover immediately after an anti-armour missile was fired at the IDF patrol vehicle. However, Israeli security officials suspect that the UN soldiers witnessed the attack and may have turned a blind eye to Hezbollah preparations to carry it out.

The Defence Minister adds that he sent a letter to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, in co-ordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in which he asked that the cassette be sent to Israel.

He also said he told the families of the three soldiers about the tape. The families reacted with surprise and frustration, also demanding that the UN submit it to Israeli authorities.

Israeli Prime Minister with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in New York last month. [RNS Reuters photo]

UN sources insisted that Annan was unaware of the existence of the tape until recently. Nonetheless, a senior official at the Middle East desk of the UN spokesman's office refused to comment on Ben-Eliezer's request.

Diplomatic sources at the UN said that the issue of the tape is embarrassing for Annan. "For some time, and on all levels, the United Nations denied the existence of the tape, while Israel claimed that it existed," said one source. "Now it appears that there is a tape and it is not clear what is on it."

However, in recent meeting with Israeli leaders, including Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the secretary general has expressed genuine concern regarding the fate of the four kidnapped Israelis, and promised to continue his efforts to get information regarding their condition and gain their release.

The condition of the soldiers is one of the details which Israeli security analysts hope to ascertain by close examination of the tape. Blood stains were found at the scene of the attack and in the destroyed IDF patrol car, suggesting that the three soldiers were injured during the raid. However, it is still uncertain what kind of injuries they sustained, and Hezbollah has refused to comment on their condition.

Arrow units practice on Syrian Scud launch

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — A Syrian army exercise last week that included the launch of a Scud missile provided IDF anti-ballistic missile experts with the opportunity to test almost all aspects of the Arrow anti-ballistic missile defence system using the Green Pine radar system.

According to IDF sources, the Green Pine radar system detected the Syrian launch from the time the Scud took off, and followed it on its 300-kilometre route until it landed in the Syrian desert. The sources likened the events to "almost real-time conditions" for testing the Arrow system – without actually launching the missile.

Green Pine was designed to pick up indications of missile launches from all over the Middle East, including Iraq and Iran. According to security sources, Green Pine has doubled the amount of early warning time to Israel in the event of a missile attack from three minutes to six.

While the Arrow was partially funded by the U.S., the Green Pine radar system, a huge 12-metre by four-metre panel carried on a truck, is Israeli made and financed. Development began at Elta in 1992, and in 1995, a first prototype was stationed experimentally at an air force base. Three Arrow launchers have been equipped with Green Pine radar systems. Recently, the Green Pine was presented outside Israel for the first time at the Paris Air Show. The system has been sold to India.

The Syrians have 260 ground-to-ground missiles and 44 launchers, according to the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. Israeli sources say the Syrian missiles include Scud Bs, SS21s and Scud Cs. They are now trying to develop their own version of the Scud D, which would have a range of 700 kilometres.

CORRECTION

In the story "Remembrances of Tunisia 34 years ago" (*CJN*, June 28), the quote by the superintendent trying to protect the Jewish residents was incorrect. It should have read: "There are no Jews in this building, only Italians." We regret the error.

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Ron Arad was alive in '93: Syrian journalist

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Nizar Nayuf, the Syrian journalist and human rights activist who was recently released from prison after serving for nine years, has claimed that Israeli airman Ron Arad, missing since 1986, was alive until at least 1993.

"I have information about the fate of the Israeli navigator Arad, which confirms that he was alive from the moment his plane went down (in Lebanon) on October 16, 1986 until August 7, 1993," Nayuf told the London-based *Al-Hayyat* newspaper.

But Nayuf said he would not release the information until Israel frees "17 Syrians from the Golan who are being held in Israeli jails, and until it releases information on 600 Syrians captured during the 1967 and 1973 wars who were killed in the enemy's prisons."

A few days after his release from jail, Nayuf, 40, vowed he would release information that would compromise the Syrian leadership. Responding to the journalist's apparent intention to disclose details about Arad which he compiled before his arrest in 1992, Syrian's intelligence service re-arrested Nayuf two weeks ago. He was released 30 hours later.

Last month, as Syria's President Bashar Assad visited Paris, Nayuf claimed in the Lebanese newspaper *A-Nahar* that between 13,000 and 17,000 prisoners have died in Syrian jails and are buried in common graves in the desert.

Nayuf, who is partially paralyzed and vision-impaired, complained that the Syrian regime was stopping him from receiving medical treatment overseas. In Paris, Assad announced that the journalist can leave the country.

July 2

• Two Israelis were killed by Palestinian gunmen in separate incidents, one in the Hebron hills, the other near Tulkarm.

• Following an inspection of the building, dangerous cracks were discovered in the pillars and walls of the Knesset building.

July 3

• An Israeli wounded in a Palestinian terrorist massacre in 1974 plans to sue Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat in the International War Crimes Tribunal at The Hague. Haim Asulin plans to seek $1 billion in compensation for the families of the victims of the Ma'alot massacre.

July 4

• The IDF agreed to postpone for an additional two weeks the evacuation of the Einav outpost, until the end of the 30-day memorial period for Doron Zisserman, who was shot to death by Palestinians on June 18 at the site.

July 5

• There was uproar in the Knesset as members came close to fisticuffs during a speech in which Hadash MK Isam Mahoul attacked "the Taleban government" of Ariel Sharon and vowed to bring hundreds of volunteers to form an international peace brigade in the territories.

July 6

• Fifty-three buildings in Jerusalem are tottering on the brink of collapse. Another 249 Jerusalem buildings currently pose safety risks, and dozens more buildings in the capital are potential threats to human life, according to a report compiled by the Jerusalem municipality's transportation and engineering planning authority.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

Groups prepare for Israel-bashing at UN conference

By SHARON SADEH
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The UN World Conference on Racism set for Durban, South Africa, in September is being billed as the most important human rights event of the year, but it is rapidly evolving into a world forum to blast Israel for racism, anti-Arabism and violating Palestinian human rights, according to Canadian parliamentarian Irwin Cotler, a leading international expert on human rights.

Cotler took part in an emergency meeting of 60 representatives from Jewish organizations and Israeli agencies – including deputy foreign minister Rabbi Michael Melchior – in London this week, under the auspices of the Jewish Board of Deputies. The meeting discussed how to deal with what Melchior called the "anti-Semitism in new clothes" the conference is expected to indulge in.

Drafts of resolutions prepared for the conference at preliminary planning sessions in Geneva and Tehran earlier this year depict Israel as a racist state that systematically discriminates against Arabs.

They call on Israel to repeal "laws based on racial discrimination, like the Law of Return and the policy of forceful occupation that prevents uprooted Palestinian refugees from returning to their homes and property," Cotler said.

"The draft resolutions emphasize the illegality of the settlements and depict Israel as a country where laws are based on racial discrimination aimed at continuing control over occupied territory … a violation of internationally recognized human rights… a new form of apartheid, a crime against humanity and a real threat to international peace and security."

Cotler said "advancing and protecting human rights is the new fashion that should be perceived as a new civic-secular religion that dictates policymakers in the West. If Israel is perceived as the absolutely evil violator of human rights, as the Palestinians and Muslim states are trying to do, Israel will end up the 'anti-Christ' of our age."

Noting that the old phraseology equating Zionism with racism failed among the anti-Israeli forces, Cotler said the new rhetoric makes use of catchwords that "hit the target of the moral positions of decision-makers in the West… For example, the connection between the loaded term 'occupation' and the term 'illegal' is a hint that Israel takes steps similar to those taken by the Nazis."

Cotler is particularly concerned because, he said, Israel has not done enough to counter Palestinian propaganda. "The Palestinians have exploited Israel's silence during diplomatic negotiations, to draft and distribute a grave indictment. While the Oslo process was proceeding apace, Israel was silent in the face of Palestinian declarations in international forums about harm done to Palestinians by Israel. That silence was interpreted in the world as an Israeli admission, and some basic truths about Israel and its rights as a democracy were undermined."

Cotler also warns that even if Israel ignores the Durban conference, the Belgian investigation into the viability of a legal proceeding against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for his role in the Sabra and Shatilla massacres of 1982 "will be but the tip of the iceberg in the legal proceedings that could take place against Israel, let alone the harm that could be done to vital Israeli and Jewish interests."

Melchior admitted that Israel has not been prepared for the significance of developments in international law regarding human rights. "The government did not identify the significance of these developments and the ramifications that no government will be able to avoid.

"But that's changing, because now we understand we are in an existential struggle. They are trying to paint Israel as an enemy of human rights, as a the new apartheid state."

World Jewish Congress director Israel Singer, who also took part in the emergency session, said Israel and the Jewish communities would work together to present a "joint Jewish position and fight for our right to our rights. We certainly won't turn the other cheek."

CTV report 'romanticizes' Barghouti

Early July saw an interesting contrast in two profiles of Palestinian militia leader Marwan Barghouti.

On CTV's National News (July 1), the lead-in to a report about Barghouti stated that "Israeli intelligence is targeting Palestinian activists it holds responsible for attacks on Israeli civilians. CTV's Middle East correspondent Rodney Palmer spent the day with one man believed to be on the Israeli hit list."

The brief, introductory mention of "attacks on Israeli civilians" is the sole but inadequate reference to the tremendous violence that Israelis have endured at the hands of Palestinian "activists" like Barghouti. Palmer tells us that "the Israelis believe he's responsible for an armed militia," although it is a matter of record, not Israel's "belief," that Barghouti is the Fatah leader in the West Bank and head of the Tanzim, its armed militia.

Palmer gives no hint of the violence against Israelis and others that Barghouti has perpetrated. Nor is there any mention that Shin Bet security service has charged Barghouti with being personally responsible for the murder of a Greek Orthodox monk who was shot near Jerusalem on June 12, apparently mistaken for an Orthodox Jew. Barghouti, it is alleged, approved the murder and provided the weapons for it, although he has denied any involvement.

Palmer displays not even a trace of skepticism about Barghouti's role. There is no critical inquiry at all. For instance, Palmer reports that according to unnamed "Palestinian sources," 45 Fatah "activists" "have been assassinated since the beginning of the intifadah," while even the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights claims the figure for all Palestinian factions is only about half that amount.

If anything, Palmer romanticizes the Fatah leader: "…he stays mobile, because a moving target is harder to hit. Even during the short time he spent with me, we had to suddenly change locations." Barghouti tells Palmer that the media help keep him alive by raising his profile, thereby forcing the Israelis "to be careful." Still, the correspondent notes, there's no guarantee "that Barghouti will not one day wind up like so many of his colleagues."

By contrast, in "The Martyr Strategy," which appeared in the *New Yorker* the next day, Jeffrey Goldberg presented Barghouti not as a mercilessly hunted activist, but rather as a militant rejectionist who consorts with terrorist leaders like Ahmed Jibril (of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command) and Hassan Yusuf, a Hamas chief.

Goldberg asked Barghouti what Israel would have to do to bring an end to the uprising. First, Barghouti answered, the Palestinians must get 100 percent of the West Bank, 100 percent of East Jerusalem and the "right of return" of the refugees. "Would that put an end to the conflict?" asked Goldberg. Apparently not. "Then we could talk about bigger things," Barghouti said, such as "one state for all the peoples," a concept already implied by Barghouti's reference to the "right of return." In short, no Israel at all.

Prepared by Paul Michaels for the Canada-Israel Committee.

Germany urged to crack down on extremists

By TOBY AXELROD
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BERLIN — A human rights and pro-democracy organization is urging Germany to combat what it calls the "serious problem" of a rising tide of anti-Semitic and racist violence.

In a report issued last Monday by its anti-racism committee, the Council of Europe, which is based in France and has 43 member states, called on Germany to toughen existing laws against hate crimes.

According to statistics provided by the German government through last December, there were some 15,591 extremist crimes last year – a 58.9 percent increase over the previous year.

Of those, there were 998 violent crimes, an increase of 33.8 percent over 1999. Among the violent crimes, 64 percent were aimed at foreigners.

The report rejected the frequent suggestion that the growth of such crimes is restricted to eastern Germany, for while the council's latest study says both eastern and western Germany have witnessed an increase in racist and anti-Semitic crimes, a recent European Union (EU) study suggested that hatred of immigrants is an especially serious problem among youth in eastern Germany, where economic problems, particularly unemployment, have been more marked than in the western portion of the nation.

As well, the EU study noted an increasing tendency throughout Europe to blame social and economic problems on minority groups.

The anti-racism committee also found fault with German media for spreading negative stereotypes about foreigners and minority groups.

While calling the rise in racism and anti-Semitic violence "one of the most pressing and dangerous expressions of racism and intolerance in Germany," the council commended the German government for changing its citizenship laws in January 2000.

As a result of that change, it is now easier for immigrants to become German citizens.

Members of the anti-racism committee visited Germany last October and met with government representatives and members of non-governmental organizations. The new report grew out of that visit.

Past reports have dealt with such issues as xenophobia in Austrian politics and the narrowing of British immigration laws.

The German government has not yet commented on the report.

'What ceasefire?'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Mideast ceasefire, brokered by U.S. Central Intelligence Agency director George Tenet on June 13, is on the verge of disintegrating.

Mideast Analysis

Although there has been a fairly significant reduction of violence in the past month, nine Israelis and 13 Palestinians have been killed in more than 260 incidents since Israel and the Palestinian Authority agreed to the truce.

"What ceasefire?" asked Prime Minister Ariel Sharon contemptously last week.

Such is the situation that the United Nations' representative in the Middle East, Terje Roed Larsen, said recently that the ceasefire will "not hold." He is probably right. The tenuous truce was forced on Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat by the June 1 Islamic Jihad bombing in Tel Aviv which killed 21 Israelis.

Since then, Sharon has come under considerable pressure to abandon his policy of relative restraint and unleash the full might of the Israeli armed forces against the Palestinian Authority.

Israel has carried out small-scale reprisals to avenge Palestinian attacks, but for political reasons has refrained from hitting back harder.

Colin Powell, the U.S. secretary of state, wrapped up a visit to the region last week in an attempt to shore up the ceasefire, but his mission was essentially a failure.

He had hoped to set into motion a process whereby seven days of complete calm would be followed by a six-week cooling off period and by a subsequent confidence-building phase. But it appears this will not happen, at least for now.

The procedures for defusing the second intifadah are set out in the Mitchell report, which Israel and the PA have accepted. The Mitchell recommendations constitute a roadmap for the resumption of bilateral political negotiations, which ended last winter.

Such is the climate of mutual distrust that Israel and the Palestinians not only accuse each other of failing to fully comply with the ceasefire, but downplay the respective steps they have each taken to restore the status quo ante.

Israel believes that the PA has not fulfilled its obligations in halting terrorism, preventing attacks, arresting terrorists and stopping incitement. In fact, the PA has tolerated or initiated raids on Israelis in Areas B and C and refused to detain terrorists on Israel's most-wanted list.

And key figures in Fatah, controlled by Arafat, have declared that the intifadah will go on until Israel withdraws from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which oppose Israel's very existence, have vowed to continue the uprising.

The PA's record, however, is not entirely negative. It has lowered the level of violence, belatedly denounced the murder of civilians, promised to catch the perpetrators, partially resumed security co-operation and joint patrols with Israel, confiscated mortars and launchers, squelched several serious terrorist assaults against Israeli targets and stopped firing on the besieged Jerusalem suburb of Gilo.

Barely acknowledging these measures, senior Israeli officials have cast doubt on Palestinian intentions and actions. Israeli Defence Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer has accused the Palestinians of "doing the minimum" to enforce the truce.

The Palestinians have adopted a similarly skeptical attitude toward Israel. They concede that Israel has eased the debilitating external and internal closure. But they are demanding a complete lifting of the closure, an immediate settlement freeze, a withdrawal of Israeli forces to pre-intifadah positions and a halt to the assassination of Palestinian militia leaders.

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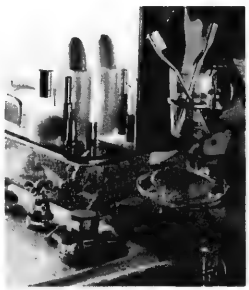

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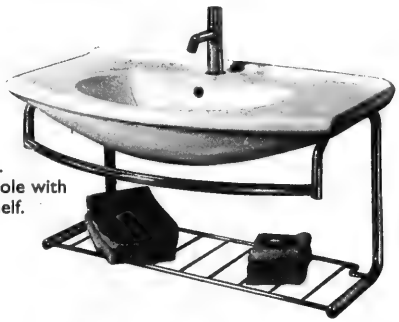

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Israeli landscapes on display in Hamilton gallery

By MOURA WOLPERT
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Twenty-one paintings by Toronto-born artist Ron Gang are being exhibited for the first time in Canada, at the Westdale Gallery on August in Hamilton.

Titled *The Colours of Israel*, all but three of the 21 works are landscapes, acacia trees and cacti, painted in the northwestern Negev, where Gang has lived on Kibbutz Urim since 1972. The three exceptions are abstract mandalas inspired by Arab graffiti he saw in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Gang's paintings showcase his deep love of Israeli soil, a love, he explains, that stems from his early years on the kibbutz, when he worked on the land.

In Hamilton for the opening of his show on June 17, Gang was unassuming and soft spoken as he spoke about his art. A painting "can reach people on a level beyond which words cannot communicate," he said.

"Sometimes, I feel that I am an instrument through which the landscape paints itself."

Gang's studio is in a bomb shelter, but he paints "in the field," carrying his equipment the one and one half kilometres to his chosen site, where he remains as long as the sun is in the right position for the effect he wants to create. His landscapes are alive with movement; his colours vibrant yet subtle.

"Lush" is how gallery owner Linda MacRae, who discovered Gang on the Internet and immediately decided to bring him to Canada, describes them.

Although he always liked drawing, Gang had no intention of becoming an artist. His first teacher was his late father, Israel Gang, a Toronto high school teacher who gave up his dream of becoming an architect upon encountering discrimination at the University of Toronto.

"He taught me about perspective," Gang said.

Gang spent a year in Israel on a Habonim work project following high school graduation, and after obtaining a BA in philosophy and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Toronto, he turned to art for good.

Ron Gang's art is on display at the Westdale Gallery in Hamilton, Ont.

He began studying in Israel, first in part-time evening classes, then at the Tel Aviv School of Art (Kalisher). Since 1985, he has exhibited in numerous group and solo exhibitions in the country.

The show is at the Westdale Gallery, 23 Augusta St., Hamilton, to the end of July, but the paintings will remain here for a further six months. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and by appointment. Call 905-523-5156, visit their Web site at www.westdalegallery.com or e-mail westdalegallery@hotmail.com.

Studio exhibits disabled students' art

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

When Ron Satok was studying art in New York in the late 1970s, he dreamt of becoming an "important artist." He wanted to return to Toronto in triumph and become a household name, like Michelangelo, his "supreme hero," or Monet.

Instead, Satok returned without his sight. Doctors had warned him for years that he would eventually go blind as a result of chronic glaucoma, and the disease caught up with him before he reached the age of 50.

"I thought God was punishing me by taking my sight," said Satok sitting comfortably in his studio/apartment surrounded by samples of the artwork he did when he could see.

"Life doesn't always work out the way you want it to," he said, remembering how he fought the disease's onslaught by refusing to change the style and difficulty of the artwork he produced. Despite protests from others, he completed a mural for a Massachusetts synagogue in shades of blue, which he says is the most difficult colour to work in when you're going blind because the eyes can no longer differentiate between various shades of the colour.

"Only a madman would have attempted it," he recalled.

But even after losing his sight, Satok refused to admit defeat.

"Most disabled persons go on a government pension, live in special housing, throw up their hands and become overwhelmed," said Satok.

"I wasn't going to accept [that life]. I said I was going to start my own art school. Everyone said I was crazy, but with all my experience and talent, I knew I had a lot inside me to share with others."

So in 1982 he founded the Satok School of the Arts where, for the past 19 years, he has taught children and adults who are blind or physically or mentally challenged, to discover their innermost emotions and transpose those emotions into some form of art.

This year's work will culminate in a July 25 open house where his students' art will be displayed at his studio.

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TORONTO YIDDISH POET TRANSLATES POETRY OF MORDECAI GEBIRTIG

Toronto Yiddish poet **Simcha Simchovitch**, who celebrates his 80th birthday this month, has translated a collection of 88 lyrical poems by **Mordecai Gebirtig**, published recently as *The Song That Never Died: The Poetry of Mordecai Gebirtig* (Mosaic Press).

The book also carries Simchovitch's 15-page introduction on Gebirtig, one of the most popular and beloved Yiddish folk poets and song writers in prewar Poland. Gebirtig and his family were murdered by the Germans in the Krakow ghetto in June 1942, but his songs survived and have been translated into Hebrew, Polish, German, Italian and English.

The 154-page softcover book is available for $19 plus postage from Mosaic Press, 1252 Speers Rd., Units 1 & 2, Oakville, Ont., L6L 5N9, or from S. Simchovitch, 416-635-7199.

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Art Imitates Life: Toronto playwright **Jodi Miller** has written a one-man play, *Vladeck*, about the vicious murder of a Toronto teen. The story resembles an actual case that sparked many headlines. The play's title character and another Jewish lad violently kick one of their peers to death for a pack of cigarettes and some loose change, then spend two weeks hiding from the police.

Vladeck won first prize in the Writeon! Writing competition. It is being read by **Marcello Caberzas** at Cameron House, 408 Queen St. W., Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m. PWYC. 416-730-1104.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

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War Artists: Canadian war artists were courageous journalists who lived the lives of soldiers, with only pen and ink for protection. Many of their depictions of life in wartime during both the First and Second World Wars go on view at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Oct. 12, 2001 to Jan. 6, 2002.

The exhibition is titled Canvases of War: Masterpieces from the Canadian War Museum. Artists include **A.Y. Jackson** and **Arthur Lismer** in World War I, and **Alex Colville**, **Molly Lamb Boback** and **Jack Shadbolt** in World War II.

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What's Happening at Israel's: Baruch Frydman-Kohl, senior rabbi, Beth Tzedec Congregation, discusses the work of philosopher **David Hartman**. Israel's Judaica Centre, 897 Eglinton Ave. W. Refreshments, no charge. Sunday July 15, 7:30 p.m.

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Chassidic Film: First Run Features has issued the 95-minute documentary film *A Life Apart: Hasidism in America* in DVD format, providing a new opportunity to view this riveting film by filmmakers **Menachem Daum** and **Oren Rudavsky**. The film, first released several years ago, was seven years in the making.

With their use of Yiddish, their distinctive garb and strict religious customs, the Chassidim of Greater New York are considered by many of their neighbours as an insular group with little connection to mainstream America. And yet their values are those that many Americans find most precious: family, community and a life of meaning.

Narrated by **Leonard Nimoy** and **Sarah Jessica Parker**, *A Life Apart* explores the closed world of the Chassidim, providing a warm, intimate and in-depth view of a culture that appears progressively less alien as the film advances.

The filmmakers offer several snippets of historic footage, such as the Lubavitcher Rebbe's 1929 visit to New York. He regarded America as a *treife medina* (unclean land) and so ignored his followers who implored him to leave Stalinist Russia. It took the Holocaust to get the Chassidim to come to America.

The DVD features an extended PBS interview with the directors and a directors' commentary track, which do not appear in the video format.

A Life Apart is available in Judaica stores or direct from First Run Features. Web site, www.firstrunfeatures.com.

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Arts Briefs

• *The Vow*, a 1937 Yiddish-language feature film restored by the National Center for Jewish Film at Brandeis University, is among those being screened at the Jerusalem Film Festival, July 12 to 22.

• **Gustav Klimt:** Modernism in the Making, a showing of many of the Viennese artist's masterpieces, continues at the National Gallery of Canada through Sept. 16. 1-888-541-8888.

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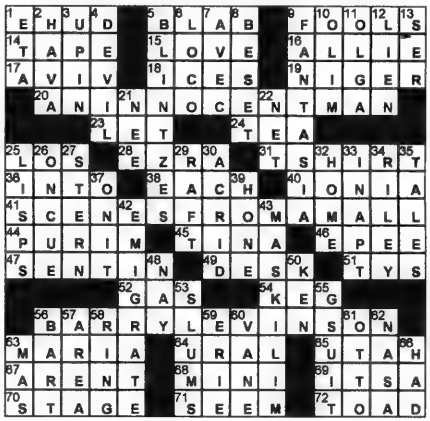


Rabbi Schild's memoirs of early years

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A crowd of about 600 people turned out recently for the book launch of *The Very Narrow Bridge*, a memoir by Rabbi Erwin Schild, the rabbi emeritus of the conservative Adath Israel congregation in the Wilson-Bathurst area.

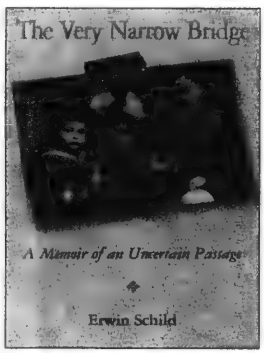
"This is unprecedented – I never saw anything like it," said veteran Toronto book publisher Malcolm Lester, referring to the huge line-ups of people waiting for Rabbi Schild to autograph their copies of the book.

According to both Lester and Adath Israel, who jointly published the hardcover volume, more than 300 copies were sold on the evening of the launch.

A German-born survivor of the Holocaust, Rabbi Schild joined Adath Israel in 1947 and served as its rabbi for 43 years, and then as rabbi emeritus to the present. Although his book recounts his first quarter-century of life in pre-war and wartime Germany, he says it is not a Holocaust memoir.

"I've written a book that is anything but sad," he said. "It's a cheerful book."

Still, he acknowledges that he felt a pressing duty to remember the many people he knew who perished.



"I have a great deal to be thankful for. My childhood friends were blotted out – entire families. There's no one left to know them. I wanted my book to be a monument to them."

Referring to those who died, Rabbi Schild said the book represents "some kind of tikkun [healing], some kind of repair or restoration for their lives that they were not allowed to live. I had to tell their stories interwoven with mine."

His impetus for writing, he said, was the curiosity shown by his children, grandchildren and other relatives, who asked many questions of a historic and genealogical nature.

"They asked me questions about how are we related to this one and how are we related to that one… I thought I would write it all down and produce something of 20 pages, but then the memories began rushing back to me," he told the assembled guests.

"Another reason I wrote the book is that I wanted you all to know me. I think if you really want to know me you've got to know where I came from… I think I became who I am in the first 27 years of my life, which are recalled in the 300 pages of the book.

"I wrote because my life was lived against the background of unprecedented events… What happened in Europe in the time of my youth were events that shaped the century and will perhaps shape the next century. It was such an extraordinary background that I could not help to write my story against [it]."

Sarah Edell Kelman, a well-known genealogist who recently moved from Boston to Toronto to become wife and rebbetzin of Rabbi Joseph Kelman, recalled that Rabbi Schild had been her esteemed "rabbi and mentor" even in the days when the two were studying together in the Oriental department of the University of Toronto.

She noted that the title of his book comes from an observation by the legendary Rabbi Nachman of Braslav that "the world is a very narrow bridge."

Malcolm Lester explained, however, that "when Rabbi Schild's manuscript came to us, it was called *I Am, Therefore I Write*. Being an admirer of Descartes, I liked the title but I felt it was inappropriate and didn't accurately address the book's content."

It was at Lester's urging, therefore, that Rabbi Schild came up with *The Very Narrow Bridge*.

"That title brilliantly captures the wonderful theme of the book," Lester said. "The very narrow bridge… can be viewed as the link between North America and Europe, and between the present and the past. The book is his bridge, his testament, to all his family, friends and colleagues who were murdered by the Nazis."

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Clearing the confusion over Entebbe raid movies

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

In a recent column, published by this paper a short time ago, Mark Mietkiewicz mentioned that the Internet movie database (www.imdb.com) lists four films about the Israeli rescue mission to Entebbe.

Though he is correct, the films, as listed in the column, do make for some confusion. I had to run to my computer and look up the database listings in order to sort them out in my own mind.

Three of the four films listed were produced just after the Entebbe raid. All three of those have been available on video for some time.

Victory At Entebbe was the first film about the subject. Made as a TV movie, it was rushed through production immediately after the news about the raid was announced. The quality of the film suffered as a result. *Victory At Entebbe*'s very talented cast, which includes Kirk Douglas, Richard Dreyfuss, Anthony Hopkins, Burt Lancaster, Elizabeth Taylor, Linda Blair and Helen Hayes, doesn't hide a poorly written script. The producers don't seem to know what they want the film to say. The movie was released on video a few years ago by Warner Home Video.

The second film, *Raid On Entebbe* is significantly better. It was also produced for television, but it has a better, more intelligible script and the cast members – Peter Finch, Charles Bronson, Horst Buchholz, Martin Balsam, John Saxon, Jack Warden, Robert Loggia, James Woods and Yaphet Kotto – are more believable. And the action scenes are better staged than those in *Victory At Entebbe*.

The only real problem I had with *Raid on Entebbe* is that Bronson never did learn how to pronounce the name "Yoni" properly. But for action and accuracy, this is a good film made for television. It was released on video a number of years ago by HBO, and some stores may still have a copy.

Without a doubt, the best film produced about the Entebbe rescue is *Operation Thunderbolt* (also known as *Mivtza Yonatan* and *Operation Jonathan*).

Operation Thunderbolt was directed by Israeli filmmaker Menahem Golan and received the full co-operation of the Israel Defence Forces. Golan used several of the actual hostages as technical advisers and extras.

Operation Thunderbolt focuses on Yonatan Netanyahu and on the Israeli rescue team that brought the hostages home from Entebbe and gives us a more Israeli perspective on the entire affair. Yehoram Gaon,

Hostages from Entebbe raise the Israeli flag after their return home.

Assi Dayan, Arik Lavi, Klaus Kinski, Sybil Danning, Gila Almagor, Shai K. Ophir are featured in the cast.

The fact that each scene of this movie was filmed twice, once in English and once in Hebrew, may cause confusion. The English language version has been available on video for many years under the name *Operation Thunderbolt* and was released by MGM. The Hebrew version didn't become available on video in North America until a few years ago, when Sisu Home Entertainment, a small American video company, released it under the name *Operation Jonathan*.

In the opinion of most critics, *Operation Thunderbolt* is the best of the Entebbe films. But finding it in a video store may be a bit of a chore. Some older stores may have a copy of it, although I think it has been "on hiatus" for a number of years. MGM is currently in the process of re-releasing a large part of its catalogue and making its titles available on both VHS cassettes and on DVD. Hopefully, *Operation Thunderbolt* will be re-released as part of one of these packages.

The last entry in the movie database, *Operation Thunderbolt: Entebbe* (not to be confused with *Operation Thunderbolt*), is a documentary rather than a fictionalized account. The 52-minute documentary was produced recently in association with The Learning Channel. It is not available on video.

One final note. In 1986, Menahem Golan directed *The Delta Force* which used some of the facts from the Israeli rescue in a film about a group of hijacked airplane passengers that are rescued by an American commando team. In fact, the whole final scene in *The Delta Force* is almost an exact duplication of the final scene in *Operation Thunderbolt*. *The Delta Force* should be available in most video stores.

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Angkor Wat temple truly an architectural wonder

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

SIEM REAP, Cambodia – This palm-fringed town in northern Cambodia, plopped in what seems like the middle of nowhere, would have no compelling reason for existing were it not for the magnificent ruins in the jungle beyond its muncipal boundaries.

A 45-minute flight from Cambodia's ramshackle capital, Phom Penh, Siem Reap's raison d'etre, first and last, boils down to its close proximity to the temples of Angkor, Cambodia's ancient capital.

Thanks to its inextricable assocciation with Angkor, Siem Reap is riding the crest of a hotel construction building boom.

The ruined temples, built at great cost by Khmer kings between the ninth and 13th centuries, are just a few kilometres from the centre of Siem Reap, and are easily accessible by car, bus or motor scooter.

Of some 250 temples, scattered over an area of 65 square miles, the grandest by far are Angkor Wat, Ta Prohm and Banyon. They are the crown jewels of this ensemble of magical buildings.

Doubtless one of the architectural wonders of the world, these weathered sandstone temples have survived the vicissitudes of time.

In the 15th century, when the Khmer Empire was already in a state of decline, Thai armies invaded Angkor and sacked it.

Fleeing Angkor, the Khmers left Angkor to the tender mercies of the encroaching jungle. Dense tropical vegetation engulfed the temples, and the giant roots of tropical hardwoods tore the buildings asunder, block by block.

Angkor Wat, however, was saved from this ignominious fate by Buddhist monks.

The temple is Cambodia's national symbol. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

In the 1860s, Henri Mouhot, a French naturalist, wrote a book about his travels. After the publication of *Le Tour du Monde,* the so-called "lost city" of Angkor became a focus of archeological research.

At the beginning of the 20th century, the French began to clear away the fecund vegetation that had enveloped Angkor. The restoration project, interrupted by war in the 1970s, is yet to be completed. Even today, technicians from a whole host of countries are hard at work renovating Angkor to a semblance of its former grandeur.

The restoration project was never universally popular. Some purists claimed that Angkor's mystery and allure could only be preserved by leaving it to the elements. To placate these vocal voices, one of the most important temples, Ta Prohm, was left to the ravages of nature.

Ta Prohm is an astounding sight to behold, looking a lot like it was the day French explorers stumbled upon it more than a century ago.

The largest temple after Angkor Wat, Ta Prohm is a picture of devastation, having all but been destroyed, bit by bit, by the sheer power and force of the forest.

Virtually hidden from view by dense vegetation, Ta Prohm has been relentlessly vanquished by a creeping tangle of trees, plants, shrubs and bushes.

Particularly awesome are the bulging roots of trees that have wrapped themselves around the walls of the temple. These gigantic roots resemble nothing less than menacing, overfed serpents.

Angkor Wat, with its three soaring towers and extraordinary bas reliefs, is Cambodia's national symbol. It is what travellers from near and afar most want to see when they converge on Angkor.

Approached by a laterite causeway traversing a moat once filled with crocodiles, Angkor Wat is really a shell of a building, but what a shell!

Facing westward, unlike the other temples, Angkor Wat inspires immediate and unconditional awe.

The bas reliefs of armies preparing for and fighting battles are so stupendous in scope and design that you can literally spend hours admiring the craftsmanship.

The steps to Angkor Wat's upper levels are extremely steep. You can only reach its ramparts by using both your hands and feet. It is neither for the faint of heart nor for the weak-kneed.

Being Cambodia's major tourist attraction, Angkor is blighted by hawkers insistently selling souvenirs, cold drinks, ice cream and mini tours.

Their presence, jarring though it may be, is a small price to pay for the privilege of being able to set foot in such a sublime place.

Ron Satok encourages disabled to create art through his philosophy

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"I have one student, Debbie Donald, who is a quadrapolegic. Years ago she went diving with a friend. She was told the water was 10 feet deep, but when she jumped in she realized it was only two feet deep. She cracked her neck and lost her ability to move her arms and legs. [My school] taught her to paint and draw using her mouth."

To teach persons with disabilities, Satok created a philosophy he calls "art through awareness in action."

"What the school tries to do with people with special needs is find a voice for them. When we try to discover their primary voice we teach them to use their natural talents using what they have. The thing closest to their soul is their primary voice."

Satok, 69, also works with students who have no physical or mental disabilities.

One such student is 17-year-old Annie Vuong. She was so moved after meeting Donald that she is designing a sculpture inspired by Donald's story.

"I'm making a wire sculpture of a head because Debbie's soul is trapped in her head, but through her paintbrush she can be whole again," Vuong said.

She also drew the open house invitations' butterfly and flower logo using her mouth as a tribute to Donald.

Vuong says Satok has stimulated her artistic ability by teaching her how to release her emotions and express them in her art.

When Satok had his vision he created spiritual pictures of women praying over Shabbat candles.

"I grew up in an Orthodox-Conservative home in Toronto," he explained. "I saw the look in my mother's face as she waved her hands over the Shabbat candles and covered her eyes and I was very moved."

By producing for synagogues and creating pictures of his Jewish background, Satok said that at the time he was able to retain a sense of who he was, though he says in all his art he tried not to be an elitist, and wanted his work to speak to the beholder.

He also produced murals that appear in the original Hockey Hall of Fame, the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre and the Medieval Times building as well as a mosaic for the Canadian Opera Centre.

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Elder abuse said often ignored

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Leaders of faith communities are often unprepared, unable or even unwilling to help victims of elder abuse who turn to them for help, said Dr. Elizabeth Podnieks, an expert on the issue.

"Studies have shown that victims of abuse go to their faith leader for help. But what happens when they go there? What kind of assistance do they receive?" asked Podnieks, a professor at the Ryerson Polytechnic University school of nursing, a founding member of the Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and co-chair of the Provincial Elder Abuse Round Table.

Speaking at a recent general meeting of the Association of Jewish Seniors, Podnieks said the elderly victims, who may be living alone, in nursing homes or in other institutions, often do not get appropriate help from their faith leaders because not only do faith leaders not know how to deal with elder abuse, but many do not even know what the term means.

Elder abuse, which could be a steadily growing problem in the province, was defined by Podnieks as any act or behaviour that harms an elderly person, whether it be physical (pushing, shaking or over-medicating), psychological (treating elderly like children), financial (theft of money, withholding money or forcing a senior to sell property) or neglect (denial of adequate shelter, clothing, medical attention or adequate nutrition). Abusers may be spouses, children, hired homemakers, landlords or staff members of institutional settings.

The most prevalent reason faith leaders are reluctant to help, Podnieks said, was a lack of time. "The administrative work of faith leaders has increased... and there aren't enough faith leaders available to help. One clergyman told me he didn't have time to deal with one more social problem because he's already making room for so many. But at some point they've got to make time."

She said religious leaders are not trained in identifying elder abuse or counselling, and they don't know what services and resources are available to help the elderly.

In addition, "abuse is often covered up because faith leaders don't want to be pinpointed as having abuse in their communities – they want to keep it to themselves because it doesn't look good," she said.

Between four and 10 percent of Ontario's 1.45 million seniors have experienced or are experiencing abuse of some kind, she said. By 2021 when the senior population reaches almost three million, the problem of elder abuse could become more serious if steps are not taken to prevent it.

"The only hopeful part of elder abuse is prevention through education," said Podnieks.

"We have to start teaching children at a young age that growing old is good and that old people are good. Seniors won't be abused if people are taught at a young age to respect the elderly."

Yiddishist to mark 104th birthday

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — William "Velvl" Katz, the Yiddishist who will be 104 on Aug. 18, has confidence that "things will settle down" and that eventually Israel will triumph.

"Events will favour the Jewish nation," said Katz, his eyes sparkling under white hair, in a recent interview. Despite his age, Katz, who has a positive outlook on life, is mentally alert, lives independently in his own apartment in North York and attends the Friday morning sessions of the Yiddish Culture and Discussion Group at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. Health permitting, he also attends Yiddish literature meetings at the Borochov and Winchevsky centres. (Katz recently recovered from a bout of pneumonia.)

'Velvl' Katz

On his 95th birthday, he took five ladies from the Betel Centre to lunch, said co-ordinator Bookie Kwart.

"It was really something to see this dapper man with a suit and tie and walking so straight; he is a gentleman's gentleman."

Kwart recalled that many years ago, she began to introduce in her Yiddish the late Julie Sokoloff, new leader of the Yiddish group, when Katz interrupted her politely and finished introducing Sokoloff in perfect Yiddish.

"He is very polite and deeply thoughtful," said Joseph Pinch, chair of the Betel group, which conducts its meetings in Yiddish and features readings of their favourite authors by its 50 members.

Katz attributes his long life to moderation in his personal habits, involving himself in stimulating activities and having a physically active routine. He loves dancing, and at one time went dancing two or three times a week with a group of friends. On his 97th birthday, he said, he gave it up to conserve his energy.

His own philosophy is to be good to people and not be envious of others.

Katz was born in Dzialochic, a chassidic community and shtetl in Poland, in 1897, though his birth certificate says 1898 because his parents were late in registering the birth. His mother died when he was young; his father ran a dry goods store. He attended a yeshiva in Poland but left the country to avoid the draft. He thereafter spent a year working in Germany, where he develped some of his socialist ideas.

Though he was taught the art of shoemaking in the shtetl, Katz could not find a job in his trade upon coming to Toronto alone in 1920 at the age of 23. His passage was paid for by his cousin's American uncle, and he had a mere $25 in his pocket, which was borrowed from a friend. Katz had been given the Toronto address of the Shidlovsky family, relatives of a friend.

He worked as an embroiderer in ladies' apparel, and helped found a local of the International Garment Workers, earning the nickname "lefty" for his socialist views. Later, in the 1950s, when Stalin's ruthless campaign against Jewish writers and poets surfaced, Katz went into the embroidery business with a partner. He retired in 1972.

While Katz's wife, Bluma Zhidlovsky died in 1972, Katz is still around to enjoy his five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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Pain and disability often lead to inactivity. This in turn can lead to reduced strength, co-ordination and flexibility, all of which are important in helping to prevent falls and associated injuries.

You have fallen three times in the last four months, and on each occasion you were able to get up easily, with only minor bruising. This may indeed reflect the many physical strengths and advantages you have in your favour. But you should not ignore the fact that you have fallen repeatedly. Falls are a symptom – like a rash or fever. It is critical to determine the underlying reason for your falls and to learn how to prevent further injuries. Many public health agencies have developed programs which reinforce the recommendations I am including here.

There are many things you can do for yourself to reduce the risk. Footwear is always a good place to start. And just as properly fitted shoes with non-skid soles are important, so is a properly sized cane or walker. Your brother-in-law's just won't do!

Tack down or remove loose rugs and watch for long electrical cords. Bathrooms and stairwells are high-risk areas – use a bathmat, and install grab bars and handrails for additional support. Ensure that your pathway is clear of obstacles and well lit – both day and night.

Helping yourself should also include seeking advice from the experts – physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses and, of course, your doctor. These professionals can all help you ensure that you and your environment are as safe as possible.

It's in your hands – and feet! Take the necessary steps, and walk, don't run.

Dr. Shelley Veinish is a geriatrician at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and assistant professor in the faculty of medicine at the University of Toronto.

Women's Health Fair at Chabad@Flamingo. [Erin Silver photo]

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Single Jewish female, 5' 3", 130 lbs, active, down to earth, quiet, honest, sincere, seeks male, Jewish, 60-65 yrs, honest stable, established, for friendship and companionship. **AD#1118**

FRIENDS FIRST

Petite, European widow, honest, sincere, financially, secure, enjoys music, travel, the theatre, the arts, sports, seeks male, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1183**

CALL ME

Single female Jewish tall, attractive, fun loving, financially, secure, enjoys travel, dining and dancing, seeks male, 53-58 yrs, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1222**

INTO THE ARTS

Jewish female, 40's, 10 in looks, petite, fair, blue/green eyes, involved in the arts full time, intelligent, passionate, sensual, loves to travel, quiet evenings, love to have fun, very together, person, seeks someone to share these things with. **AD#1304**

GOOD FRIEND FIRST

Jewish female from Europe, 55 yrs, intelligent, down to earth, professional, speaks, different languages, loves to have a good time, dining, dancing, seeks someone with similar qualities and interests to form good friendship **AD#1398**

SINGLE MOM

Mary, 43 yrs, 5' 4", brown hair, brown eyes, three children, with me part of the week, seeks nice 6' tall male, kind accomplished, educated, and fun to be with **AD#1254**

BEAUTIFUL GREEN EYES

Single female, blonde hair, green eyes, non smoker, loves life, dining and dancing, movies, the arts, seeks male with similar qualities and interests **AD#1386**

BIG DARK EYES

Single white female, 30 yrs, 176 lbs, 5' 5", black hair, big dark eyes, professional, down to earth, easy going, good sense of humour, passionate, warm, loving, caring, seeks male, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1242**

ZEST FOR LIFE

Single Jewish female, tall, vivacious, independent, likes to go out and have a good time, seeks male, 53-55 yrs, has zest for life, down to earth, good sense of humour, looking for someone special, to spend a lifetime **AD#1043**

LOVING & CARING

Single female, 40'ish, petite, slim, intelligent, passionate, fair skin, blue eyes, attractive, enjoys the arts, quiet romantic evenings, travel, seeks male, with similar and interest. **AD#1635**

LOVE WAITS

Single Jewish female, early 60's, slim attractive, caring, enjoys the theatre, dining and dancing, sports, travel, seeks Jewish male, with similar qualities and interests, for loving relationship. **AD#1212**

LOVING & CARING

Divorced Jewish female, 5' 6", 130 lbs, green eyes, blonde hair, non smoker, attractive, youthful, no dependants, good sense of humour, outgoing, seeks male, educated, fit, non smoker, sincere, secure, for long term relationship. **AD#1182**

LET'S HAVE COFFEE

Single female, 39 yrs, down to earth, friendly, outgoing, with different interests, likes to dance, movies, seeks male looking for serious relationship, 39-50 yrs, hard working, like myself, let's go out have coffee talk. **AD#1071**

DOWN TO EARTH

Single Jewish female, 41 yrs, never married, petite, non smoker, down to earth, easy going, good values, enjoys Bingo, oldies music, seeks Jewish male, 39-48 yrs, with similar qualities and interests **AD#1696**

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Petite, european, widow, financially, secure, enjoys music, the arts, travel, theatre, cooking, tennis, swimming, seeks male with similar qualities and interests, for friends first relationship. **AD#1017**

NORTH SUMMER NIGHTS

Brenda, single, female, very cute, sweet sincere, 41 yrs, 5' 1", slim, long brown hair, green eyes, a devoted mom, enjoys movies, casual dinners, and up north in the summer, seeks attractive, caring male, successful at work but knows how to have fun **AD#1302**

FRIENDS FIRST

Single female, 40 yrs, 5' 6", spontaneous, compassionate, spiritual, but sexy, good listener, seeks Jewish male, 5' 9", 40-55 yrs, legally available, with integrity, strong intellect, generous heart, loves to walk, travel, loves, old and young children, down to earth, friends first relationship **AD#1138**

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LET'S ENJOY LIFE

Retired, female, still keeping busy, seeks male, to share time with and enjoys dancing, walking, bridge, movies, and wants a partner to enjoy life with. **AD#1175**

LET'S CONNECT

Single female, pretty, petite, brunette, romantic, caring, optimistic, fit, professional, university educated, family values, seeks male, 50+, vegetarian, non smoker, enjoys theatre, music, movies, dining, dancing, outdoor activities, travel, who is confident, emotionally stable, to share the good things that life offers **AD#1528**

LET'S TALK

Beautiful single Jewish female, 31 yrs old, 125 lbs, green eyes and brown hair, professional, athletic, enjoys outdoors, swimming, dancing, travel, cooking, pets, spending time with family, and friends, trained in Law, seeks professional, 30-45 yrs old. **AD#1538**

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BE MY LADY

Single Jewish male, 47 yrs, refined, tall fit, medical, physician, varied cultural and recreational interests, seeks a lady, 30'ish, family and marriage oriented, intelligent, kind hearted, good natured, positive outlook, for long term loving relationship. **AD#1317**

FUN LOVING

A single male, 22 yrs, university student, slim, dark hair, dark eyes, from North York, outgoing, reliable, enjoys dining and dancing, seeks female, nice reliable, fun to be with similar qualities **AD#1328**

ARE WE COMPATIBLE

Single white male, 59 yrs, self employed business man, romantic, likes to travel, movies, great conversations, quiet times, like to laugh and enjoy life, seeks female, to have fun with , great sense of humour, someone to talk to that I am compatible with **AD#1314**

RIGHT INGREDIENTS

Male, 60 yrs, 6' 1", 165 lbs, professional, useful, compassionate, thoughtful, Israeli origin, likes nature, classical music, and reading, seeks female, with right ingredients for a long journey, please call me and I promise I will call you back. **AD#1602**

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Jewish male, 35 yrs, attractive, down to earth, sincere, romantic at heart, brown hair, brown eyes, 5' 10", 170 lbs, business owner, financially and mentally secure, seeks Jewish female, attractive, stylish, honest, sincere, dining, travelling, and down to earth. **AD#1520**

YOUNG AT HEART

Single male, 75 yrs, 5' 4", young in spirit, healthy, fit, active, financially secure, seeks female, lively, attractive, 45-60 yrs, affectionate, for long term loving relationship. **AD#1002**

A BIT SHY

Single male, 34 yrs, brown hair and eyes, 5' 10", 165 lbs, handsome, down to earth, honest, sincere, witty, self employed, financially secure, dining and dancing, seeks female, Jewish, 26-36 yrs, petite, sincere, sexy, lots of fun, down to earth. **AD#1380**

LET'S CONNECT

Single Jewish male, 38 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing, sincere, enjoys travel, cooking, hiking, computers, seeks female, 29-36 yrs, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1321**

GIVE ME A CALL

A single male, 32 yrs, Scorpio, 6' 2", 180 lbs, slim, muscular, build, seeks female, spontaneous, not into head games, leave name and best time to call you **AD#1072**

FUN TO BE WITH

40 yrs, single Jewish male, professional, fun, easy going, enjoys outdoors, baseball, roller blading, volleyball and basketball, in the winter, active, seeks Jewish female, 27-37 yrs, caring, fun to be with sense of humour, values, and eventually build a life together **AD#1347**

NO HEAD GAMES

50 yrs young, 5' 10½", 175 lbs, good shape, attractive, passionate, active, works out, keeps busy, outgoing, open to new and different things, no head games, likes walks in the park, movies, seeks someone with similar qualities and interests, can connect one to one, passion is important. **AD#1634**

LOVING & CARING

Single male, 6' 1", 210 lbs, 39 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, handsome, clean shaven, kind, gentle, loves children, wide variety of interests, seeks female, 21-41 yrs, baby faced, soft milky skin, attractive, medium build, race not important, please be sure to leave your number. **AD#1303**

CALL ME

Single male, Scorpio, 6' 2", 180 lbs, seeks female, sensual, spontaneous, no head games, enjoys talking on the phone, quiet romantic evenings. **AD#1294**

LET'S GO SURFING

Single male, 6' 3", 220 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, glasses, handsome, enjoys golf, surfing the internet, watching TV, seeks female, 27-40 yrs, who enjoys golf, spending time with family, and having a good time. **AD#1050**

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Single male, 48 yrs, humourous, employed, in the stocks trade, enjoys singing, dining and dancing, old movies, seeks female, nice, kind, considerate, good natured, status, not an issue. **AD#1067**

LOVE, HUGS & CUDDLES

Single Jewish male, 40+, grey blue eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, good sense of humour, enjoy the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, seeks female, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, orthodox preferred, intelligent, with similar interests **AD#1188**

CALL ME

Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue eyes, warm sincere, gentle, compassionate,good communicator, enjoys the theatre, long walks, tennis, cooking, cooking, seeks female, orthodox, preferred, 35-45 yrs, intelligent, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1600**

FRIEND 1ST

Separated Jewish male, 63 yrs, 5' 11", self employed, new to Toronto enjoys, long walks, skating music, good sense of humour, seeks female, 45-55 yrs, professional, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1298**

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LOOKING FOR HONESTY

Young looking, good looking, self-employed, 48 yrs, old Jewish man, with brown hair, and eyes, and a great sense of humour, seeks someone who is, honest, Jewish, good looking, and who know when to speak up. **AD#1443**

LIFE FILLED WITH FUN

Traditional Jewish male, 64 yrs, 5' 9", 168 lbs, medium build, handsome, hazel eyes, slightly, tanned, divorced, doctor, compassionate, fun, upbeat, youthful, spiritual, resides in Florida, enjoys cooking, working out, travel, music, dancing, theatre, seeks, youthful, Jewish female, 49-56 yrs, easy going, slim, sensuous, unencumbered, willing to move, Florida, and is ready for a quality lifestyle filled with fun **AD#1632**

GIVE ME A CALL

Divorced white male, retired, financially, secure, good sense of humour, enjoys dining and dancing, movies, travel, seeks female, 55 plus, slim, pretty, for loving relationship **AD#1712**

LIFE IS A JOY

Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, mature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with. **AD#1296**

WANTS SOMEONE WHO IS EVOLVED

A fit, handsome, warm, creative, compassionate, 43 year old, Jewish male, seeks someone who is very evolved, loving, witty, determined, honest and somewhat intense. He is an independent thinker. **AD#1631**

DON'T OVERLOOK ME!

Single Jewish male, youthful, 70's, 5' 7", Silver hair, blue eyes, 175 lbs, semi, retired, romantic, honest, healthy, good sense of humour, seeks female, any age, caring, attractive, intelligent, slender, secure, for loving relationship **AD#1296**

LIFE IS A JOY

Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, mature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with. **AD#1296**

LOOKING TO SETTLE DOWN

Late 40's, in the education field, bright, good hearted, considered, good looking and ready to settle down He is looking for someone who is honest, nice, normal, stable, and with a good sense of humour. **AD#1241**

LOVING & CARING

Single male, kind, generous, handsome, hard-working, self employed, well travelled, seeks female, nice, kind trustworthy, respectful, loyal, to share life's adventures. **AD#1585**

FRIENDS 1ST

Single male, 48 yrs, professional, 5' 9", handsome, non smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, travel, the theatre, music, seeks female, warm and caring, with similar qualities, for friends first relationship **AD#1604**

COOKING UP FUN

Young looking, self employed, 48 yrs with brown hair and eyes, medium build and no children, asks if he is what you are looking for! He is honest, loyal, clean shaven, down to earth and a gourmet cook. **AD#1151**

SEEKING SOULMATE

Single male, non smoker, 6' , wears glasses and has a beard, hefty build, educated, down to earth, very friendly, enjoys literature, has one teenage daughter, seeks female, for friends first relationship. **AD#1076**

SEEKING SOULMATE

Single Jewish male, 52 yrs, non smoker, 5' 2", enjoys working out, quiet romantic evenings, outdoor activities, seeks female, 40-50 yrs, for serious relationship. **AD#1449**

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Single Jewish male, 54 yrs, real estate agent, and writer, handsome, healthy, intelligent, seeks female, young attractive, and ready to start a family. **AD#1209**

NO FLAKEY

35 year old Jewish man with brown hair, and eyes, has come back from a long stay in Los Angeles and would like to meet someone. He is unconventional and artistic but not flakey. **AD#1598**

LET'S WALK

43 yrs old, female, searching, for a walking partner, tennis, a bonus, never married, no children, cute, fit, friendly, an animal lover, seeks someone who loves family and children, worldly, can share the outdoors and is classically casual **AD#1606**

SINGLES THEATRE GROUP

Young lady, mid 50's, starting new singles dinner theatre group for men and women, 39-60 yrs old, that enjoys going to community theatres, out to dinner etc **AD#1324**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Single female, mid 60's, slim, sincere, caring, loves to travel, dancing, good sense of humour, seeks caring, loving, male who can share having lots of fun. **AD#1416**

DONE PLAYING THE FIELD?

43 yr old mother of two, a teacher, is pretty, slim, classy, energetic and passionate She is 5' 2", enjoys exercise, movies, dinners, spending time with family, seeks a non smoking male, who has played the field and knows what he is looking for. **AD#1495**

QUALITY FEMALE

Attractive, amusing, bright, warm, fit, professional, with strong values and romantic spirit, seeks professional Jewish male, 40-52 yrs, attractive, easy going, accomplished, with integrity **AD#1161**

LET'S HAVE FUN

Paula, 35 yrs, mother of two, tall loving, enjoys cooking, movies, dinner, dancing, and long walks, seeks male to share life's special moments is compassionate, romantic, hard working, yet likes to have fun when the day is done. Must love kids **AD#1426**

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SPECIAL LADY

Single female, attractive, romantic, caring, witty, fit, active, educated, intellectual, wide variety, of interests, seeks male, 50 plus, non smoker, registration, for possible long term relationship **AD#1200**

PLS CALL ME

Single Jewish female, attractive, non smoker, 5' 5", beautiful, brown eyes, brown hair, kind, sincere, creative, seeks male. Jewish, over 40 yrs, traditional, kind, intelligent, established, non smoker, good sense of humour **AD#1159**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

Jewish white female, mid 60's, brown hair, brown eyes, attractive, slim, sincere, enjoys life, all sports, travel, dining, long walks, seeks male, 63-70 yrs, semi-retired, and enjoys same interests in life and for companionship **AD#1605**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Female, 49 yrs, loyal, sensuous, spontaneous, affectionate, compassionate, good listener, loves the water, seeks male, 55+ yrs, kind, gentle, spiritual, not materialistic, who likes classical music and holding hands for a long term monogamous relationship **AD#1722**

LOOKING FOR YOU

Single male, 53 yrs, professional, fit, active, 2 university aged children, enjoys politics, the arts, adventure, travel, seeks Jewish female for a mature relationship **AD#1506**

LIKES TO COOK

A single man who stands 5' 8", weighs 180 lbs, and has dark brown hair, seeks someone for a long relationship He enjoys movies, long walks, cooking television and sports **AD#1385**

FRIENDS 1ST

Single Jewish male, 33 yrs, professional, educated, slim, intelligent, handsome, enjoys reading, bridge, going to synagogue, exercising, strong family, family values, seeks female, Jewish female, mid to late 20's, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1357**

LET'S CONNECT

Professional, Jewish male, 33 yrs, Israeli born, introverted, somewhat traditional, employed with IT/IBM, enjoys synagogue, lectures on Jewish subjects, shabots, friends, exercising, playing bridge Seeks straight white Jewish female, mid-late 20's, honest, intelligent, with similar qualities, except more extroverted. **AD#1173**

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Documentary takes behind the scenes look at boxing

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When you peel away the layers of BS about boxing's noble characteristics – the fighters' spirit, determination, fortitude and courage – you're still left with a "sport" whose prime purpose is for one participant to pummel another into unconsciousness, while (hopefully) stopping short of inflicting permanent brain damage or inducing a coma.

If you kill your opponent, an unfortunate though not altogether uncommon occurrence, it would only be seemly and in keeping with boxing's gentlemanly code that you express your regrets and offer to spring for the funeral, as happened recently after a fight on board a U.S. aircraft carrier.

So, who said boxing was a primitive pursuit – our reptilian brain at play – with few redeeming qualities? Why, it's as ennobling and incorruptible as, say, the porn industry.

Boxing and the porn industry, when you think about it, do share a few things in common. Both are industries that at one point existed at the fringes of polite society but which have insinuated themselves as mainstream entertainment; both are now massive, multi-million dollar enterprises; and both have a visceral, primitive appeal.

Filmmaker Ric Bienstock has noticed the similarities between the two businesses, in large part because two of her projects placed her smack dab in the middle of both. A few years ago, the Gemini-winning producer/director released *The Money Shot*, a documentary about the pornography industry. On Sunday, July 22, her latest work, *Boxing: In and Out of the Ring*, a behind the scenes expose of the boxing industry, will air on A&E. The 90-minute film will kick off a week of boxing biographies on the U.S. cable network.

Bienstock, whose credits include *Ebola: Inside and Outbreak* and *Ms.Conception*, a look at single mothers, had virtually no knowledge of boxing when she was asked by Associated Producers to handle the project. Now, with the film completed, she can rattle off acronyms of boxing licensing bodies, name promoters, fighters and TV pay-per-view networks like an old pro.

And why not. In making the documentary, she, co-producer Lynn Glazier and camera-woman Naomi Wise, were ushered into the hidden corridors of the boxing world where decisions were made that affected the careers of fighters and produced fat pay days for promoters.

The experience reminded her of that other sleazy world. "I kind of likened it to the pornography industry. When I did the film on porn, it was about how it functioned as a business and its entry into the mainstream," she said. "Both are visceral and somewhat shady."

Porn, she continued, has metamorphized into a "regular industry," while boxing still generates stories of corruption and scandal.

"It's an unregulated business. It's not run like any other sport... It's a bit like the Wild West," she said.

Which brings us to Don King, the uber-promoter with a finger in just about every boxing pie. King has a prominent place in the film, especially his recent efforts to lure South African heavyweight champion Hasim (Rock) Rahman away from his Jewish manager, Cedric Kushner. Although they didn't film King shlepping a duffel bag loaded with $200,000 to Rahman's New York City hotel room, the crew was in Kushner's office when he learned of the news.

Bienstock and her cohorts also found themselves smack in the middle of the Rahman/Lennox Lewis controversy over who Rahman would fight in his first title defence, as well as in the negotiations with HBO and Showtime over the next broadcast of the heavyweight championship.

Plenty of films have been made about pugilist heroes. Here's one that takes a candid look at the money, power and influence behind the fights.

Twelve-year-old earns spot in golf history

By MARVIN GLASSMAN
Special to The CJN

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Just one week prior to her 13th birthday, Morgan Pressel of Boca Raton became a household name in the golf world by becoming the youngest woman ever to qualify for a major women's golf championship. Pressel scored a two under par 70 at a sectional qualifier at the Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach to earn a spot at the U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship held recently in Southern Pines, N.C.

"It is a complete shock," said Pressel of the experience that brought her worldwide coverage. "I just wanted to try to compete for the experience; I never expected to win a spot in the U.S. Open."

Morgan Pressel

Pressel had a strong fan base watching her every stroke at the Open, as if she was a female Tiger Woods in the making. She attracted the attention of more than 100 spectators at every hole, many of them eight- and 10-year-old girls, who politely asked for her autograph.

Pressel obliged every autograph-seeker. She took up golf only four years ago and she too had sought autographs from top pros like Karrie Webb.

Pressel looks more like a typical teenager than a top golfer. She's five foot three, 110 pounds, with a blond ponytail, a bright smile and braces. She was a natural for the cameras that followed her every move at the tournament.

Unfortunately, Pressel didn't make the cut, shooting 77s in the first two rounds to finish tied for 120th, ahead of 19 pros and nine amateurs.

"What Morgan did was a lot better than anyone I know at her age. She was poised and looks like a young star in the making. She has an impressive short game and hits with power [230 yards from her driver], certainly not what I expected from such a young player," said Karrie Webb,who was so impressed with Pressel that she invited Pressel to practise with her at her hometown course in Florida.

Despite her impressive debut, Pressel's coach and grandfather, Dr. Herb Krickstein, a retired physician and pathologist, cautioned against comparisons between Pressel and a young Tiger Woods. "Morgan is learning but is not yet a great golfer. She is a great golfer for her age. There is a world of difference and she has a lot of time to improve her game. She has remarkable maturity on the course, and I hope that she continues to develop her game," Krickstein said.

For Krickstein, this is the second time he's grooming a young athlete into a star. He was pivotal in the success of his son, tennis star Aaron Krickstein (Morgan's uncle), moulding him to become a world top 10 player from 1983 to 1994. Aaron Krickstein holds the record for being the youngest player ever to win a men's pro title when he won a tournament in Tel Aviv in 1983. He also made tennis history by becoming one of three Jewish players (along with Jay Berger and Brad Gilbert) to win the Davis Cup for the United States in 1990.

"My father is very understanding and patient in helping young athletes," said Aaron. "There was never any pressure to win from him and he will be an asset to Morgan. I told her to relax and enjoy the experience."

Morgan's legacy includes many athletes in her family. Her mother, Kathy, was a Big Ten tennis champion at the University of Michigan. Her father, Mike, a real estate agent, played hockey in high school, and two other aunts were collegiate tennis stars.

Morgan is the eldest of three Pressel children, the others being her brother Mitchell, 7, and sister Madison, 9. Morgan learned golf while spending a lot of time with her grandfather in 1996. At that time, Kathy was undergoing chemotherapy in a successful battle against breast cancer and she sent her children to live temporarily with their grandparents. After Kathy's recovery, Morgan bonded closely with her grandfather upon her return to Boca Raton.

"I entrusted my dad with the development of Morgan's game," said Kathy Pressel. "She sees him almost every day after school, practising golf. She has fun with him. The most important thing is that she is brought up to be a normal child, not a star athlete."

When Morgan made history on May 15, the day she qualified for the Open, she celebrated with her grandfather – with an ice cream cone, followed a week later by an informal birthday party at her home. Armed with the knowledge of how a parent can add unwanted pressure to a talented athlete (as was the case in tennis with Jennifer Capriati and Mary Pierce), Herb Krickstein's easy-going nature allowed Aaron to excel in tennis. He hopes the same will happen with Morgan.

Morgan's family legacy also includes strong ties to Judaism and the mitzvah of giving back to help others in the community. Her great-grandfather was Rabbi Joseph Krickstein (Herb's father), a Conservative rabbi who had a pulpit in Ann Arbor, Mich. Although Herb was not interested in the rabbinate, excelling in baseball (he had a tryout with the Detroit Tigers but turned it down to be a pre-med student), he was instrumental in raising funds for the Jewish community. He sent Aaron to appear in a fund-raising tennis exhibition for the Miami Jewish Community Centres in 1984, and Aaron competed four times in tournaments held in Israel.

"Just as important in my life to doing well in golf was completing my bat mitzvah in front of all my family and friends," said Morgan, who celebrated her bat mitzvah last November at Congregation B'Nai Torah in Boca Raton.

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Memories of Mordecai

As I was saying...

By RON CSILLAG

This is as good a time as any to drop names. Nine years ago, I had drinks with Mordecai Richler, he keeping a perfectly level head after several whisky-and-Evians (no "plonk" for him), and me slack-jawed after some extra-light rum and Cokes (not being able to hold my liquor in his presence remains one of my great regrets).

Our interview at the Red Lion pub on Jarvis Street was at the height of *l'affaire Richler*, just after the appearance of *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec! Requiem for a Divided Country*. In excerpts which had run a few months earlier in the *New Yorker*, Richler blasted Quebec as a fundamentally anti-Semitic, xenophobic and tribal society, sentiments rooted in its intelligentsia, press and the Catholic Church.

Touchy Quebec nationalists, maligned before a large American audience, called for Richler's head on a platter. Some Bloc Québécois members wanted the book banned (admitting they hadn't read it, and wouldn't), while current BQ leader Gilles Duceppe tagged Richler as "a consummate racist with a totally decayed mind." For added measure, Duceppe called on the Jewish community to denounce the writer, failing which Jews could be perceived as Richler's "accomplices."

Now, you could have labelled Richler with any name you wanted. He'd heard it all, including the knee-jerk term fellow Jews had (and still reserve) for anyone who dares not to toe the party line: self-hating Jew. But it was the appeal to Canadian Jews to distance themselves from Richler that rankled and hurt him. More than that, it was the acquiescence to that demand in some quarters of the Jewish establishment that really got him steamed.

Richler had a great name himself for it: pusillanimous. Canadian Jewish Congress and some high-profile community members had delivered a mealy-mouthed response to Richler's book, saying the situation for Jews in Quebec wasn't nearly as bad as he had described, that his rhetoric was unfair and overheated, and that he had compounded his obloquy in a subsequent interview with Barbara Frum.

Richler, though peeved, responded to the brouhaha by recalling a joke: Two Jews, sentenced to death by the czar, are before the firing squad. They are offered blindfolds. One says, "You can stuff your blindfold." The second Jew responds, "Shh! Don't make trouble!" I laughed, though I'd heard it before.

That, to Richler, summed up what he called a shlepper's mentality in Jewish leadership; a paternalistic need to quiet waters, to lay low, to calm the shtetl down and show the czar that everyone was on their best behaviour. His being a Jew, he reasoned with typical irreverence, imposed no special obligation on Congress or anyone else to evaluate his every word. "It's possible," he told me between long drags on a cigarillo, "that the government of Albania or the SPCA or Black & Decker Tools don't agree with what I say, but they don't feel compelled to comment on it."

Richler preferred B'nai Brith's response, which noted that no U.S. congressman had ever called on the American Jewish public to denounce the writings of Philip Roth, Saul Bellow or Woody Allen.

Richler was not a spokesman for anything. And he didn't need a mouthpiece. He was a party of one, who, far from being a self-hating Jew, wrote lovingly of his heritage, warts and all. His beloved St. Urbain Street was never sugar-coated through the hazy mists of time; it was a chaotic, seething, cacophony peopled by pushy young Jews on the make, sons of exotic dancers, irascible cab drivers, crooks and rascals. In the realm of non-fiction, absurd language laws and anti-Semitic priests were all grist for his prickly mind. And if you or Canadian Jewish Congress didn't like it, well, nuts to you both.

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3 sweet potatoes, cut in chunks
3 zucchini, sliced thick (optional)
1-2 eggplants, cut in chunks (optional)
1 lb. green beans
8-10 mushrooms
2 green peppers
2 red peppers
2 red onions, quartered
1/8 cup olive oil

Preheat oven to 350°F. Arrange vegetables in large baking pan in a single layer. Drizzle with oil and sprinkle with whole garlic, salt, pepper, onion powder, garlic powder, oregano & basil. Bake uncovered 1 hour.

Arrange on glass plate according to colours. Serve slightly warm or at room temperature. Before serving, may be drizzled with balsamic vinegar.

About Parenting

Rebecca Katz

It can be devastating for children to witness their parents' heated arguments, especially if they are angry about personal issues, say Lori Houzer, a child and adolescent therapist, and Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky, creator of the marriage seminar How to Make a Good Marriage Great.

Houzer explains that children can be psychologically affected by exposure to such intimate disputes, and the consequences may be observed through a child's anxiety, which can take the form of tics, stomachaches or headaches. The child may become withdrawn, or conversely, the child may act out at school, mocking the behaviour they witnessed at home.

"I don't think seeing a lot of rage is healthy. I think parents getting very angry at each other or at the kids... is scary," says Houzer.

Houzer recommends that if parents are losing control of their anger in front of a child, it is best for the angered parent to leave the room for a few minutes and return when he or she is feeling calm.

However, they should demonstrate to the child that there has been some sort of resolution. Otherwise they may be showing the child that it is acceptable to walk out on a problem without solving it.

While Houzer maintains that parents should be careful about how they argue and what they argue about in front of their children, she believes that sheltering a child from arguments can be damaging as well.

Rabbi Pamensky says it is important for parents to argue in front of their children, but only on pre-agreed upon topics.

"These topics have to be things that... you can resolve right then," such as a family member's diet, using the car or someone else's belongings without their consent.

The purpose of exposing children to good arguments, he explains, is that if children do not see parents argue, when they enter into marriages of their own and argue with their spouse they may think they have a bad marriage.

Rabbi Pamensky suggests that it is important for children to see arguing as part of the context of a very good marriage and that children should learn conflict resolution from their parents as well. The most effective way to learn that is to see it in action.

Readers may submit questions or comments to Rebecca Katz at rtkatz@hotmail.com. *But she is not a professional, and her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, please consult a professional.*

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(Answers to the crossword are on page 33.)

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

1 Benjamin's successor
5 Be a yente
9 Neil Simon work
14 Get on film
15 Barry Manilow theme
16 Kate's sitcom partner
17 Part of an Israeli city
18 Secures
19 African nation
20 Classic Billy Joel album
23 "___ my people go!"
24 Earl Grey, for instance
25 ___ Alamos
28 Noted Hebrew scribe
31 It looks good with Levi's
36 Fascinated by
38 Per
40 Ancient region of Asia Minor for which a sea is named
41 Woody Allen/Bette Midler movie of 1991
44 14th day of Adar
45 Former *New Yorker* editor Brown
46 Olympic weapon
47 Mailed, as a contest entry
49 Newspaper department, metaphorically
51 Athletes Cobb and Detmer
52 Fun time, to Paul Shaffer
54 Party object at Brandeis, maybe
56 "Rain Man" director
63 Leonard Bernstein standard
64 ___ Mountains (Eurasian dividers)
65 Jazz base
67 Fail to be
68 Type of skirt
69 "___ boy!"
70 Tony Kushner's medium
71 Give the appearance of being
72 Warty one

Down
1 Greek letter
2 "___ Nagila"
3 ___ arms (angry)
4 *The Advocate's* ___ (Dershowitz novel)
5 They might be filled with cottage cheese
6 Meshugga
7 With, to Wiesel
8 Harass
9 Stokowski conducted it in 1940
10 *Aliyah* participants
11 Gymnast Korbut
12 It might be placed on your house
13 To be in Bolivia
21 Actress Barbara Hershey, ___ Herzstein
22 Ending for ether
25 Talks like Cindy Brady
26 As scheduled
27 Daniel of "City Slickers"
29 Tom Sawyer transport
30 Bitter
32 "Far from the ___ I Love" (*Fiddler* song)
33 Not fitting
34 Glickman colleague
35 *Chicago Stories:* ___ *of the City* (Saul Bellow book)
37 "Sit ___!" ("Happy Days" catchphrase)
39 Sharpen
42 Emulate Einstein
43 Judah Loeb Gordon and others
48 Vote by Nita Lowey, perhaps
50 He investigated Monica
53 The Lower East Side, traditionally
55 Garb for Judith Resnik
56 Krusty the Klown tried to kill him
57 Length times width
58 A woman gets it under the *chupah*
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60 It might be placed on your house
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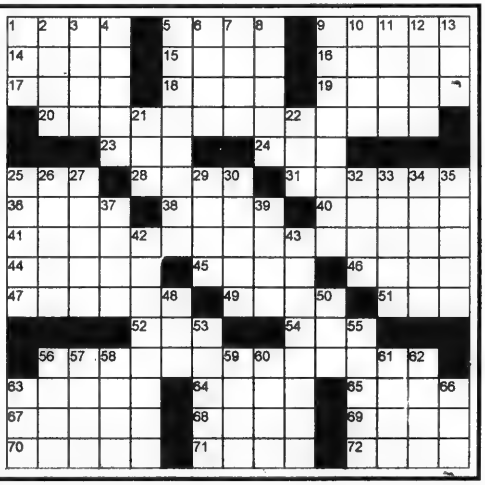

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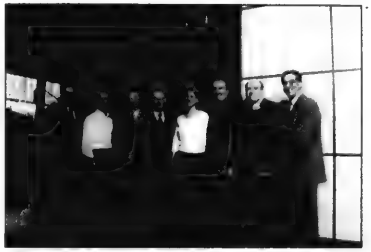
Opening ceremonies for the new Schwartz/Reisman Emergency Centre were held at Mount Sinai Hospital on June 19th. The new state-of-the art centre was made possible solely through generous donations by Gerald Schwartz, President and CEO of Onex Corporation, his wife Heather Reisman, President and CEO of Indigo Books and Music Inc. and other donors.

"What a magnificent gift! It is already making a huge difference to patients, our staff and the community. For this reason we are truly grateful," said Joseph Mapa, President and CEO of Mount Sinai Hospital.

The newly renovated emergency centre is 25 per cent larger providing patients with quieter, less crowded surroundings, greater privacy and easier access to nursing stations, telephones and washrooms. In addition, the centre features a fast track treatment area that will reduce frustrating delays for patients who can be treated and released fairly quickly. This would include injuries such as minor broken bones, lacerations, sprains and strains and dental emergencies.



Left to right: Joseph Mapa, President and CEO, Mount Sinai Hospital; Lawrence Bloomberg, Vice Chair, Mount Sinai Hospital Board of Directors, Chair, *The Best Medicine* campaign; Lloyd S.D. Fogler, QC, Chair, Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation of Toronto; Bernard I. Ghert, Chair, Mount Sinai Hospital Board of Directors; Heather Reisman, President and CEO, Indigo Books and Music Inc.; Gerald Schwartz, President and CEO, Onex Corporation; Dr. Harold Ovens, Director of Emergency Services, Mount Sinai Hospital; and Paul Marcus, Senior Vice President, Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation of Toronto.

"We've all read or heard stories in the news about the long waiting times in Emergency Departments and ambulances having trouble accessing hospitals because of overcrowding," says Mr. Schwartz. "This gift ensures that Mount Sinai Hospital has a world-class Emergency Centre, known for its outstanding facilitates, technology, professional excellence and clinician care."

President of the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation Nicholas Offord described the gift as fundamental in meeting the needs of Mount Sinai Hospital's patient community. "It's wonderful to see the community step in to fill the gap. Generous funding from donors like Gerald Schwartz and Heather Reisman helps Mount Sinai Hospital provide patients with the latest technological advances in a humanistic setting."

RUBINOFF/GROSS CHAIR APPOINTMENT

Joseph Mapa, President and CEO of Mount Sinai Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jay Wunder as the inaugural chair of the Rubinoff/Gross Chair in Orthopaedic Oncology.

"We are delighted with this development. The Rubinoff/Gross Chair in Orthopaedic Oncology combined with Dr. Wunder's extensive experience and reputation reinforce Mount Sinai Hospital's commitment to international excellence in orthopedic oncology," said Joseph Mapa President and CEO, Mount Sinai Hospital. "We are extremely grateful to our benefactors Bob Rubinoff and Dr. Allan Gross and other donors."

As Chair, Dr. Wunder will be responsible for the development and growth of research and educational initiatives relative to Orthopedic Oncology Programs, as part of the mission of the Department of Surgery, Division of Orthopedics, of the University of Toronto. Dr. Wunder will also provide leadership in orthopedic oncology, patient care, research and related educational activities within Mount Sinai Hospital.

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ANOTHER YEAR OF GLITZ AND GLAMOUR AT AUXILIARY ANNUAL GALA

Rene Stein and Timmi Stein Macdonell

Patti LaBelle put on an exciting and electrifying performance at the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary 2001 Gala. As in years gone by, the Gala was a sold out event.

The premiere, black-tie event was held at the Metro Convention Centre, which was sophisticatedly decorated in a spring theme with the tables draped in lilac and adorned by bouquets of calla lilies.

"The Gala was an indescribable evening," said Rene Stein, Auxiliary Gala Chair "One that people will talk about for some time."

Sponsored by CIBC World Markets, Gala proceeds will support the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary's commitment to raise $6 million to develop the Centre for Mothers' and Infants' Health, to help high risk pregnancies and neo-natal care at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The evening included dinner, a live and silent auction, a raffle for a 2001 Pontiac Aztek GT, donated by General Motors of Canada, and a raffle for two passes to the 2002 Masters Golf Tournament.

Left to Right: Lawrence Bloomberg, Vice Chair, Mount Sinai Hospital Board of Directors, Chair, *The Best Medicine* campaign; Joseph Mapa, President and CEO, Mount Sinai Hospital; Nicholas Offord, President, Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation of Toronto; and Minister Tony Clement, Minister of Health and Long Term Care.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES RECORD FUNDS FOR LEADERSHIP SINAI CHAIR IN SURGERY

Equitable Trust - Title sponsor foursome
Left to right: Marty Goldberg, Morey Tewas, Geoffrey Biedin, James Slavens

A sold-out field of 288 golfers made the seventh annual Mount Sinai Classic Golf Tournament the most successful ever. Participants came out to have fun and support a great cause. The tournament which took place on Monday, June 4, at RattleSnake Point Golf Club, netted almost twice as much as last year. Under the dedicated leadership of tournament Co-Chairs, Brian Cohen and Stephen Miller $190,000 was raised for The Leadership Sinai Chair in Surgery and the Leadership Sinai Advanced Surgical Technology Centre.

This year's event set records in every division, from sponsorship investment to auction revenue. Generous supporters included returning Title Sponsor Equitable Trust and Gold Sponsor Nike Canada, Supporting Sponsors MDC Corp. and Mintz & Partners, and Media Sponsor Lifestyles magazine.

Since its inception in 1995, the Mount Sinai Classic has raised more than $464,000 for various priority areas in the hospital, including Labour, Delivery and Recovery Room Project and the new Leadership Sinai Centre for Diabetes.

Although the air was chilly, the day was heated by great golf and exciting prizes.

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Maccabiah gets colourful kick off

CJN Wire Services

JERUSALEM — The 16th Maccabiah kicked off to a bright and colourful start at Teddy Stadium amid unprecedented security as 14,000 spectators welcomed 3,200 athletes taking part in the week-long event. About a third of the athletes are Israelis.

Flying acrobats, floating nymphs, pre-teens in pink stripes simulating synchronized swimmers, dancing mascots and athletes paraded up and down the playing field, celebrating the opening of this year's Jewish Olympics.

And the onlookers loved it.

They cheered for every country, whether it was Ukraine, Uruguay or the United States. Clapping as each of the 45 countries was announced, they rose to their feet only when the blue-and-white Israeli contingent emerged at the end.

They munched on boureka pastries and cracked open bagfuls of sesame seeds, the Israeli version of hot dogs and popcorn. Many were immigrants from the countries represented in the Maccabiah, wearing their native countries' colours or waving their flags.

Swigging bottles of water and cola, they boogied to the Israeli music piped in through the loudspeakers. When the stadium lights went off, they swung the flashlights provided by El Al Israel Airlines, oohing and aahing at the fireworks that lit the sky.

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Israel's and Canada's colours are carried into Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem at the opening ceremonies last week of the 16th Maccabiah Games. *[Isranet/RNS/Reuters photos]*

Greater Toronto Area

Shabbat Chazon: Devarim
Candlelighting: 8:27
Shabbat ends: 9:32
Fast begins: 8:44
Tisha b'Av ends: 9:30

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The News in Brief

CANADA

Interfaith Mission

TORONTO — Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee, has joined members of local Anglican and Catholic churches on a transcontinental convoy, driving eight school buses packed with emergency supplies to an earthquake-ravaged region of El Salvador. Dubbed "Operation Flor de Izote," after El Salvador's national flower, the mission departed last week for the seven-day trip, with 10 volunteers. After the delivery of the supplies, the buses will be donated to impoverished communities. An earthquake in January of this year destroyed over 150,000 homes in El Salvador.

Offers Help to OPP

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, has offered its assistance to the Ontario Provincial Police following recent allegations of pornography and racist joke trading by OPP employees. In a letter to OPP Commissioner Gwen Boniface, Frank Bialystok, chair of the CJC region's community relations committee, suggested that the bias and sensitivity training program, Understanding our Differences, developed by CJC might prove useful if it is determined that some remedial action is required to address the matter.

ISRAEL

Canadians on Mission

JERUSALEM — Some 45 Canadian Jewish leaders left July 15 on a five-day solidarity mission to Israel arranged by B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs. Delegates planned to meet with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, former prime minster Benjamin Netanyahu and several government ministers to discuss security, political and humanitarian issues.

Slave Trade

JERUSALEM — Israel and 22 other countries do not meet the minimum standards for combating traffic in sex slaves and forced labourers, according to a U.S. State Department report. Ranked in the lowest grouping, Israel is a destination in trafficking from former Soviet states, Brazil, Turkey and South Africa, says the report. According to U.S. law, a country that does not comply with the minimum standards by 2003 will be subject to sanctions.

Bibi's Regrets

JERUSALEM — Former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called on the Knesset to rescind the Oslo peace accords. Interviewed on a right-wing radio station last week, Netanyahu also said he regrets signing a January 1997 agreement that transferred parts of Hebron to Palestinian control.

WORLD

Scottish Jews Worry

EDINBURGH — Leaders of Scotland's Jewish community are concerned after far-right graffiti appeared recently on a synagogue in northeast Scotland. Swastikas, skinhead symbols and anti-Semitic graffiti were painted on the only synagogue in Dundee early this month. A leader of Dundee's Jewish community described the incident as "clearly anti-Semitic," but also as "very minor." But anti-fascist campaigners say the incident is worrisome because there is a history of extremist activity in Dundee, a city of about 145,000.

Compensation Flap

BUDAPEST — The president of the Hungarian Jewish community is threatening to hold demonstrations if compensation payments to the relatives of Hungary's Holocaust victims are further delayed. Peter Tordai said his organization is appealing to Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Last December, a Hungarian court cancelled a 1999 compensation law that granted about $140 to Jews whose relatives were killed in the Holocaust, a fraction of the amount granted victims of communist terror, about $3,300 each.

Hitler Ads Pulled

TAIPEI — Taiwan's ruling party said it will halt television ads that include footage of Adolf Hitler. Following criticism from Jewish groups, the Democratic Progressive Party said it will stop airing the ads "out of respect for the Holocaust victims" and "to avoid further misinterpretations."

Jewish Unity For This Shabbat

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Unity Project was recently launched in Israel, with a view to getting as many Jews around the world to keep this Shabbat (July 28, the 8th of Av).

The project aims to unite Jews from all walks of life "to join together for the safety of Israel."

Organizers note that the period from July 8 to July 29 (Tisha b'Av) "has been a spiritually negative period throughout Jewish history as many catastrophes have occurred, especially on the ninth of Av. The first and second Temples were destroyed on that day, and the Spanish Inquisition and the Holocaust started during that period."

This Shabbat is called Shabbat Hazon, on which there is supposed to be a revelation of a time of peace and the third Temple to come.

The group is depending on word of mouth to advertise the initiative. Immigrants in Israel have gotten in touch with their home cities and towns and radio stations in Israel are announcing it for free. The Internet is also being used to spread the word.

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York Region race relations dispute heats up

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The controversy swirling around York Region's race relations advisory committee continues, and threatens to scuttle whatever advances have been made in local Muslim-Jewish relations.

Bader Abu-Zahra, the embattled volunteer member of the race relations committee, has written to the region's school board requesting a meeting with its chair and director of education – but pointedly, not with Alan Shefman, head of the race relations committee and a Thornhill school trustee who has demanded Abu-Zahra's resignation.

Abu-Zahra, who has been at the centre of a heated controversy since April over allegations he distributed anti-Semitic material at a workshop on teaching the Holocaust, wants to meet with school board officials "to talk, to clarify the issue and to remove misunderstandings," Zafar Bangash, president of the Islamic Society of York Region, told *The CJN.*

(Bangash said he was speaking on behalf of Abu-Zahra, who has stopped commenting to media. "People are targeting him unnecessarily," Bangash said.)

Bangash bristled at suggestions that Abu-Zahra wants to meet with the school board to apologize or express regret for his actions. "It is the board that owes him an apology. He has been defamed."

Bangash said Abu-Zahra has requested a meeting, in writing, with Bill Crothers, chair of the York Region District School Board, and Bill Hogarth, the board's director of education. He did not know whether a meeting has been scheduled.

Bangash made a point of saying that Shefman would be unwelcome at any such meeting. "It is he who instigated all this," Bangash said angrily.

But as far as Canadian Jewish Congress knows, Shefman would be part of a meeting between board officials and Abu-Zahra. As of last week, that was Shefman's impression as well.

In any event, Shefman, a former director of education for the Ontario Human Rights Commission, still believes Abu-Zahra has no place on the race relations committee.

"Nothing has happened to change my mind," Shefman told *The CJN.* "My previous views still stand."

Those views have been bluntly stated. In an April 23 letter to Abu-Zahra, Shefman called the material Abu-Zahra handed out anti-Semitic "and therefore contrary to the ethos of the board of education and especially of this committee."

Shefman said that for a member of the race relations committee, which functions under the school board's auspices, to distribute "hateful and disrespectful" material is "totally unacceptable," and he asked for Abu-Zahra's "immediate resignation."

Abu-Zahra shot back by saying that "special focus" on the Holocaust is "exclusive and marginalizes the suffering of other people... the belief that there is a hierarchy of human suffering is in itself profoundly racist and deeply offensive."

He refused to quit, and in May, race relations committee members voted 12-9 that he should not be removed.

However, in June, the committee unanimously condemned the material he had distributed as anti-Semitic.

Also last month, Crothers, bowing to pressure from CJC, issued a statement dissociating the school board from the actions of Abu-Zahra, but without mentioning him by name.

The statement noted that at a board curriculum conference in April, "written material that was anti-Semitic in character was distributed to some participants by an individual attending the conference. I want to say very clearly and without reservation that this action was antithetical to the principles on which this board has been built."

The material in question consisted of a glowing review, contained in *Impact International,* an Islamic magazine based in London, of a notorious book by the American Jewish author Norman Finkelstein.

In *The Holocaust Industry, Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering,* Finkelstein, the son of Holocaust survivors, argues the Holocaust is exploited by Jewish organizations to extort political power and financial gain, and as an ideological weapon to further Zionist objectives. The book also praises pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel's Web site.

> ***'Things came to a head July 9'***

But the main thrust of arguments put forward by Abu-Zahra and his supporters is that the York Region school board curriculum focuses too much on the Holocaust, to the exclusion of other genocides.

Things came to a head July 9, when a crowd of about 100 Muslims attempted to address a public school board meeting. Media reports described the scene as "chaos."

After being told by Crothers that they would have to wait until the end of the meeting to speak, angry audience members began to chant "Shame on you," forcing the board to take a 20-minute recess.

That move, and the fact the meeting started late, was seen by some, including Bangash, as a deliberate attempt to delay Muslims' evening prayers, something Shefman called "malicious and fallacious."

Neither does Shefman put much stock in the school board's ability to bring the affair to a satisfactory conclusion. "I don't think the board has the sensitivity," he said.

In the end, Bangash was permitted to address the board meeting. He called on the board to apologize to Abu-Zahra (who did not attend for fear of his safety) and criticized it for focusing too much on teaching the Holocaust.

Bangash told *The CJN* his group "has studied the curriculum very carefully," and has determined that precisely 28 percent of relevant material deals solely with the Holocaust. "The [school] board has not challenged our statement," he added.

"We are all concerned about the curriculum being inclusive. We want simply to hold the board to its own stated policy. We are not asking for anything new."

Recently, *Toronto Star* columnist Michele Landsberg weighed in on the controversy, noting that within the board's curriculum, the Holocaust theme is optional, and offers a window into several units on human rights, race hatred and other genocides, including those in Armenia and Rwanda, depending on the makeup of a class.

Bangash scoffed at that.

"Are you telling me that if there are enough Palestinian children in class, they would hear about the Palestinian genocide? Can you prove it?"

He also rejected suggestions by CJC and Shefman that Middle East politics are fueling the controversy.

Ed Morgan, chair of CJC's Ontario region, said Congress isn't expecting an apology from Abu-Zahra, "just an expression of understanding."

Ross Virgo, a spokesperson for the York Region District School Board, told *The CJN* that as of last Thursday, no request by Abu-Zahra for a meeting had been received.

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This year, the BJE received over 500 entries from BJE affiliated Day and Supplementary schools. The entries, in Hebrew and English, included works of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

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Peace is Possible, *by Benjamin Nurgitz*, Gr. 11, CHAT

A world around us roiling with fear
We must not bring chaos here
The people fall down
Such evil near, in blood we drown
Pain in their hearts
Here we stand to the return of death-carts
Children cry to end the war
Fields of scorched crops
Aggressive actions new peace shall bar
And no more bombs shall blow our tops

Brotherhood will heal hatred of creed
Friendship will cure the world of its borders
For peace to take hold, unity comes first
For this world there is increased need
To relinquish ethnocentrism are the new orders
To bring the Possible Peace in a burst

Peace is possible only with co-operation
Every nation can practice its customs
Advancing towards a collective purpose
Compassion for all beings, to all beings
Every being can work together for common good

Is humanity as fragile as the thinnest ice?
Survival not the common goal of everyone?
Peace is possible if we persist
Only we stop ourselves from our goal
Silver and gold need not be start or end
Saccharine partnership is not far from our grasp
If we but try, if we but think to act to live
Barriers should melt away in the new dawn
Labour in vain peacemakers should not
Eager to acquire what we should have had

Remember our past mired in hate and loss
Or more mistakes and follies shall we make
Or more losses shall tear us apart
We are what makes the world

The Note in the Kotel, *by Adam Zrehen*, Gr. 4, Or Haemet

"One night I had a dream that I was walking towards the Kotel when I saw a note. I was going to put it back in its place but something told me to read it. So I read it. It said: If you care about someone there will be peace. I woke up and thought of that strange dream. I didn't understand what it meant.

"I went to breakfast and I saw my sister trying to get the cereal. She broke her leg so I decided to get it for her. I was thinking about the note and how it said if you care about someone it will bring peace but there was no peace.

"I was on the bus and an old lady came on. I gave her my seat and I was thinking what could it have meant? I went off the bus and I saw a blind man trying to cross the street. I asked him if he needed help and he said: "Yes." I took him to his house and he said: "Thanks." Then I thought of my dream.

"When I was going to bed that day, I thought of that dream. Then, I got it: it meant if you help and care about people, it would bring peace because when you bring peace from fear and worry, you bring peace of mind."

Peace Starts with Little Things, by Sheri Margolian, Gr. 6, Associated

Peace starts with little things
And not just with presidents and kings.
It's up to everyone, including you and I
To stop the wars, so no one else has to die.

Peace starts with us being kind to each other,
To every stranger, friend, sister and brother.
Just treat people you meet with respect
And you'll see what actions you can effect.

With so many countries and cultures around
And so many different religions to be found
We must try to understand and accept people's differences
So we all can lead peaceful coexistences.

Side by side, and day by day,
It's all the small things that will lead the way,
To stop all the arguing and all the fights,
And turn our energy to hit new heights.

Peace can start with a few little things
That will grow and take hold and spread their wings.
With the kindness, respect and understanding we show
We can plant the seed of peace and watch it grow.

Together, you and I can help bring peace and end war,
And see all the hurt people's spirits soar,
Because peace starts with little things,
And not just with presidents and kings.

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Young writers, continue to write.

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***WEB OF HATE* UPDATED:**

A launching of the second edition of *Web of Hate – Inside Canada's Far Right Network* by Warren Kinsella was held recently. Seen, from left, are: Karen Mock, national director, B'nai Brith League for Human Rights; Bernie Farber, Ontario director, Canadian Jewish Congress; Alan Rock, MP; Kinsella; Ed Morgan, chair, CJC Ontario region; and Marvin Kurz, counsel, B'nai Brith Canada. Congress and B'nai Brith assisted Kinsella with the research for his books.

New Nazi prosecutions promised, despite lack of results in 2000-01

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — No new Nazi war crimes prosecutions were initiated in 2000-2001, though the number of war crimes cases shot up in the past year, according to the annual report of Canada's War Crimes Program.

The passage of time since the end of World War II "has made it increasingly difficult to obtain admissible evidence to enable the [Justice Department's War Crimes] Section to bring forward... proceedings," the report states. "Notwithstanding these difficulties, the Section is still actively investigating World War II matters."

In the last year, 42 alleged war criminals were removed from Canada, 53 persons were excluded from the refugee determination process and 644 persons were refused entry into Canada.

The War Crimes Section currently has 85 active World War II files and initial checks are being undertaken in 147 other cases, according to the report, available at www.cici.gc.ca/english/pub/ war2001.html. Despite the number of active files, since 1995, only 17 citizenship revocation and deportation proceedings have been launched by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, based on the recommendations of the War Crimes Section.

Three years ago, it appeared Canada was ready to pick up the pace of prosecutions. At the time, the War Crimes Section promised to launch 14 new cases by 2001. Since then, only a handful of new cases have been brought forward.

The War Crimes Section remains fully staffed and committed to bringing forward new cases, said Terry Beitner, director of the unit. In recent months, its investigators have interviewed numerous witnesses and travelled to Eastern Europe, Italy, the United States and Germany to pursue leads.

"You can expect some new cases to be launched shortly," Beitner said.

Beitner said the Section's efforts were stymied, in part by delays resulting from an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada in a case involving three suspects (who alleged judicial interference).

At the same time, seven war crimes cases were either before the courts or administrative tribunals. The Section put a lot of effort into those files, limiting its ability to initiate new cases. Over the past 12 months, the Section has been focusing on case development, with the resulting expectation of new proceedings on the horizon, Beitner said.

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Irving Abella called the report both encouraging and disappointing. The government seems to be making a concerted effort to investigate more suspects, but "there's a disconnect between the ability to go after them and to get them out of the country," he said.

Abella, a professor of history at York University, pointed out that as of 10 years ago, Canada had deported only one Nazi war criminal since the end of the war. "That's still the case," he said.

"Even those found to have entered the country illegally are still here," he added, pointing to the case of Helmut Oberlander, the Kitchener real estate developer who, as a youth, served as a translator in a Nazi killing unit.

His case has been stalled at the cabinet level for months, Abella said, even though a Federal Court judge found 1½ years ago that Oberlander gained admission to Canada by fraud.

Meanwhile, Michael Seifert of Vancouver has been found guilty of murder in absentia by an Italian court, and "there is no effort as far as we know to get rid of him," Abella said.

In its tally of the 17 Nazi war crimes cases launched in Canada, the report found that five were successful (two of the war criminals died before they could be deported, the others are contesting their denaturalization), two suspects left the country without contesting the proceedings, three suspects were successful in Federal Court, six suspects died at some point in the proceedings, two cases (Jacob Fast and Walter Obodzinsky) are still before the courts and the Section is awaiting a decision in the Michael Baumgartner case.

In the Fast case, the defence has filed for a "litigation guardian," arguing their client is not competent to understand the proceedings. The Justice Department has asked the court to order a medical examination of Fast.

The defence in the Obodzinsky case is seeking a stay of proceedings on the basis of ill health. Although the Federal Court of Appeal has turned down their request, the defence has until the end of August to seek leave of the Supreme Court to hear the case.

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Jews for Judaism faces tough fight, formidable opponents

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — About a dozen leaders of Jews for Judaism (J4J) gathered recently to discuss international developments in the Jewish resistance to Christian missionizing efforts.

In a modest meeting room in the Lipa Green Building, they exchanged information and updated each other on effective tools that might "inoculate" Jews in North America and South Africa from the immense, well-funded Christian missionary movement that has targeted Jews for conversion around the world.

By all accounts, they face a tough, uphill fight from formidable opponents who are pulling out all the stops in an effort to convince Jews to accept Jesus as the messiah. There are 60 to 70 million evangelical Christians in the United States, and according to Mark Powers, the Baltimore-based international director of J4J, these Christians are placing the effort to convert Jews at the forefront of their agenda. Southern Baptists, for one, announced several years ago that it was "open season on Jews," and told their congregations to "go get 'em," he said.

Rabbi Skobac

More than 900 groups in the United States are targeting Jews. Jews for Jesus alone has a budget of more than $12 million US while Chosen People Ministries spends more than $5 million per year. All branches of Jews for Judaism in North America and South Africa spend a total of $1 million US per year, said Rabbi Michael Skobac, education director of J4J's Toronto office.

Viewing the thin rabbinic line that is defending the gates of Judaism from those who would assail it is like watching the mythical little Dutch boy frantically placing his finger in a dike, trying to stem the flow of water onto dry land.

It appears the odds are against them, but Powers has an answer for those who despair at the scope of the task. It comes in the form of a parable that tells the story of a young boy walking on a beach at low tide. To his consternation, he finds the beach full of starfish, grounded by the receding waters. The boy begins to throw them back, one at a time. An old man on the beach sees what he's doing and asks him, "Why are you bothering? How can you possibly have an impact on all those starfish?"

Throwing one into the sea, the boy turns to him and says, "I made an impact on that one."

Despite the disparity in resources, J4J can boast of some successes, like the case of the woman who had grown up in an Orthodox home and had been touted as a prize catch by Christian missionaries. She returned to the Jewish fold after being invited to spend a Shabbat dinner with J4J and after long hours of discussions on the theological differences in the religions, Powers said.

Powers and Rabbi Skobac don't point to specific figures when discussing their success rate. Powers likes to quote the talmudic dictum that states, if you save a Jewish life, it is like saving a world. Rabbi Skobac said "hundreds of people around the world have come back to Judaism" thanks to J4J's efforts.

Right now there are plenty of Jewish lives to be saved from the missionary movement. In South Africa, said Rabbi Graeme Finkelstein, as many as 3,000 Jews out of the country's total Jewish population of 80,000 are involved in some sort of Hebrew Christian group.

In North America, Jews for Jesus has targeted Jewish communities of 25,000 or more. "We see a tremendous effort to proselytize the Jews," Powers said.

Jews for Judaism has devised a number of strategies to counter those efforts, and in Toronto, they exchanged information as to their efficacy.

In Los Angeles, the office has introduced a new program for interfaith couples, called Two Roads, One Path (www.tworoadsonepath.com). It suggests answers to questions posed by couples trying to accommodate their divergent traditions.

C.P.R. for the Jewish Soul, a community prevention and response program, was touted by the Baltimore office of J4J while the Toronto office has developed an approach to dealing with Jews who have joined various cults.

The meetings, in addition to facilitating the sharing of information, aid in professional development, the adoption of new technology and the exchange of information leading to a broadening of the organization's mandate, Rabbi Skobac said. The Internet has proven useful in facilitating communication between J4J's branches and in bringing its message to the wider community (www.jewsforjudaism.org), he added.

Besides working to bring Jews back to Judaism, the organization attempts to educate the community about the threat to its future well-being and promote Judaism as a spiritually uplifting antidote to missionaries and cults, Rabbi Skobac said.

From their exchanges with Jews who have been recruited to Christianity, J4J representatives have noticed that few "take the trouble to investigate the Jewish side of the story," Rabbi Skobac said. "If a Jewish person is willing to study, to learn, then 70 percent will come back to Judaism."

The Toronto branch of J4J, which receives about 10 percent of its funding from UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, is supported primarily by private donations. It operates on a budget of about $400,000 per year.

Rabbi Skobac said plans are being advanced to expand the organization's presence in Montreal – likely with the help of volunteers – and perhaps to other Canadian centres in the future.

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Intermarriage on the agenda at men's club convention

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi David Booth believes that we are living through the second greatest crisis in Jewish history.

A simple, informal poll during his keynote address at the recent biennial convention of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs underscored his point.

Only a handful of the 300 men representing the brotherhood organizations of their Conservative synagogues in Canada and the United States indicated that they could read and understand Hebrew, yet the vast majority of listeners raised their hands when Rabbi Booth asked how many had a non-Jewish relative, out to the level of second cousin.

Although their answers may or may not be indicative of a crisis on the scale of the destruction of the Second Temple, Rabbi Booth stressed that much of Jewish life today is based on assumptions that are no longer true – a situation he compared to the time following the Temple's destruction, which precipitated a radical transformation from biblical to rabbinic Judaism.

Make Judaism 'more relevant'

The 31-year-old rabbi, a native of San Francisco who is leaving a Virginia pulpit to serve a congregation in Ocean, New Jersey, said, "We can transform our Judaism [while maintaining] our commitment to Halachah and holiness, but the emphasis may have to undergo some serious and major changes."

Among his suggestions to make Judaism more relevant were:

• putting mikvah (ritual immersion following a woman's menstruation) in the context of marital issues such as sexual boredom and treating a spouse as an object;

• talking about Shabbat as an "escape from multi-tasking" and an opportunity to focus on God, community and family;

• making a place for non-Jews in the community, and thinking about encouraging conversion.

At his own synagogue last year, on the second day of Rosh Hashanah (following a distinct lack of interest the previous day), he invited congregants to share an experience of having been overwhelmed by God's power. The result, he said, was an inspiring service that was also halachic.

To create synagogue programming that speaks to people's actual interests, Rabbi Booth said that "a social component is critical, but we shouldn't stop with basement-level Judaism. The other component has to be real Torah learning that talks about issues people are carrying with them."

Among such issues, intermarriage was a key topic at the four-day convention, where the FJMC launched their recently published 70-page softcover book, *Building the Faith, A Book of Inclusion for Dual-Faith Families.*

In light of that theme, Rabbi Booth led a convention workshop entitled Grandparenting in the Age of Intermarriage.

The rabbi, whose in-laws are not Jewish, shared some of his own experience as a father of three young children and also as a brother whose sister has a non-Jewish boyfriend.

"We both got more serious about Judaism," he said, referring to his wife, who converted three years after they started dating, and to his own non-observant background.

While the rabbi wants his in-laws to be involved in his children's lives in an integral way, he said, "when we visit it's very clear that we visit relatives who have a different religious practice, with which we don't agree ...We can be accepting and loving of people who are different from us. We want to make our family understand that we love them and we want them to feel part of our children's lives."

Workshop participants had many questions about family members who are interdating or intermarried. Rabbi Booth advised them to be "very welcoming" but not to be afraid of raising issues like the importance of Judaism to the parent or the child, or even the possibility of conversion. His wife, he said, never knew it was possible to convert to Judaism until she sought out a rabbi to discuss her interest in the religion.

The rabbi agreed with parents who said their children would not welcome interference, and added that they would be turned off by anything they perceived as racist. The type of language used is critical, he said.

He advised parents to avoid being judgmental and to provide "warm, loving memories of being in a Jewish household."

Invite the children for Pesach, but do it because you love them, not because you want them to be Jewish, he counselled. "It's very important you're not trying to twist anyone's arm, not even hoping they convert. The warmth and the welcoming is critical."

Rabbi Booth believes the Conservative movement is making a "huge mistake" by not allowing intermarried Jews to hold office in the synagogue. The same rules don't apply to members who are not Shomer Shabbat, he pointed out.

Men's clubs can play a role by offering groups for people whose children are intermarried or considering intermarriage, and by inviting non-Jewish men married to Jewish women to programs that might interest them.

"I don't mean to imply that intermarriage is okay," he specified. "We are against intermarriage, but we are in favour of marriage. Now that there's an intermarriage, we want to bring resources to help."

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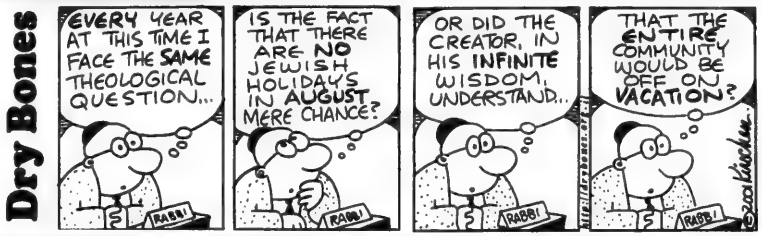
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Tears of sorrow, tears of joy

As sundown brings the Sabbath to an end this weekend, the page of the calendar will fall onto Tisha b'Av, the ninth day of the month of Av, a low, melancholy day in Jewish history and tradition. Both the first and second Temples were destroyed on this date in 586 BCE and 70 CE, respectively. Betar, the last stronghold of the Bar Kochba revolt in 135 CE, fell on the ninth of Av. One year later, in 136 CE, the Roman emperor Hadrian chose this very same day to erect a pagan temple on the site of the destroyed Jewish temple. Some 1,300 years later, historians also record, the expulsion of the esteemed Jewish community from Spain took effect.

The Encyclopedia Judaica describes the ninth of Av as "a symbol for all the persecutions and misfortunes of the Jewish people, for the loss of national independence and the sufferings in exile. The massacres of whole communities during the Crusades intensified this association."

The day is marked by various rituals of mourning and customs of consolation throughout the Jewish world. The feelings of calamity and utter loss that it engenders are encapsulated in Psalm 137: "By the rivers of Babylon, we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion." Of all the 150 psalms in the canon, Psalm 137 is perhaps one of the most widely known because it both promises and importunes the Jewish people never to forget Jerusalem. That promise, that importuning, for nearly two millennia, has been one of the most deeply defining brushstrokes on the rich, colourful, diverse tableau of Jewish peoplehood.

But there are forces among Israel's enemies who would deny the origin and historicity of that promise and who would relegate Jewish peoplehood to nothing more than an accident of European migration and demographics. The political leaders of the Palestine Authority and the Wakf, the Palestinian trust of religious leaders that administers the Temple Mount, publicly disclaim any Jewish historical or religious attachment to the Western Wall.

Thus, this Tisha b'Av, even as we "weep" by the rivers of our disparate Diaspora "Babylons," let us keep keenly in mind the promise that for thousands of years has defined who we are and who we must always be. And as we recall that promise, let us also recall its ongoing fulfilment to which the people of Israel and the Jewish people, are totally dedicated. Alas, it is a fulfilment we recall infrequently, if at all, ever since Yasser Arafat launched his "low-grade" war against Israel last year.

The emotions and feelings engendered by that fulfilment are encapsulated in another widely known psalm, Psalm 126: "When God restores Zion, we will be as dreamers; we will be full of celebration and joy."

Tears of sorrow, tears of joy: they are the antipodes of Jewish existence, our burden and our glory, our reason to mourn, our reason to fulfill that promise.

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Door-knocking over by 1952

I read your article about Eva and Harold Dessen (*CJN*, July 5) with great interest and enjoyed it very much. However, I would like to point out what may have been a typographical error, or if not, what I consider to be incorrect information.

The article stated that Harold Dessen "first became a board member in 1952, when the school was basically an evening school." I take exception to the date in that statement, since at that time I was in Grade 6 in the day school – The Toronto Hebrew Day School, as it was called then – and by that time, two classes had already graduated from Grade 8 and those students were in the public high school system. In 1952, there were at least 16 classes ranging from kindergarten to Grade 8, and except for the Grade 7 and 8 classes of that year, all grades had at least two parallel classes. The student body had to number well over 250 children, maybe even much higher than that.

In addition to my being one of the students in the day school, my mother, Jennie Snider, was the principal of the general studies program, a position she had held since the first Grade 1 class had started in the school, which was in 1943 (after having been hired the previous year to teach the first kindergarten class).

Thus I am quite sure that by 1952, Dr. Jacober was no longer knocking on doors trying to recruit students for the school. The school was well known in the Jewish community by then, and its academic record, certainly in the general studies department, was starting to be recognized and accepted for its high level of achievement as the older students entered the public high schools.

Elsa Ruth Skuy
Toronto

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Name inadvertently omitted

We at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre/ Koffler Centre of the Arts thank you for your coverage of the 13th Annual Canadian Jewish Book Awards (*CJN*, June 21), which was recently held at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

As the article pointed out, this year's awards were a record-breaker in terms of attendance, but it failed to mention that the awards were made possible by the multi-faceted, growing cultural programming of the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre/Koffler Centre of the Arts. I felt compelled to point this out for the Jewish community's future reference.

Diane Uslaner
BJCC Director of Cultural Programming, Marketing and Development
Toronto

Letter writer missed details

In his guest voice (*CJN*, July 12), Wayne Levin expresses his displeasure with the UJA/CJC full-page backgrounders on school funding that have appeared in this newspaper.

Contrary to Levin's perspective, these information pieces are indeed part of our effort to both educate and mobilize our community regarding tax credits. In fact, the information contained the key points that Levin considered so important to publicize, including myths and facts, as well as a call to action by the Jewish community.

We, along with UJA Federation, the Ontario Alliance of Jewish Day Schools and our other partners with whom we have been working tirelessly, will continue negotiating with the provincial government to ensure that upcoming regulations make this credit work for our parents and schools. At the same time, we will persist in aggressively countering the distorted arguments put forward by opponents to such public funding.

CJC works in a spirit of community volunteerism and therefore is only as strong as its volunteers. We invite Levin, as we have in the past, to come and participate in this or any other CJC matters of interest.

Simon Rosenblum
Director, Public Policy
Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region

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CJN posed wrong question

Regarding the Perspectives (*CJN*, July 12), "Should Clinton have spoken on behalf of Yad Vashem?", the two articles have opposing views to keep the "balance," I suppose. But is there a balance?

I agree with Juliet Karugahe's views and words. Henry Odimbe Ojambo, on the other hand, sounds very much of an apologist for the well-known "bystanders" in 1994 – the sort of individuals Jews have been condemning and criticizing for at least 50 years now, in connection with the Nazi genocide from 1939 to 1945.

What bothers me most is the caption before the articles, especially the last sentence: "What should have been the proper Western response to the slaughter?"

Why such a useless question by us Jews who ought to know better? How many times did we say – not ask – what should have been the proper response of any political power to the slaughter of the Jews in Europe and North Africa?

Instead, the question should have been: What should have been the proper action on the part of Western powers and the UN to prevent the slaughter? Did "never again" became nothing more than an empty slogan?

How soon we forget!

Judy Cohen
North York, Ont.

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Perspectives

Delegitimization of Jews back on UN agenda

By DAVID H. GOLDBERG

Yet another crisis is brewing in Israel's relationship with the United Nations, a crisis which could also have implications for Canada.

The World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance is scheduled to take place from August 31 to September 7 in Durban, South Africa. Every indication suggests that this meeting, to be convened under the auspices of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR), will exceed all previous efforts by international institutions to isolate and delegitimize Israel, including the infamous "Zionism is racism" resolution (UN General Assembly 3379) of November 1975. (The two previous world conferences against racism, in 1978 and 1983, both stumbled over overt attempts by the Third World bloc of countries to use these gatherings as venues for impugning Israel and Zionism.)

At this latest conference's Asian preparatory meeting, held last February in Tehran, Iran, a series of anti-Zionist – indeed, blatantly anti-Semitic – draft resolutions were adopted. Many of these, which still are being considered for inclusion in the final resolution package of the Durban meetings, are overtly racist and make a mockery of the conference's noble goals. They revive the "Zionism is racism" canard by condemning Israeli policies and practices toward the Palestinians as "racist," a "crime against humanity" and tantamount to the "ethnic cleansing of the Arab population in historic Palestine."

The draft resolutions also seek to dehumanize the Jewish people in general, by deleting anti-Semitism as a recognized form of racism and by diminishing the significance of Jewish suffering resulting from anti-Semitism (for instance, by changing the condemnation of "the Holocaust" to the condemnation of multiple "holocausts" and other forms of genocide, including, predictably, the alleged "genocide" perpetrated against the Palestinian people by Israel).

As reported in *The Jerusalem Post* on July 6, Deputy Foreign Minister Michael Melchior, Israel's point-man on the conference, views the draft resolutions as "some of the worst expressions of delegitimization of Jews that we have ever experienced." It is, in Melchior's mind, appropriate to offer fair criticism of specific Israeli policies and practices. But it is something entirely different to turn Israel and Zionism – and by extension, Judaism – into an "absolute evil." Melchior says it is "absurd" that Israel is the only country singled out for "poisonous" criticism at the conference, and charges that this anomaly is "motivated by very special hatred" toward the Jewish State and the Jewish people in general, a hatred that is driven by what he calls a "new wave of anti-Semitism."

International human rights lawyer and Canadian parliamentarian Irwin Cotler takes Melchior's analysis a step further. He asserts that the promotion of human rights has become a virtual religion in contemporary politics, and that for much of the world's human rights community, Israel – and the very concept of sovereign Jewish nationalism anywhere in the Middle East – is nothing less than the "anti-Christ."

The anticipated assault on Israel at this summer's gathering cannot be separated from the campaign of violence and propaganda initiated by Yasser Arafat last September. One of Arafat's key strategies in this campaign is to squeeze maximum territorial concessions from Israel – beyond even the generous ones offered by Ehud Barak at the Camp David and Taba talks – by discrediting the Jewish State in the eyes of the international community and thereby using the international community as another way to extract additional concessions.

Michael Melchior

This strategy has an obvious military component, as seen by Arafat's use of children in confrontations with Israeli soldiers and his deliberate provoking of the IDF into ever more forceful retaliatory strikes. Both of these only serve to perpetuate the Palestinians' carefully cultivated image of "victimization" at the hands of the "much more powerful" Israelis.

However, there is also a distinctly political dimension to Arafat's strategy. Arafat intends to undermine Israel's international standing by defaming the entire Zionist endeavour, including its contemporary leaders – hence, the emergence of the campaign to indict Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for his activities in the 1982 war in Lebanon.

As reported in *The CJN* on July 12, Canadian Jewish leaders are participating in an international coalition of Jewish, non-governmental organizations working closely with Israel to monitor proceedings leading up to the conference. Their goal is to generate sufficient international pressure to have the offensive anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic resolutions withdrawn from the agenda. Though they are justifiably skeptical about achieving this, the coalition members are nevertheless determined to have a presence in Durban and to make Israel's case in the NGO meetings prior to the start of the formal governmental deliberations.

For its part, Israel is said to still be considering its options, with some officials supporting a boycott of the conference if the controversial resolutions remain on the agenda. Other Israeli officials, while no less troubled, argue that to undertake a boycott is to concede defeat to Arafat.

An important variable in the Israeli calculus is the attitude toward the conference adopted by the United States. The Bush administration, on more than one occasion, has threatened to boycott the meetings if the Arab and developing world blocs continue in their efforts to transform the proceedings into an "Israel bashing" exercise. (Indeed, the United States did not participate in the earlier two world conferences against racism in large measure because of the unfair treatment of Israel.)

Yet the Americans have other, significant problems with the conference. Earlier this year, the United States was summarily voted out of the UNCHR. Moreover, the Bush administration has objected to the developing countries' determination to force onto the agenda resolutions demanding that Western countries formally apologize and offer financial restitution for the enslavement of Africans centuries ago. There is growing pressure in Congress to boycott the conference on these grounds alone.

A decision by Washington to boycott the conference might make it easier for Israel to do the same, but, as noted above, there are other factors to be considered by Jerusalem in this regard.

In any event, the threat of an American boycott, while no doubt significant, will not necessarily cause the Afro-Asian majority driving the conference agenda to desist in their diplomatic assault on Israel. Realpolitik indicates that only a threat by the entire bloc of Western industrialized countries, led by the European Union, to join in a boycott, might have the desired effect. Yet there is no evidence that such an EU threat is forthcoming.

What, then, can we reasonably expect from Canada?

To begin, Canada should continue to work with other well-meaning parties to temper the more offensive elements of the draft resolutions affecting Israel and Zionism. Israeli sources express sincere appreciation for the efforts Canadian officials are making in ongoing preparatory committee meetings in Geneva to encourage resolutions that, while perhaps critical of specific Israeli policies and practices, will not cast aspersions on Zionism and the Jewish religion in general. At a minimum, Canada should continue these efforts, up to the conference's start.

Ideally, Canada should be prepared to join the United States and its other principal Western allies in threatening a boycott if steps are not taken to erase the anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic resolutions from the agenda.

Barring this, Canada must be prepared to speak the truth. Canadian officials should make very clear that their participation must not be construed as approval of the hateful resolutions. And they should declare unequivocally that Canada will not be a party to any effort to disparage, delegitimize and dehumanize not only a member-state of the UN and a fellow democracy, but an entire nation and religion.

On July 12, *The CJN* quoted foreign affairs spokesperson Michael O'Shaughnessy as saying that Canada has "strongly maintained its position that any linkages between Zionism and racism are unacceptable." Canada must, in Durban, give tangible expression to this sentiment.

Finally, Canada must express, in the strongest possible terms, its concern about the serious damage to the integrity of the conference caused by the determined efforts by Arabs and their international supporters to hijack and politicize the proceedings for overtly partisan purposes.

Civilized nations have too much invested in the conference to allow the process of historic reconciliation amongst diverse racial and religious communities to be compromised in such a despicable and mischievous fashion.

Canada, as a charter member of the United Nations and as a country whose status in the international community is so tightly linked to the integrity of the UN, must do all that it can to protect and sustain that integrity and ultimately, its own as well.

Secretary General Kofi Annan right, leads Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon into a meeting at the United Nations in New York on March 21, 2001. It was the first face-to-face meeting between the two men. The UN is once again being used as a forum for Israel's enemies to bash the Jewish state.

[RNS/Reuters/Peter Morgan photo]

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Memories of an old synagogue

In pre-Hitler Germany, the city of Essen, an important industrial city in western Germany, had a splendid synagogue. It was a very large structure, which was considered by experts to be outstandingly beautiful as well. It spoke of the kind of optimism that testified to the pervasive belief in the permanence of Jewish life in Germany.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

But on the night of Nov. 9-10, 1938, this optimism was shattered – 1,100 places of prayer were torched, and the Essen synagogue was amongst the victims. Only the outside walls remained standing, silently accusing the inhabitants of the city of having been accomplices of the Nazis.

For some time, the building became a place for industrial exhibitions, but in 1979 another fire ravaged it and, since the structure required considerable reconstitution and the spirit of the times had radically changed, thoughts turned toward rededicating the building to its original Jewish purpose.

Though it did not become once again a place for prayer, it now served as a place of remembrance and warning – a historical/political forum that documented a past that people wanted to forget. In this capacity, the old synagogue became so popular that it attracted some 30,000 visitors a year.

More recently, visitors are reminded not only of the devastating prejudice and its evil consequences that characterized National Socialism and warned against anti-Semitism and any kind of discrimination, it also became witness to the vitality of Jewish life itself. The new historical section that has now become a living museum explains to visitors the nature and the vitality of Jewish life, and also emphasizes the fact that courageous Jews had opposed the desecration of the temple and thereby had exposed themselves to persecution. Courage in the face of tyranny was an underreported aspect of those days.

If it should ever be your privilege to visit Essen and see the old synagogue in its renewed splendour, you will have an occasion to sign your name in a book of memory. Special attention is given to those who once lived in the city, who perhaps went to school there, and they especially are invited to share their impression with other visitors and perhaps manage to re-establish relationships long lost.

The building is thus more than a museum; it is a living place and enhances the welfare of the community by involving it in reliving the memory of days past. It is, in this respect, a monument to the "New Germany," which acknowledges the past with its evils, but resolutely tries to go a different way.

The midsummer report

There are not many occasions in a lifetime that someone can feel truly happy. At this moment, I do not believe that it would be possible for things to get any better than they are right now. As I sit here typing this column (after a very hectic day!), the most stressful thing on my mind is whether or not the weather will be nice tomorrow. Despite camp being a demanding and intense experience for a staff member, it is still the place to be over any other possible summer job. Camp Kadimah 2001 has started out at a great pace and the momentum has only continued.

Darcie Richler in Halifax

I do not know anyone who does not look forward to the summer. For as long as I can remember, summer has meant going to camp and being in what I have always considered to be my ideal place. Camp is something sacred in the sense that it is only six very special weeks, yet it is much more than that.

Those who have never gone to camp have problems understanding the whole "camp thing." They cannot figure out how children who cannot put their television remote controls down during the entire year flock to summer camp where they live in cramped cabins, eat not-so-great food and get all sorts of bug bites. The truth is simple: camp brings out people's fundamental natures. It forces people from different stages in their lives with many diverse opinions, values and beliefs to live together in a communal environment and ultimately (and hopefully) have fun. While school may teach a specified curriculum, children who go to camp get an edge on just about everything else.

In many ways, camp is just a preparation for what we all have to deal with later in life. We are forced to confront awkward and difficult situations. We must learn to be tactful but honest, and most importantly, we must learn about respect.

I think that besides my family, camp has had the greatest influence on me. Some of the most pivotal events in my life have taken place here, both good and not-so-good. One particular memory comes from the summer of 1995 when my bubbie passed away quite suddenly. No matter where or what I would have been doing during the time, the experience would have been terrible, but camp provided a very stable atmosphere for me at the time. After returning there following the shivah, I was blown away at how my counsellors and friends rallied around me. The genuine nature of those who took the time to care has always left an imprint in my summer memories.

Although I do not want it to sound like a cliché, camp really is a summer family. Over the years, I have seen how important it is to give back to what was given to me as a camper. Hopefully, the pattern will continue as long as camp does.

This particular summer has been one of the best that I have experienced. The only sad times for me lately have occurred while I'm trying to fall asleep at night, when I think about the day that I will not be spending my summer in such a wonderful place. The "real world" might be black and white but camp is a place of true technicolour. In one way or another, all campers and staff find their niche, where they can express themselves, be themselves and learn to accept and deal with many different issues that will face them throughout their lives.

Lifetime friendships are, of course, the usual result of this type of power summer. The incredible bond I have with my camp friends has developed over the years. There are those who I speak to on a daily basis and those who I lose touch with for a while and then meet again, feeling as if we were never apart.

Many people my age will maintain that they are "too old" for camp and that they are way past the "camp thing." Although I know that the time will come for me eventually when it will not be possible to go to camp anymore, I will envy those who still are able to. Until then, however, I will love every moment of this place, especially the rainy/cold days, the loud meals and the damp cabins, because no matter what, any day at camp is better than a day in the real world.

A Jewish summer experience

With the summer in full bloom, most of your friends are probably away, either at home or overseas. Groups of friends who have spent their entire lives together split off for the summer, creating interesting and different experiences.

Bryan Borzykowski in Winnipeg

Many of my friends have come to camp with me over the years, but a handful of others have not. I find it fascinating that you can spend entire years with people, but then they go to camp in the summer and you don't hear from them until school starts again. The exciting thing about this is the experiences that are shared when summer is over.

I have friends who go to Camp Hatikvah, Camp Modin in the States, B'nai Brith Camp and other popular summer camps. When we talk about our summers, we often compare notes on programs and staff activities. The ideas that we gain by doing this are invaluable. I have brought some of my friends' ideas to my camp and I know that my other friends have brought back some of my ideas to theirs.

Why is this important? Since the camps that we all attend are Jewish camps, they offer a Jewish experience. Whether it is just saying a few prayers, or talking Hebrew at meals, each camp does its part in contributing to a Jewish child's life.

Combining ideas from other camps can create an even more positive Jewish experience. One small example that happened at my camp involved a counsellor who went to a camp in the States and then came back to my camp the year after with a new tune to *Shalom Elechem*. Soon all the kids were singing it.

Having a Jewish experience at camp is valuable because it provides something the school cannot. While school is often filled with tests and essays, at camp, Judaism comes in the form of songs or plays. More often than not there are children who do not attend a Jewish day school. The summer provides them with an opportunity to learn something new about themselves in a way that will stay with them for years.

At Camp Massad, a Hebrew immersion camp, many of the kids learn all of their Hebrew. Even Massad's camp director in 1996 learned virtually all of his Hebrew there. It always amazes me what kids can retain. Massad doesn't drill proper grammar into the minds of the campers, but somehow, just through conversation, the kids learn plural, singular, masculine, feminine, past, present, etc. Before the campers come, we write out Hebrew words on a sheet of paper and tack the sheet to the cabin wall, and every year the campers remember what words were tacked on their wall the year before. Our songs are all in Hebrew and kids always remember the lines. When they ask what the line means in English, they are able to learn a significant amount of the language through something other than schoolbooks.

Jewish camps are also valuable in that they are able to teach in a way that other Jewish organizations and institutions cannot: through creativity, friendships and fun. While these words can be used to describe other Jewish places, nothing compares with spending a summer away from your parents and still being able to learn something new.

The Kirshner File

Intimations of genocide in a killing field

A scrawny white cow meanders lazily through the field, stopping occasionally to munch grass and to defecate.

The field, abutting bright green rice paddies and fertile farmland in the Cambodian village of Choeung Ek, is broken up by about 15 shallow, innocuous looking depressions.

Sheldon Kirshner in Cambodia

The corpses of nearly 9,000 Cambodians were heaved into these pits in the mid and late 1970s.

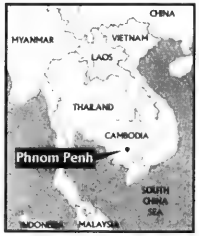
Having been bound and blindfolded, the bodies were left to rot in this so-called killing field, one of many in this country.

Exhumed in 1980, they were the victims of a senseless slaughter perpetrated by the infamous Khmer Rouge regime.

Led by a radical and demented revolutionary named Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge ruled this benighted nation from April 1975 until its ouster in January 1979.

During this tragic period, which came on the heels of a war that engulfed Cambodia, the Khmer Rouge unleashed a reign of terror that has few precedents in history.

Dedicated to transforming Cambodia into a Maoist, agrarian society, Pol Pot and his henchmen emptied the cities of its inhabitants, abolished normal institutions, cut off Cambodia from the world and launched a genocidal campaign against intellectuals and the middle class. They branded these Cambodians as "parasites" who deserved death.



By the tens of thousands, they were herded to killing fields, such as Choeung Ek, and then tortured, murdered and thrown into mass graves.

These horrific events, memorialized in a sombre litany of movies and books, constitute Cambodia's Holocaust.

Choeung Ek is only 15 kilometres from the dusty and frenetic capital, Phnom Penh, but the trip by minibus takes almost an hour.

The rutted two-lane road, so typical of roads in Cambodia, is congested with traffic – ox carts, motor scooters, cars, trucks and buses.

At the gate in front of the killing field, six bedraggled and physically stunted beggars, all under the age of 10, mob a small group of western visitors, their hands reaching out in supplication.

It is hard to resist their murmured entreaties in fractured English.

In a corner, a legless beggar, his face an impassive mask, sits on a low wooden platform with four wheels. A human stump exuding immense dignity, he is a silent and compelling figure.

This poor soul is a living, breathing casualty of a bygone era, when Cambodians knew nothing but strife and bloodshed.

In 1970, Cambodia was sucked into the maelstrom of war as U.S. and South Vietnamese forces invaded to rout the armies of the Viet Cong and North Vietnam.

The land was sown with millions of mines, and these deadly objects maimed and killed innumerable Cambodians.

Even now, buried mines disfigure ordinary Cambodians, and the results are staggering. All over Cambodia, visitors encounter men without limbs, women missing arms, and children bereft of fingers.

It is heartbreaking spectacle, exacerbated by the fact that Cambodia, a developing nation still licking its wounds, cannot afford to look after its less fortunate citizens. There is no such thing here as a social safety net.

Amputees are reduced to begging. Still more terrible to behold, especially for a Jewish visitor whose parents are Holocaust survivors, are killing fields like Choeung Ek, where Khmer Rouge atrocities took place far from prying eyes.

The evidence of this murderous rampage has been deliberately preserved by the government for the benefit of the present generation and future generations.

The shallow depressions where bodies were buried. [Sheldon Kirshner photos]

In a memorial stupa resembling a Buddhist temple, the bleached skulls of some 9,000 Cambodians, ruthlessly mown down by anonymous executers, are packed closely together and displayed on 10 shelves behind glass panels.

A few of the skulls bear clear or jagged bullet holes.

The pitted eye sockets of the skulls stare out, coldly and pitilessly.

The shelves reach dizzying heights, testifying to the unforgivable crimes carried out in the supposed name of progress.

The skulls of the victims.

On the bottom shelf lies a pile of dirty, discarded clothing taken from the remains of the victims.

It is reminiscent of the mound of eyeglasses in Auschwitz.

Nearby is a crude sign, in Cambodian and English, claiming that the killings were of a more evil nature than those committed during the Holocaust.

By all accounts, one million Cambodians were wantonly murdered by the Khmer Rouge. Cambodia was torn asunder by these killers, who have yet to face justice. The scale of Cambodia's genocide beggars and scars the imagination.

But was the carnage in Choeung Ek, as the sign claims, worse than the systematic extermination of six million Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators?

In truth, the question is rhetorical, beside the point and really pointless.

What finally matters is that people – innocent people – were randomly and ruthlessly killed for the sake of a crazy ideology.

Like Adolf Hitler, Pol Pot dreamed of restructuring and reordering his universe. The end justified the means.

The lives of Cambodians, and Jews, were snuffed out in a blinding flash by murderers who were absolutely convinced they were making the world a better place.

In Choeung Ek, as well as in Auschwitz and in Rwanda, their brutal and chilling handiwork is there for all to see and ponder.

Choeung Ek's memorial stupa

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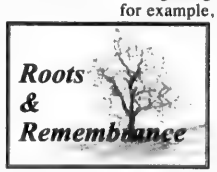
Jewish Life

Shining a light on Jewish names

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

A talmudic source indicates that after Alexander the Great conquered Palestine in 333 BCE, all Jewish boys of priestly families born the following year were named Alexander as a form of tribute.



Like his namesake, a contemporary Alexander is proving a skilled and savvy conqueror. Alexander Beider, the Paris-based onomastician, has marched from one province of Jewish names to the next in a bold campaign to illuminate their various etymologies. Having conquered the territory of surnames, he has now entered the field of given names.

His new book, *A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names: Including Their Origins, Structures, Pronunciations and Migrations*, is being published this month by Avotaynu.

Beider's two previous major works, *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire* and *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland*, were ground-breaking studies that combined long theoretic introductions with exhaustive compilations of surnames.

Like its predecessors, the new book features a long theoretical introduction and a seemingly exhaustive compilation of about 15,000 Ashkenazic given names, all linked to a pool of about 735 root names. It traces many names back to the talmudic period or the Crusades, documents known usages with dates, places, sources and notes, and maps out derivations and variations.

Regarding the root name Aleksander, for example, Beider notes that it has long been considered a *shem ha-kodesh* (holy name) despite its Greek origin. Its informal or "hypocoristic" form is Sander, and its vernacular forms include Ziskind and Zusman. Variations include Sanderman, Zenderlin, Zandrik and Shanke.

Like many great scholars, Beider achknowledges that he stands upon the shoulders of giants. They include Leopold Zunz, the 19th-century German-Jewish scholar, and Samuel ben Uri Shraga Phoebus, a 17th-century rabbi who compiled an early study of Jewish names.

Beider doesn't get any better than when delicately untangling historic misperceptions that obscure the origins of certain names. Regarding Shneyer, for instance, he notes: "Due to a folk etymology misinterpretation, the Hebrew spelling of this name coincided with the combinations of the two Hebrew words 'two' and 'light,' pronounced *shnei* and *or* respectively." Because of this association, some rabbis regarded the name as a *shem ha-kodesh*, suitable for use when calling someone up to the Torah.

Another erroneous folk etymology equated the name Fayvush with the Greek Phoibos and the Latin Phoebus, meaning "god of the sun." Consequently, Fayvush and its variants and derived forms were sometimes used as vernacular equivalents (*kinnuim*) for Samson, the biblical name derived from the Hebrew noun meaning "little sun."

The name Shrage, which derives from the Aramaic noun for candle, was often associated with Fayvush due to the erroneous connection of Fayvush with the sun. The true derivation of Fayvush is not Phoibos, however, but the Latin *vivus*, meaning "living, alive." Fayvush was created as an equivalent form of the Hebrew name Chaim (life) or Yechiel (similar derivation).

Some names seem to have multiple derivations and meanings. Nochum or Nachum, for instance, is derived simultaneously from the biblical prophet, from the Hebrew word meaning comfort, and as a short form of Menachem. Likewise, Sholem derives from the Hebrew noun for peace, but because of its closeness to Solomon, both names are sometimes used interchangeably.

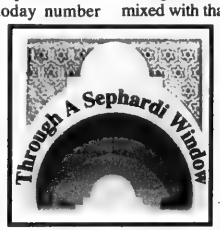
The very great penetration of biblical names among Jews needs no explanation. I was unaware until reading Beider, however, that various now-common names such as Abraham, Adam, Isaiah and Israel only came into common use among Ashkenazim in the Middle Ages.

These are only a few of many questions explored in Beider's latest magnum opus, which is a brilliant and monumental compilation.

Diefenbaker, Moroccan Jewry

By RABBI YEHIEL BEN AYON

For 1,000 years, North Africa hosted one of the largest Jewish communities in the Diaspora. While some may say that these communities have virtually vanished, the reality is that they have simply relocated. A case in point – Jews of Moroccan descent today number more than one million people worldwide, the single largest Jewish ethnic subgroup.



In the '50s, as emigration gained momentum, the vast majority heard the call of Zion and realized their dream by settling in Israel. Their second choice was France, close both geographically and in ideological terms. Moroccan Jews saw themselves as cosmopolitan, certainly more European than African. In any case, they already spoke the language.

After Israel or France came Canada. Canada you say! Indeed. The story of how Canada, of all places, became a home for the third largest community of Moroccan Jews in the world is a missing page in our history. Here it is, long overdue, but just as true.

The lure of all things American cast a spell on everyone, but the U.S. immigration laws and quotas made it nearly impossible to attain a visa. Canada was seen as a stable country, a sort of America "Lite." The then strong prevailing culture of the British and French, mixed with that of the Americans, made for a curious but desirable blend.

Canada, however, had its own set of immigration policies. An application for a visa from an exotic place like Arab Morocco was quite odd. If the applicant claimed to be a Moroccan and have the Jewish faith, then this was most bizarre. Jews in Morocco – preposterous! Who had ever heard of Jews in Morocco? Certainly not Ottawa. All applications remained unanswered and inactive.

In the '50s, there were probably fewer than a dozen Jews from Morocco in all of Canada. Those who were here were mostly male, young and single and had entered with passports from European countries. Among these young men were Eli Mimram and the late Albert Nidam. Fate brought the two then-recent immigrants to the attention of Toronto's Rabbi David Monson. It was reputed that the rabbi had a personal friendship with the prime minister, John Diefenbaker. Would the rabbi lobby on behalf of Moroccan Jewry?

Not only did Rabbi Monson arrange a meeting with the prime minister, he personally drove through the night with Mimram and Nidam in his own vehicle.

The minister of immigration, Ellen Fairclough, as well as another cabinet member, were asked to attend this meeting. Rabbi Monson, Mimram and Nidam presented the plight of the Jews in Morocco wishing to leave their country. The prime minister then asked for documentation, at which point Mimram produced the names of some 70 files buried in bureaucratic quagmire.

That very morning Diefenbaker gave orders to fast-track all applications for Moroccan Jews. The rest is history. One immigrant sponsored another, who sponsored another... Today the Canadian community of Jews of North Africa flourishes both in Toronto, where they number many thousand, and in Montreal where they number threefold as many. We have a community with centres and schools and services, whose members have succeeded in professions, business and the arts, and have contributed much to Canada in productivity, economy and creativity.

Jewish Life

Reflections on Richler

Mordecai Richler, Canadian Jewish Novelist

Often regarded as a black humorist, Mordecai Richler's novels had a far greater range and depth of social commentary than that term implies. He both celebrated and satirized the Jewish experience in Canada, and his work is full of pungently funny dialogue and politically incorrect observations.

Books
Bernard Baskin

The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz (1959), described by its author as the adventures of a teenage, working-class Jewish kid on the make in Montreal around 1949, is a modern classic. Duddy's rise and fall in business, as he schemes to buy land and exploits everyone around him, is rendered with both comedy and pathos.

The largely immigrant Jewish community of an earlier era – insecure and wary of ugly Jewish stereotypes – was resentful and outraged. In time, with a growing sense of security, the next generation was able to accept *Duddy* and its author with equanimity and even appreciation. These positive feelings about him grew ever stronger as he exposed the history of anti-Semitism in the Catholic Church of Quebec and the animus of many French Canadians.

There are two major tendencies in Richler's narrative approach: satire and social realism. These create the acerbic vision that is the hallmark of his fiction. They led to a kind of repetition in both theme and manner in most of his novels.

He found his subject matter in the area around St. Urbain Street and The Main in Montreal. An immigrant Jewish ghetto, these streets have become celebrated as Richler territory in a plethora of stories, novels, books of essays, films, articles, and lectures.

Jake Hersh, the protagonist of the book *St. Urbain's Horseman* (1971), finds a fantasy hero in his mysterious cousin Joey whom Jake believes tracks down Nazi war criminals. The Horseman represents the heroic spirit of Jewry in a time of great moral confusion. Ironically, it seems likely that the real Joey is not much better than a common thug, but Jake clings to his heroic fantasy as a remedy for his recurrent nightmares about Dr. Joseph Mengele and for his middle-aged obsession with and disgust at the ultimate facts of physical decline and death. *St. Urbain's Horseman* is an ambitious and impressive novel. It's funny, sad and powerful by turns.

When *Solomon Gursky Was Here* (1989) was published, I interviewed Richler on the telephone and asked if his book was based, however loosely, on the history of the Montreal Bronfman family. His answer was a curt and emphatic "No," but the similarities are striking. Ephraim Gursky, the maverick son of a rich Jewish family ends up as a king of shaman among the Inuit. He eventually settles in Lower Canada and establishes a prosperous and respectable distillery firm.

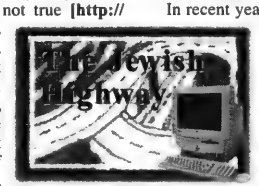
Barney's Version (1997), perhaps the best of Richler's novels, is structured around the three marriages of Barney Panofsky, a television producer with Alzheimer's disease. It is both poignant and wildly funny.

Richler's novels suggest that "the idea of a Jew" is very much like the idea of a Canadian, for Canada is a land of minorities, regions, and disguised ghettos. Is that Richler's appeal to his countrymen? Is that why he is never considered as other than a Canadian writer?

Judaism and gossip

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Did you read on the Internet how a famous fashion designer once uttered a racist remark on the Oprah Show and was told to leave immediately? If you did, forget about it. It's not true **[http://www.urbanlegends.com/ulz/tommy.html]**. Although the Internet can be a wonderful source of knowledge, it has probably become the world's biggest breeding ground of malicious rumours, scurrilous innuendo and good old gossip.



Or as Judaism would look at it, bad old gossip. The Internet may be new, but gossip has been around for thousands of years and Judaism has quite a bit to say about it.

Gossip in Hebrew is usually translated as *lashon hara*, literally the evil tongue. A piece of gossip may be true and it may have been said without malice but that does not make it any more acceptable in Jewish law **[http://www.jewish.com/askarabbi/Ethics/Lashon_hara_and_dishonesty/]**. According to the Sha'arei Shalom Congregation Web site of Ashland, Mass., "the rabbis teach that *lashon hara* is like killing three people because it destroys the reputation of the victim, damages the perceptions of the listener, and diminishes the standing of the speaker." **[http://www.rjca.org/lashon.html]**

One of the greatest proponents of codifying the laws against *lashon hara* was Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan (1838-1933), known as the Chofetz Chaim **[http://www.torah.org/learning/lashon/]**. The Chofetz Chaim lists 31 commandments which may be violated when a person speaks or listens to *lashon hara*, including: "In righteousness shall you judge your neighbour" and "You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people" **[http://www.ahavat-israel.com/ahavat/am/gossip.asp]**.

In recent years, the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation has carried on Rabbi Kagan's work and steps up its efforts at this time of year. On July 29, we mark Tisha b'Av, known as the time when national calamities have hit the Jews. But instead of blaming outside forces, the Talmud says that the cause of the destruction of the Second Temple was the senseless hatred and ill-will displayed among Jews. Since gossip and ill-will are very much contemporary issues within Judaism, the Chofetz Chaim Foundation has created videos and other programs to spread the message about *lashon hara* **[http://www.kesserisrael.org/KesserMesser/Tisha B'Av99.pdf]**.

Cutting out gossip may sound fine in theory. But can it work in the real world? Rabbi David Bassous examines whether we have the right to discuss the private lives of politicians or celebrities. "To report on a politician's private dealings, if it sheds significant light on his character, may be acceptable. This is because knowledge of the politician's character helps voters make an informed decision at election time. However, a celebrity's private life is of no relevance to the public and should not be reported on without the celebrity's permission." **[http://home.earthlink.net/~etzahaim/halakha/confid.html]**

What do you do if you want to report the irresponsible behaviour of a co-worker while respecting the rules of *lashon hara*? According to the Professional Ethics and Halakha Web site, there are four situations when you are not only permitted, but *obligated* to speak negatively about others:

- to help the person spoken about;
- to help or protect those negatively affected by the person being spoken about;
- to prevent a community dispute; and
- to help others learn from the first person's faults. **[http://www.darchenoam.org/ethics/GOSSIP/workplace.htm]**

And what about psychotherapy? How effective can your treatment be if you feel limited expressing your negative feelings about others? Sanford Drob is a psychologist at Bellevue Hospital Center in New York and has written a fascinating article on *lashon hara*. He acknowledges that therapy may involve expressing negative feelings about others but says that it should never be an end unto itself. "If after many weeks and months of psychotherapy a patient continues to 'unburden' him or herself about the misdeeds and injustices of others, I begin to suspect the 'unburdening.' And the fixation upon the past, to be a source of the patient's problems rather than an effort towards their resolution." **[http://www.newkabbalah.com/losh.html]**

So how do you break the gossip habit? Slowly. Choose an hour daily during which you will make a deliberate effort to speak no evil. Once that becomes comfortable, gradually expand your gossip-free period. And how does the Internet fit into the resolution to cut down on *lashon hara*? Very conveniently. You can kick off your own campaign by making your anti-Lashon Harah pledge online **[http://www.anshe.org/machsomlifi.htm]**.

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ש'שאר י'ונ'ו

גידי קורן וחברים

קיץ קיץ
חבלנן ממשיך. מרגע כתיבת הדברים ועד לפרסומם עלולה הפסקת האש להיות הסטוריה־רחוקה. הפער בין הישראלים והפלשתינאים גדל מיום ליום. ואיתו גדל מספר הנפגעים משני הצדדים. משיחותי עם ישראלים שמשתייכים למחנה השמאל עולה שיש שביעות רצון מפתיעה מדרכו של אריאל שרון שמבליג תוך חריקת שן, מתוך תבונה שצריך למצות את כל האתגליכים הדיפלומאטיים, ואין מקום לקפוץ על שלבים. הדימוי חניצי של שרון נתן לו קרדיט חזק ביותר כשהוא מחליט להבליג.

אחד הדברים המסתכלים ביותר לישראלי בקנדה הוא לקרוא את פרשנות העיתונות הליבראלית השמאלית. אלה העיתונאים יפי הנפש שתומכים בפלשתינאים בכל מחיר, גם אחרי שהם מפוצצים מכוניות והורגים ילדים יהודים. המוליך שבימיהם הוא ה"טורונטו סטאר". אבל יש הפתעה חיובית בנושא זה: העיתון החדש, "נשיונל פוסט", מגלה אחדה ברורה לנקודה הישראלית, ומציג את עראפת כמו שהוא נראה לנו. לדעתי האישית חייב כל יהודי שמעריך את עצמו ואת שרשיו לתפסיק לקרוא את ה"סטאר". אני כמובן מביע כאן דעה פרטית שמייצגת רק את עצמי.

מקום טוב באמצע
בדו"ח חדש של האו"ם נמצאת ישראל במקום טוב באמצע בין המדינות המפותחות. לפני שנתיים היתה ישראל במקום ה-23 ועכשיו במקום ה-22. הדו"ח כולל נתונים על תוחלת חיים, הכנסה לנפש, איכות הסביבה, חינוך, בריאות וכדומיהם. מעניין שדווקא בתוך נמצאת ישראל במקום נמוך יחסית (38). איפה עם הקף. לא מפתיע, בהתאמת בטחוניות- מקום שביעי, אחרי קבוצה של מדינות ערביות ואפריקניות.
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סין וזכויות האדם
עד שיצא טור זה לאור קרוב לוודאי שנדע מי המדינה שתארח את המשחקים האולימפיים בשנת 2008. ואם לא התחוללנה הפתעות מרעישות תתיה זו סין, הגדולה שבמדינות תבל, שמאכלסת קרוב ל-1.2 מיליארד אנשים. אלא מה, שסקר חדש של האו"ם מוסר שמאז חודש אפריל השנה חוצאו להורג בסין כ-1500 איש. קשה לי להבין מה בדיוק עובר בראש של נציגי מדינת שמאפשרת לסין לארח את המשחקים. זה רק מראה שוב באיזה עולם ציני אנחנו חיים. אבל שישאר בינינו.

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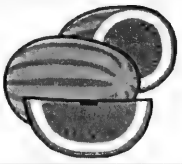

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Frank Wilson

Wilson new JNF Toronto president

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Frank Wilson's long history of community activism evolved out of a love of baseball.

Wilson, Jewish National Fund of Toronto's new president, arrived here from New York – where he worked on the election campaigns of both John and Robert Kennedy – in 1964 and joined B'nai Brith in order to play on one of its baseball teams.

Wilson, who replaces Sandy Posluns, now president of JNF Canada, took on a number of positions in B'nai Brith, eventually becoming national vice-president from 1986 to 1991.

As well, Wilson, who still plays fast pitch baseball, has volunteered for such organizations as the Bloorview Children's Hospital, Juvenile Diabetes Association, Muscular Dystrophy Association (Jerry Lewis Telethon) and the Easter Seal Society, and he is a director of the Reena Foundation.

As chair of Maccabi Canada (Ontario region) from 1994 to 1998, he was in Israel when the bridge collapsed during the 1997 opening ceremonies of the Maccabi Games.

He has always been active in politics, he says, because he wants the government to understand that Jews have a voice, and he has worked on the political campaigns of both Conservatives and Liberals because "it is important to be heard by all influences."

Wilson has been involved with JNF for about seven years and was a vice-president since 1994. "If I believe in a cause, I participate in every way I can. When I get involved, I get involved.

"JNF provides about 90 percent of the infrastructure of Israel. [Since 1901] about 210 million trees have been planted.

"I get the most wonderful feeling when I plant a tree in Israel; I am giving a life to something. I planted my first tree behind Hadassah Hospital after visiting a naval base and I started crying. It is a very emotional experience to put your hands in that soil. It is part of our heritage."

JNF is also involved in forest protection, agricultural research and development and tourism infrastructure. It helps to alleviate the water shortage in Israel by constructing reservoirs, dams, additional waterworks and drainage facilities throughout the country. "Water is gold in Israel," he says.

He considers his one-year position – which is renewable three times – as one of coach. "I have a volunteer base of professional, caring people, and my duty is to ensure that the organization is raising substantial funds.

"I also have to make sure the well-being of the organization is being enhanced through new programs and a strong youth contingent. The work of JNF has to be introduced to a whole new generation."

JNF volunteers get a lot out of their work, says Wilson. "We like them to interact with people and have fun. They also get a sense of satisfaction for having accomplished something."

One program he would like to see reinstated during his term is the Tu b'Shvat Tree for Tree program. "If a tree is planted in Israel, we will plant a tree here."

He would also like to reacquaint people with how the organization runs and talk about its goals. "It will be like presenting a business plan."

He is taking over leadership at a good time, Wilson says, because the 100th anniversary of JNF begins in September. "I am already starting to take names for a tour to Israel in May 2002. We plan on it being a large and exciting trip."

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Forest Valley founder mentored 'Fine' camp staff

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For many local baby boomers, the name Bert Fine is associated with early summer camp memories. The founder of Bathurst Manor Day Camp (later Forest Valley Day Camp) died on July 4 at the Harold and Grace Baker Centre of complications from a degenerative nerve condition. He was 81.

Fine's basic philosophy was that camp should be fun and safe, said his son Jonathan, a Toronto lawyer.

He had always dreamed of having his own camp, said his sister Frances Sobel.

A native of Toronto, Fine grew up in the Bathurst and College Street area and attended Harbord Collegiate and the University of Toronto. His parents, Myer – who sold mattresses at Simpson's – and Lillian, were from Russia and England respectively.

An athletic youngster who fought in the riot at Christie Pits, Fine became an amateur boxer, and later, a physical education teacher at Forest Hill Junior High School. During World War II, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as an airplane mechanic based in Ontario.

After the war, he worked at several overnight camps, and served as director of Camp New Moon in the early 1950s.

His own day camp, established in 1955, grew from less than 50 campers to more than 1,000, Jonathan said. The camp was also open after hours and on weekends, as was the swim club.

"As I recall, [the swim club] wasn't a commercial venture," Jonathan said. "I got the impression that it was a social venture. That was the type of guy [my dad] was."

Fine also worked with his staff members to help them make the transition from camper to counsellor – or teenager to adult, recalled Jonathan, who was both a camper and staff member.

In the late 1980s, Fine sold the land to the Board of Education, which then leased it back. His daughter Jennifer Fine Pezim ran the camp for about five years until the lease ran out, said Jonathan.

Among Fine's volunteer work, he served on the North York Committee of Adjustments for two decades and volunteered at what is now the Bathurst Jewish Centre as well as at the Baycrest Centre, teaching swimming therapy.

"He was a good guy," said Jonathan. In a eulogy at the funeral he spoke of his father's vision in creating the camp, his courage in facing his illness, and his sense of humour about life and death.

Fine, who was married and divorced twice, was the father of five children. "It was very easy being a kid – and especially a teenager – in my dad's house," said Jonathan. "He had a very good sense of what was right, how to avoid conflict and how to resolve conflict."

Fine is survived by his children Jonathan, Jennifer, Adam, Maren and Josh; five grandchildren; and his sister.

'Superb diagnostician, gentle, compassionate'

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Dr. Henry Goldenberg, who was recognized as a superb diagnostician with a gentle, compassionate nature, died on July 4 at Scarborough Grace Hospital at the age of 82.

His father Benjamin came from Galicia. Shortly after his arrival in Canada, he met and married Pearl Segal and opened a small shirt manufacturing factory.

Goldenberg worked in the factory after school and on Sundays. Throughout high school, he consistently achieved high academic standing and later received scholarships and awards to attain his honours bachelors of science.

He enlisted in the army and completed his four-year medical degree. In his final year, he married his childhood sweetheart Helen Cooper from Chesley, Ont. They were married for 58 years.

While he was in the army, they moved to Barrie, Belleville, Kingston and later, back to Vancouver where he had once interned. He was then promoted to captain and sent to England and Germany.

Goldenberg was among the second group of Canadians to enter Bergen-Belsen, a scene which haunted him throughout his life. At the camp, he found his wife's cousins, and by tracing her family, he became interested in genealogy and developed a hobby of researching family trees, which ultimately included thousands of names.

After the war, he spent three years at Toronto East General Hospital before writing and passing his Canadian fellowship exams in internal medicine.

Dr. Henry Goldenberg

He spent a year doing research in the internationally famous hematology lab at Tuft's Medical College in Boston and became the first Canadian to work under the direction of a top hematologist there.

He joined the staff at Mount Sinai Hospital in 1951 and started a private practice. His reputation as a skilled diagnostician spread among his peers and Goldenberg became known as the compassionate doctor who would take time to accompany frightened patients who were undergoing transfusions or chemotherapy.

Goldenberg was a biblical scholar and had a great love of music.

Thirteen years ago, he began to develop Alzheimer's disease, but his disposition never changed.

Goldenberg is survived by his wife Helen; children, Ricky, Dr. Leslie and Susan Goldenberg, Malka, Dr. Marshall Korenblum; brother, Dr. Leon Goldenberg; sister, Merle Young and five grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Himel a passionate advocate for human rights

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Irving Himel, a passionate advocate for human rights and defender of civil liberties, died here earlier this month. He was 86.

Himel was remembered by friends and family members as one of Canada's foremost opponents of discriminatory laws, especially those that prohibited the sale of properties to certain ethnic and religious groups.

In 1947, Himel helped found the Canadian Association for Civil Liberties (now called the Canadian Civil Liberties Association) and was its first executive secretary and general counsel.

"He had a talent for bringing people together. Justice was his forté," said his last surviving sibling, brother Sydney, a lawyer.

Among Himel's best known accomplishments was getting Ottawa to repeal discriminatory laws aimed at restricting Chinese immigration to Canada.

Born to Polish emigre parents, Himel graduated from Osgoode Hall law school in 1938. He specialized in civil liberties, labour and immigration law.

As a young lawyer in the post-war period, Himel was active on a committee that pressed for a constitutional bill of rights. Those efforts culminated in the adoption of the Canadian Bill of Rights in 1960.

As a legal adviser to the Chinese-Canadian community, he played a key role in the federal government's repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act in 1947.

In the early 1950s, Himel led delegations before the premier of Ontario and the cabinet to urge the enactment of provincial human rights statutes and legislation outlawing discrimination in employment, housing and on public signs. As a result, Ontario established a human rights code and the Fair Employment Practices Act.

He also pressed the federal government to enact fair employment laws.

In 1984, Himel established the yearly Alan Coatsworth Lecture under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews (now held by Canadian Jewish Congress) to honour the legacy of the interfaith advocate and founder of the Young Maccabees.

Himel "was absolutely committed to human rights," said Toronto lawyer and community activist Bert Raphael, who delivered a eulogy at Holy Blossom Temple last week. "He was a mentor, a role model and first class gentleman."

Himel was pre-deceased by his first wife, Anne; brothers Henry and Percy; and a sister, Bertha.

He leaves his wife, Evelyn; brother Sydney; son Richard; and one grandson, David.

Greater Toronto Area

Intermarriage on the agenda at men's club convention

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When a spouse converts, he or she is considered fully Jewish, the rabbi noted.

The divorce rate among intercultural couples (including interfaith couples) is 68 percent, 20 percent higher than average, he said.

As a Conservative rabbi and a member of that movement's rabbinic umbrella, the Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbi Booth cannot participate in or even attend a marriage ceremony between a Jew and a non-Jew, but he does offer pre-marital counselling to interfaith couples.

"I do it for two reasons," he said. "I think it raises the likelihood the relationship will last, because divorce is horrible. And if they're in my office, there's a possibility the non-Jew will pick up an interest in Judaism and possibly convert."

To increase the odds of Jewish-Jewish marriage, he advised, it is "far less important to talk about intermarriage than it is to build a sukkah together. That's a lot of armour, creating someone who wants Judaism in their home. Judaism is not about all the things we cannot do."

2001: A Men's Odyssey – Toronto hosts FJMC convention

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Football, beer and sex. Not what you'd consider the basis for a synagogue men's club. But that was exactly how the brotherhood at a small Virginia synagogue got off the ground.

When three founding members met with Rabbi David Booth of Rodef Shalom Congregation, they decided that potential members would be interested in football, beer and sex. With the rabbi's encouragement, they planned a four-part series that featured beer, kosher pizza, and the Monday night football game, all preceded by Rabbi Booth's discussion of sex and healthy relationships in a Jewish context.

Other examples of innovative programming were featured at a "mitzvah mall" at the recent Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) biennial convention, held at the Regal Constellation Hotel from July 11 to 15. A teen suicide awareness program, a cholent cook-off, a men's cookbook, and a machzor intended for families with children between the ages of 6 and 12 were among the more unusual programs.

A recent joint Canadian/American program was the building of a guest house at Camp Ramah in Utterson, Ont., by the FJMC's Great Lakes region, which includes Ontario and nearby U.S. states.

"Our job is to involve Jews in Jewish life," said Rabbi Charles Simon, executive director of the FJMC (www.fjmc.org), the 72-year-old umbrella serving 275 synagogue brotherhood organizations.

"This is a real grass-roots organization. We don't have machers," said the rabbi, who works with two full-time staff and one part-timer.

FJMC publications such as the brand-new *Building the Faith, A Book of Inclusion for Dual-Faith Families*, are a relatively recent project, instituted about a dozen years ago.

Other issues addressed in FJMC publications are Hebrew literacy, Jewish observance and men's health. The books are designed mainly as a tool for lay people to teach others about topics like how to make a seder more meaningful, lead a havdalah service or comfort mourners, Rabbi Simon said.

Men's clubs are attracting younger men than in the past, said the rabbi. Among the services offered by the FJMC umbrella are training programs that teach men "to challenge themselves religiously."

Earlier this year the FJMC sponsored an international "World Wide [Tfillin] Wrap," an outgrowth of one synagogue's program. The individual program attracted 120 people; the global one, an estimated 40,000. Some of the clubs enhanced the program by writing rap songs or serving wrap sandwiches, Rabbi Simon said.

In a keynote address at the conference, Rabbi Simon said that many synagogues tend to reflect the priorities of staff rather than their communities, and suggested that overworked clergy would be better served by using the laity, specifically men's clubs and sisterhoods, to help them.

A proponent of marketing theory, Rabbi Simon suggested that clubs set goals such as membership growth, new programs and targeting of future leaders; and determine strategies to implement them.

Although most Canadian men's club members – unlike their American counterparts – attend non-egalitarian or partially egalitarian Conservative synagogues, they share common concerns, said Sheldon Serota, a past president of the men's club at Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

"The beauty of the men's clubs is that [we] deal with the real world, and everyday issues. We may practise religion differently, but our religion and our relationship with Israel is at the core of our being."

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This week's What's New column was prepared by Carolyn Blackman.

Friday, July 27

TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel of London is holding an outdoor service, 8 p.m. at Temple House, conducted by **Vena Presner**. Wednesday morning minyan group holds weekly summer services, 7:30 a.m., Temple House, followed by breakfast.

Sunday, July 29

KIEVER SYNAGOGUE

Tisha b'Av service at Kiever Synagogue, 25 Bellevue Ave., 9 a.m., followed by movie presentation. Call 416-593-9956.

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE

Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Congregation, 147 Overbrook Pl., is holding a Tisha b'Av program, 8 a.m., followed by a study session led by **Rabbi Jay Kelman**. Minchah, 2 p.m., followed by lectures, 2:30-7:30 p.m. Call 416-638-5955.

And What Else Is New

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Shomer Israel Congregation traditional heimish minyan welcomes all non-affiliated. No dues. Shabbat 9 a.m. Shabbat Minchah study class with **Rabbi Sheldon Schwartz.** Sunday morning minyan, 8:30 a.m., 60 Rockford Rd. (behind Rockford Road Public School). **David**, 416-256-1600.

ANSHE MINSK SYNAGOGUE

A Tisha b'Av program featuring a variety of speakers is being held Saturday, July 28, 10:15 p.m.; and Sunday, July 29, 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m, followed by a breaking of the fast. Anshe Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrew St., Kensington Market. Call 416-595-5723.

HEBREW CLASSES

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. announces registration is now open for fall courses for adults, teens and preteens in conversational Hebrew, all levels. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Dec. 18; Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Dec. 19; Thursdays, Sept. 13-Dec. 20; Fridays, Sept. 14-Dec. 21. **Joseph Klinger**, 416-787-0197.

JEWISH HUMOUR GROUP

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SUMMER CLOSET SALE

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FOR SENIORS

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The next Lunch & learn will be on Tuesday, July 31, at the Gathering Place. Members $4, nonmembers $8. Reservations must be made in person at service desk. Call **Mara Swartz**, ext. 2275.

Bereavement group for those age 55 and over offers understanding about the issues of loss, loneliness, pain and healing. Next meeting Friday, July 27, 10-11:30 a.m. Check at service desk for room location.

LZA Senior Citizens Club: Dance classes take place Thursdays 1:30 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets still available for the *Sound of Music* on Oct. 4 in Stratford. For information call **Libby**, 416-782-2059 or the office, 416-630-9444. The seniors' cultural club meetings continue Tuesdays 10 a.m. in the boardroom.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). July 26, bingo. Tickets for dance party on Aug. 5 are now on sale. Pick them up on Thursdays between 7 and 9 p.m. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

Association of Jewish Seniors presents To our Good Health, Thursday, July 26, Earl Bales Park Recreation centre, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring lunch; fruit, desserts and drinks provided. Topic is volunteerism. Entertainment by **Marvin Rosensheim.** Members free, guests $3. Reservations a must. Phone **Goldie Liebman**, 416-635-2860.

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YIZKOR FUND-RAISER: Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Synagogue held a Yizkor fund-raising to benefit the widows and orphans of fallen Israeli soldiers. Seen, from left, are: Jack Muskat, representing the Canadian Zionist Cultural Association; Rabbi Moses Burak; Sam Faivish, chair of the event; Dr. Aaron Jesin, synagogue president; Joseph Joseph, synagogue treasurer; and Rabbi Jay Kelman.

COMMUNITY LEADERS HONOURED: Three community leaders in their fields received the Ateret Kovod Award at the second annual Ateret Kovod Award celebration presented by the Canadian Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism at Adath Israel Synagogue. Shown, from left, are Herman Gottesman, Srul Irving Glick and Dr. Charles Dixter. [Mollie Rothman photo]

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE JUBILEE GALA: The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science recently held its Jubilee Gala. Funds raised are used to support the Canadian Institute for Laser and Optical Sciences at the Weizmann Institute. Seen, from left, are Brian Steck, president, Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science; John Roth, president and CEO, Nortel Networks and gala honoree; H. Thomas Beck, deputy chair of the Weizmann Institute of Science and chairman of the board of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science; and Dr. Jay Smith, Toronto region president.

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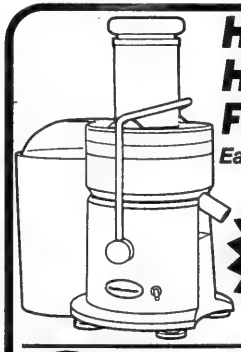

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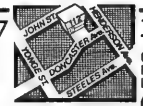

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How do we define our 'support' for Israel?

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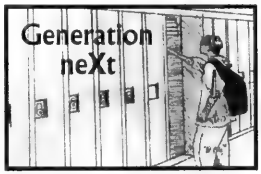
By GILA ASHTOR

Assuming that all Jews subscribe to a collective loyalty with Israel, that all Canadian manifestations of yiddishkeit share the same Zionist dream, that every Jewish youth exercises the visions of a better future, we ought to wonder if a subscription to the *Jerusalem Post*, or an avid following of Israeli politics really justifies our claim to solidarity. We ought to question our definition of support if we are to boast our successes, if we are to determine our acts of commitment, if we are to count ourselves righteous, if we are to understand our positions and if we are to defend our goals.



As the tension in Israel increases, our alignment with the tiny country beckons a re-evaluation, an assessment of sorts. In my most recent encounter with an Israeli citizen, Ofer Abramovitz, we discussed the connection between Israel and modern Jewry in the Diaspora.

"You North Americans, you come here for the summer, for vacation, you swim in our seas and tan on our beaches, but you don't know what life is. You don't know what it is to survive. You say [that] you love Israel, but what kind of Israel do you know?"

Echoed by Abramovitz is the idea held by many Israelis that we, in our air-conditioned homes, nice cars, and fancy offices, do not appreciate the hardship our brothers in Israel are facing on a day-to-day basis; that we only know of Tel-Aviv what the newspapers reveal; that any sympathy we might have is a reaction to the media techniques implemented around the globe.

And maybe that's true.

Why, after all, must we send our sons to the battlefield as testament of our faith? Why must we travel in times of danger and immediate threats? To prove our beliefs? And why must we explain a solidarity that we feel in our hearts?

Is it not enough that we study there and travel there, pray for them, think of them, laugh with them and cry with them? Is it not enough that we actively support Jewish funds, organizations and foundations? What really is solidarity, and what is to say that ours is too soft?

In all the chaos and destruction that hangs in the air in Israel, it is no wonder that we seem too comfortable, too carefree, too content. When the violence is as suffocating as the humidity, it is no surprise that Israelis see us as people that may taste the surface of their pain but will never be able to digest it.

And, in fact, they are right. For as long as our communication with Israel is limited to the news, long distance phone cards and the Internet, we will remain far away from a land that needs our closeness, but close enough to a people that is never too far. We need each other, and while the nuances of solidarity may vary, our collective appeal to support Israel will not.

The sabra, a term used to identify a prickly fruit and the Israeli attitude that bears such close resemblance to it, is always saying that simply because he doesn't show his feelings does not mean he doesn't feel them.

We are North Americans, and while we cannot hide under the veil of Israeli behaviour, we too can explain that simply because we do not travel to Israel, reside on the West Bank or send our children to join the army, it does not subtract from the intensity of our passion and the truth behind our dreams.

We are one people, and for as long as both Jews in and around Israel accept their interdependence on one another, no enemy can threaten our survival, and no challenge can escape our solidarity.

Love is not measured by distance and neither is support. Even if it seems soft at times, it is every ounce of our solidarity that keeps us strong and together. May we never forget that.

Any one who wishes to contact me is encouraged to do so at isgila@home.com.

OMISSION

In the story "Gilda's Club opens doors at comedy site" (*CJN*, July 12), we failed to identify the artist who created the mural featured in the article. The work, called *Live at the Comedy Club*, was created by Ian Leventhal. *The CJN* regrets the error.

Jewish Studies at Queen's expands course offerings

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Five new Jewish studies courses are being offered at Queen's University this year – an eclectic mix reflecting the direction the Kingston, Ont. school's program in Jewish Studies is taking.

The undergraduate courses – Classics of Yiddish Literature in Translation, the Levant from the Late Bronze Age to the Coming of Rome, Contemporary Middle East: Violence and Peacemaking in the Arab Israeli Conflict, Judaism's Encounter with Science, and the Jewish Tradition and Literature in English – fall under the rubrics of German language and literature, classics, history, interdisciplinary studies, and English language and literature respectively.

"My view is that Jewish philosophy should be taught in a philosophy department, and Jewish history should be taught in the history department," said Gerald Tulchinsky, director of the program, in a telephone interview from his home in Kingston.

"I think Jewish philosophers should be talking to other philosophers and Jewish historians should be talking to other historians."

That approach is not unique, he noted. The University of Toronto is another example. "I just happen to agree [with their approach]," he said.

Since he took on the Jewish studies position two years ago – succeeding Rena Basser (formerly Zeidman), who is teaching three of this year's courses – Tulchinsky has sought colleagues in a variety of departments whose interests mesh with his own.

The new course on the Levant, for example, resulted from Tulchinsky's suggestion that it "would be wonderful to have a course on Jews in the classical world."

Jewish studies at Queen's date back to the 1980s, when a few courses were taught in the department of religious studies. Today, Jewish studies have "gone beyond a mere symbolic program, and it's now becoming structured into the Queen's undergraduate program," he said.

A historian who teaches a Jewish studies course on the Holocaust every other year, Tulchinsky has been with Queen's since 1966. Over that time he has seen the campus shift to a more multicultural outlook – and a more diverse student body. There's "no way" the Jewish studies program could have happened 35 years ago, he said.

"I think there's now much greater openness to the world, and to multiculturalism. I think windows have opened even at Queen's, which was a fusty, musty, crusty place."

While the Jewish student population remains relatively small – no more than 500 students out of 14,000, Tulchinsky estimates – there is an active Hillel, for which he is an advisory committee member.

But the Jewish studies program is not targeted only at Jewish students. Courses are open to all students and to community members interested in auditing lectures.

In fact, Tulchinsky sees the program in Jewish studies as representing "a kind of marriage of town and gown, and I'm really happy about that. I think it means that even as a small university in a relatively small Ontario city, there is interest."

In addition to a dozen credit courses, which may be counted toward a minor in Jewish studies, the program offers a lecture series – People and Ideas in Jewish History – now entering its third year.

Some of the upcoming lectures, given monthly by faculty members, will focus on Jews of Ancient Rome, Jews in the French Colonial Empire before the Revolution, Jews and the Slavery Issue, Jews in French Romantic Literature, Latin American Jewish Women Writers, and Heinrich Heine's Return to Judaism. Last year lectures attracted about 100 people, on average, said Tulchinsky.

Further information about the program in Jewish studies can be found at http://qsilver.queensu.ca/jewishstudies.

Time to heal

TORONTO — The Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, an educational organization devoted to spreading awareness of the Torah's laws of interpersonal relationships, is holding its annual Tisha b'Av event on July 29.

This year's event features the video presentation of *A Time to Heal*, which will be shown at the following locations:

Beth Avraham Yoseph, 3 and 6:15 p.m.; Agudah of Toronto, 2:45 and 4 p.m.; Torath Emeth Congregation, 3 and 6 p.m.; Kol Torah Promenade Shopping Centre, 3 and 7 p.m.; NCSY-Ohr Hatzafon, 2 p.m.; Kiever Congregation 10:30 a.m.; The Village Shul, 3 p.m.; Sephardic Kehillah Centre, 4:30 p.m.; Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 6:30 p.m.; Beth Jacob v'Anshei Dridz Congregation, 12:20 and 7:20 p.m.

Admission is $10 for adults and $7 for students.

Mizrachi concert features Chaim Dovid

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish music star Chaim Dovid will make his first Canadian appearance at the Mizrachi Organization of Canada's summer concert.

South African-born Dovid (whose full name is Chaim Dovid Saracik) was inspired by noted musician and spiritual mentor Shlomo Carlebach to move to Israel, where he became committed to Orthodox practice and began composing songs.

Two of his early compositions appeared on the first album of the Diaspora Yeshiva Band. His CDs include *Or Chadash*, recorded in 1986; *Open Up Your Gates*; *Songs for the Shabbos Table* (produced in conjunction with Aish Hatorah); *Lema'an Shemo*; *Hayom*; and his most recent CD, *L'Fanekha*.

In 1997 he made his first major tours of the United States, which included a performance of Camp HASC, a camp for disabled children.

Dovid now lives in the Old City with his wife and six children.

The event will be held Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Proceeds will go towards several projects at yeshivot hesder and The Israel Solidarity Fund.

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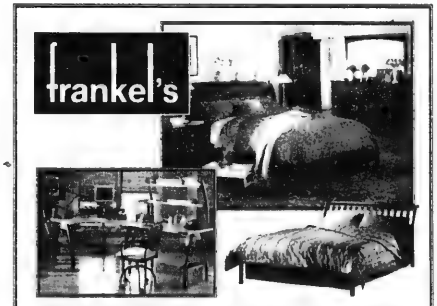

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Rebels want new party, not new leader

Last issue, I began to examine the competing perspectives within the once solid Canadian Alliance. I acknowledged the earnestness of the "rebels" and recognized the weaknesses of Stockwell Day.

There were two things, however, that I promised to consider this week. The first is the accumulated sins of Stock Day that precipitated the "crisis of confidence" that in turn led to the revolt. Exactly what were the faults attributed to Day that made Chuck Strahl et al. feel they had no choice other than to bolt and thereby trigger the implosion of their own party?

Scene in Ottawa
By G.K. SIMCOE

Was it the "dinosaur" thing? If so, they should check the record because Day never said it. A newspaper reported that someone had heard someone else say that at a campaign event Day had mused about the time of Creation.

Was it the gaffe on healthcare during that same election campaign? Well, Day never raised the spectre of two-tiered healthcare. It was another Alliance MP, Jason Kenney, who misspoke that one.

In reality, Day never committed any egregious error. True, he demonstrated a lack of judgment on a couple of occasions and was less than vigilant about consulting with his caucus. But that is a leader's prerogative. Just ask the Liberals if you're in any doubt. So if not that, then what?

Well, that question brings us to the second issue, namely, what is really behind the tragi-comedy of the "Alliance that wasn't"? Some have suggested that the revolt simply reflects a group of Manning loyalists who could not move beyond the loss of their man's leadership to the upstart Day. That suggestion is on the right track, but it goes much deeper.

Preston Manning had a vision of uniting the forces opposed to the Liberals and leading them to victory. His gambit, the creation of the Canadian Alliance, failed and Manning found himself stranded at the station after the train had left. He could never accept that turn of events and so he began the painstaking process of bringing about the destruction of the political entity he helped create.

That is why he has consistently foresworn any interest in replacing Day as the leader of the Alliance. His goal – the one shared by the core group of rebels – is to disband the Alliance and begin again. His rationalization is straightforward enough. The Alliance was supposed to be a tent large enough to include Tories and others. In the end, all that was accomplished was a name change for the Reform Party. It is also why no one has stepped forward to challenge Day for the leadership. The objective of this game is not to replace the leader, it's to replace the party.

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Actor believes in miracles

By MARLANE PRESS
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Benson Simmonds believes the power of unity and meditation can create miracles.

A Vancouver actor and adherent of Jewish mysticism, Simmonds hopes his next group meditation project will bring some much-needed peace to Israel.

"Thought consciousness is the key to change," he says. "We think we can't change the situation in Israel, but change starts with changing your thoughts. I guarantee something positive will happen."

Simmonds is organizing a large-scale prayer-in-unison in which participants at different locations in the Vancouver area chant the Shema Yisrael in harmony. As everyone utters the same mantra they will also be connected with a higher power, he says.

"The Shema is of such importance – it's more powerful than just thinking peace – because it is a very powerful prayer for healing."

At noon on Aug. 4, the peace project will have its first testing. Aiming to spread the word to as many in the community as possible, Simmonds is trying to get Vancouver rabbis, synagogues, Jews and non-Jews involved.

Eventually, he plans to bring the Shema meditation across Canada and beyond. A friend of Simmonds in Seattle is attempting to spread the word in that city on the same morning.

"What I'd love to do is make it a monthly thing and get it to grow so that literally hundreds of thousands people are making a change," Simmonds says.

"I just know that meditation works – I've learned to see miracles in life – and it's simple enough not to require too much of people. You look at your watch, and as long as we can tell time, it can be done. It's not really expecting too much."

Stating that the benefits of such a meditative peace project are twofold, Simmonds pointed out that both the person who prays and the receiver of a prayer profit from the prayer's energy and favourable effects. It's what he called "the act of being karmically repaid."

If we are united we can conquer, he says.

"There's just so much hatred for no reason, which is what destroyed the second temple," he says.

"The unfortunate part is that the only way we usually become united is through being united against something or somebody else, like the enemy of war. But really, we're fighting the enemy within. If we're united in a different way and we meditate on peace, then we bring an internal peace into our bodies which manifests in an external peace."

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UN official in S. Lebanon to probe disputed videotape

By DANIEL SOBELMAN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — UN Undersecretary General Joseph Connor, head of a special UN team established to investigate the controversy surrounding a videotape filmed by the UNIFIL peacekeepers, arrived in Southern Lebanon Sunday to supervise his staff's work.

The existence of the video, which documents the return of a vehicle used by Hezbollah operatives who kidnapped three IDF soldiers last October, was disclosed early in July. The revelation came after months of UN denials that it had the tape.

The 30-minute video, taken by Indian peacekeepers, reportedly contains images of UN uniforms used by Hezbollah during the abductions.

The six UN officials working on Connor's team arrived in southern Lebanon last Thursday. On Sunday, Connor took part in a tour of the Shaba Farms area where the three IDF soldiers were grabbed.

Timor Goksel, spokesperson for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, told *Ha'aretz* Sunday that the special investigation team "is to be kept separate from the UNIFIL forces. We aren't connected to them, and they are doing their work independently."

Responding to recent reports in the *Lebanon Daily Star* newspaper contending that UNIFIL received orders to destroy evidence related to the Hezbollah kidnapping, including pictures and cellular telephones used by the kidnappers, Goksel said: "Everything said to be destroyed in the reports is in our hands, and so these are very peculiar news items."

Meantime, Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri continues to suggest that his government's efforts to improve the country's social and economic infrastructure are being undermined by Hezbollah's attacks against Israel.

Interviewed by the London-based Arabic language newspaper *Al-Hayat*, Hariri said that "anyone who contributes to the derailing of the government's policies and aims is acting against the interests of the state."

In a thinly veiled reference to Hezbollah, Hariri charged that critics of his government "fear, for partisan, political reasons, the state's success in the economic sphere."

Hariri added that his government's philosophy regarding the Middle East and peace differs from that of the Shi'ite Party of God. "At this stage," Hariri said, "we don't disagree with them about the Israeli issue. The basic difference is that we support peace, whereas they have their own view, holding that Israel doesn't want peace of any sort, and so the solution must be resistance and nothing else. That is their opinion and not our view. We believe that the resistance is important and necessary, but that in the end the solution will have to be a diplomatic one."

Hariri stressed that border tensions at the disputed Shaba Farms area do not constitute a cause for war.

"Border tension is part of our life in the Middle East. Will this issue cause a real war? We do not believe so – I've said this a hundred times.

"War must not be allowed in the Middle East," Hariri added.

Holocaust denier could go bankrupt

By RICHARD ALLEN GREENE
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — Holocaust denier David Irving is facing possible bankruptcy after being denied permission to appeal his defeat in a libel suit he brought against an American scholar.

The Court of Appeal in London rejected Irving's request to appeal last year's verdict by judge Charles Gray that labelled him a racist anti-Semite who had deliberately misrepresented and distorted historical evidence about the Holocaust.

Gray ruled that Deborah Lipstadt and her publisher, Penguin Books, did not libel Irving in her 1994 book, *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory,* in which she called Irving a Holocaust denier.

Last Friday, the three-judge appeals panel supported Gray's ruling and said Irving was "one of the most dangerous spokespersons for Holocaust denial."

"No objective, fair-minded historian would have serious cause to doubt that there were gas chambers at Auschwitz and that they were operated on a substantial scale to kill hundreds of thousands of Jews," the ruling said.

The court ordered Irving to pay a first instalment of $210,000 toward Lipstadt and Penguin's legal costs by Aug. 10. If he does not come up with the money, he faces bankruptcy.

Under the terms of Gray's original ruling, Irving must pay Lipstadt and Penguin's legal costs, which are estimated to be as high as $3.3 million (US).

Irving relied on donations from supporters to bring his legal challenge last month.

In his online diary, Irving says that it is "his own business" how he will meet his financial obligations and that he will never reveal the names of his supporters, "whatever the penalty."

Irving was not in court to hear the decision. His lawyer, Adrian Davies, said Irving was promoting a new book about Winston Churchill.

In an unusual move, the Court of Appeals allowed Davies to present three days of argument supporting his client's request for permission to appeal. These types of oral arguments rarely last more than an hour or two in Britain.

Lipstadt's lawyer, Richard Rampton, said that Irving was trying to turn the request for an appeal into an appeal itself.

"The court heard all the arguments to see if there was a glimmer of merit," Rampton told JTA.

"As it turned out, they didn't see a glimmer. In effect, they've heard the merits of the case, so I think that's the end of the line [for Irving]."

In theory, Irving could appeal to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, but Rampton said he doubts the international court would hear an Irving plea.

Irving has not asked for the House of Lords, Britain's highest legal authority, to hear his appeal.

"He hasn't exhausted all domestic remedies, so he is unlikely to be heard at Strasbourg," Rampton said.

Rampton said he did not know how far Lipstadt and Penguin were prepared to pursue Irving through the courts to recover their legal costs.

British Jewish leaders welcomed the ruling.

"The decision confirms beyond all doubt that David Irving is a falsifier of history and a Nazi sympathizer whose aim has been to sanitize Nazism and absolve Hitler," said Neville Nagler, director general of the Board of Deputies, an organization that represents most British Jews.

"His reputation as a historian has been completely destroyed," Nagler added.

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'We get stronger every minute that passes'

By TAMAR BRACHA BESSIN

Guest Voice

Earlier this month, my very close friend's father was murdered. My friend's name is Chana. Her father's name was Ya'ir. He was a shepherd. Her mother makes pitas and cheese. There are nine kids in the family. Their last name is Har Sinai. They live in Susyah, a community half an hour south of Hebron, towards Beersheva. Actually, they live just outside Susyah.

Chana and I have become very good friends over the past year. I got to meet her whole family (other than her three older siblings, two of whom I had already met). Her house is amazing. It reminds you of Heidi's house: all made out of wood, so beautiful, like a dream. There's a small path that leads down the hill and a small swimming pool they built into a stone right nearby. They also have a cave right near it where they sleep sometimes. On top of the cave, her brother was building a mini-house for himself to live in. They also had the place where they kept the sheep.

When Chana gave me a tour and showed me her brother's mini-house, I was very surprised and asked if he was building it alone. She said he wasn't; he had hired local Arabs to help him, which is why he had to stop building now – because he was no longer relying on the Arabs. Her father used to hire Arabs, too, until the people from their community voted against it. At the surprised look on my face, she said that the Arabs were very friendly with her dad and with them. They had stopped hiring them just in case...

Then her father was murdered, perhaps by these same Arabs, the Arabs they thought were so friendly.

Whenever we went for a walk, Chana was barefoot. She almost always is, but since the stones were sharp and there was a lot of broken glass there, I was worried about her. Now she has no choice but to be without shoes because she's sitting shivah.

Recently I saw Chana on the bus, but when I saw she was only half smiling, I grew a little worried. She came up to me and told me that she was just at the dentist for some fillings and the left side of her mouth was numb. Who would have known she wasn't meant to really smile that day – that on that night, her father wouldn't return home the way the sheep did and his body would be found shot dead.

The next morning, my older sister Miriam and her friend, Na'ava, broke the news to me. I was in such shock that it took awhile for the information to register.

I soon started calling my friends, breaking the news to those who hadn't heard yet and making arrangements for getting to the funeral, which was scheduled for 3 p.m. We tried catching the 12:40 bus, but just missed it. So we took the 1:30 bus to Kiryat Arba, and from there we took a bus to Susyah. We got there at exactly three.

More than 2,000 people were there. On the way to the burial, I found Chana. Many of my friends were with her already. When she saw me, she came to me and started crying. We hugged, but I wouldn't let myself cry. Most of us didn't. We knew we had to be strong for her. We stayed with her throughout it all.

What you saw in Chana was a strength more powerful then you could ever imagine. When one of the girls in our class went up to her and told her to be strong, she replied, "We get stronger every minute that passes." The thing is, it was so true. You could see it in them.

At one point in the funeral, people started screaming, "Revenge!" Dalyah, Ya'ir's wife and Chana's mother, got up. She said she hadn't planned on speaking, but what she was hearing now called for it.

"I understand your anger," she said, "your want for revenge. But talking or screaming about it won't do anything. Ya'ir was a man of action and of little talking. The only way you could revenge is by coming and helping us. By coming and living out where we are. By making our roots there stronger and showing the Arabs that they didn't make us weaker, but stronger. That will be the real revenge."

Immediately, all the shouting stopped. The silence spoke louder than words.

At the end of the funeral, Chana told us she'd very much like it if we'd come back the next day to visit her. So four of us stayed in the dormitory back in Kiryat Arba. We took a bus there, and in the morning, caught a bus to Susyah again. We stayed with her for over three hours, until other girls came to switch with us and we had a bus back to Kiryat Arba. She was so strong. She greeted us with a hug and a smile. We talked, looked at pictures of her father, *zichrono livrachah*. We even laughed and joked with her. She smiled so much, even though at times she was sad. You could tell she'd make it.

When I got back to Efrat, I went right away to audition people for the play we're doing. That's how we live now. Going from a funeral to working on a musical. Life must go on. I'll be working on the play while I visit Chana. I don't come out sad from being with her. Quite the opposite. We all come out stronger. Imagine – she makes us stronger, when we're supposed to be giving her the strength!

Tamar Bessin lives in Efrat.

Rabbis call for mass visits to Temple Mount

By NADAV SHRAGAI
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Last week, the Rabbinical Council of Judea, Samaria and Gaza called on all Israeli rabbis to bring their communities to visit the Temple Mount and it urged the Israeli public to do the same.

This is the first time a group of rabbis representing a substantial segment of the religious Zionist public has ruled that it is permissible for Jews to ascend the Temple Mount, as long as certain areas are avoided.

Most leading Torah sages have ruled that Jews are not allowed on the mount at all, lest they accidentally tread on the sites to which they would have been forbidden entry when the Temple was standing.

The group of rabbis who met in Jerusalem last week plan to ask the Yesha Council of Jewish settlements to organize mass trips to the mount.

They concluded their meeting by "calling on all the rabbis of Israel to put their shoulders into saving the honour of the Temple Mount, which [has been] closed to Jews [since the outbreak of the intifadah], and to participate in demonstrations and marches that will take place on Tisha b'Av."

Tisha b'Av is a day of mourning for the destruction of the Temples.

Rabbi Dov Lior of Kiryat Arba noted that the rabbis will have to prepare maps of the mount to show Jews where they may go and where, under religious law, they are forbidden to walk.

He urged rabbis who disagree with the council's new ruling to nevertheless show respect for it, arguing that public apathy toward the Temple Mount is one cause of the difficulties Israel is currently experiencing.

Rabbi Yitzhak Shilat of Ma'aleh Adumin added that since religious law does permit Jews to visit certain areas of the mount, "our right, obligation and ability to pray on the mount is many times greater than that of the Muslims, and we need to say this openly."

One of the key reasons for the turnabout in the rabbis' thinking, at least from the national religious rabbis' point of view, is the Wakf's ban, imposed on non-Muslims entering the area, right after then-opposition leader Ariel Sharon's visit to the site last fall.

Rabbi Daniel Shilo of Kedumim says that "the halachic argument that has prevented Jews from going to the mount cannot be decided by violence on the part of the Wakf and the Muslims."

Rabbi Shilo says that "there's a danger that the connection between the Jewish people and Temple Mount will be forgotten if we don't act."

Another reason for the change of heart is the persistent reports of changes being made to the mount by the Wakf. A team consisting of Public Security Minister Uzi Landau, Interior Minister Eli Suissa and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert met recently and made a series of decisions concerning Israel's response to the construction activity on the mount.

But so far, the team is keeping the decisions secret, and Sharon, who named the team, has given instructions that nothing relating to the mount should be done without consulting him first.

Meanwhile, the grassroots committee to prevent the destruction of antiquities on the mount, which includes archeologists, continues to try persuade MKs and government officials that there is full-scale destruction of antiquities underway on the site.

Last week, they showed the prime ministerial team dozens of pictures taken from the air on July 4. In the pictures, a tractor-shovel is seen at work.

They also provided MKs with Arab newspaper accounts of Israeli Arab volunteers going every weekend to help clean out 37 cisterns found in the mount.

Archeologists say the cisterns are full of antiquities as well as dirt, and note that any cistern so discovered anywhere in the country should be surveyed by an archeological team before anything happens to what is found inside the ancient holes.

At the same time, a Foreign Ministry decision to reject a request by UNESCO to send an archeologist to inspect the activities on the mount came under sharp criticism from MK Collette Avital, a longtime diplomat, as well as from others, who noted that Israel had allowed UNESCO to send archeologists to monitor Israel's digging along the length of the Western Wall.

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Maccabiah Games get colourful kick off

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They didn't mind leaving their cars in parking lots at the entrance to the city and taking Egged buses to the stadium, which is located at the southern end of Jerusalem.

"These people are coming from all over, from Netanya to Nahariya," said Motti, a Jerusalem policeman directing traffic.

Security was tight in Jerusalem in preparation for the opening of the Games in the open-air stadium named for longtime former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek.

There were more than 1,000 security personnel guarding the stadium during the opening festivities. Until mid-June, the security threat posed by the ongoing Palestinian uprising caused Maccabiah officials to consider cancelling the event.

Australia's Maccabiah team gathered a day before the Games at the site of the bridge that collapsed during the 1997 Maccabiah Games, for an official memorial service for the four team members who died. There was a short memorial service at the opening to commemorate the Australian athletes, as well as the Israelis killed in the 1972 Munich Olympics and Jewish soldiers who died in World Wars I and II.

For the most part, though, spirits were high as athletes marched into the stadium in their uniforms.

"You have done it. Thank you," said Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. "This is the kind of solidarity we need, now, more than ever."

"We are one people, with one dream," Maccabiah World Union president Jean Feterer said. "Be strong and be courageous."

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Democracies' criticism of Israel hypocritical

A very interesting item, "The death of a childish fairy tale," appeared in the *Globe and Mail* on July 14. Written by Margaret Wente, one of the paper's leading columnists, the subject was completely unrelated to the Middle East, but the article's perspective is nonetheless most instructive for those who care about how journalists treat democracies in relation to non-democratic regimes.

Wente's article dealt with the failure of Toronto's 2008 Olympic bid, and particularly on the idea that good, decent, democratic Toronto was the victim of a double standard by the "international media" (her term), which latched onto Mayor Mel Lastman's most regrettable remark about Africans, and on that basis treated Toronto to disproportionate and unfair criticism while ignoring Beijing's truly abysmal human rights record.

"The most peaceable and most multicultural city on earth was forced to defend itself from the taint of racism while one of its most repressive regimes was hailed as a responsible global citizen," Wente wrote. "But don't blame Mel for that. The international media are, on the whole, quite fond of left-wing dictatorships."

Sound familiar?

How often have we had to deal with the very same complaint about the media's treatment of democratic Israel versus the non-democratic Palestinian Authority and the surrounding Arab regimes? Allegations of human rights abuses in Israel will almost certainly attract vastly disproportionate criticism, while far graver breaches in the surrounding region are all too often passed over in silence.

True, democratic countries have set higher standards for themselves and so the expectations attached to fulfilling these standards are more exacting. This may not be fair but it is the reality. For this reason, the Canadian government holds Israel to a higher standard of conduct – and hence a higher measure of criticism – than it does the PA.

Israel's situation, however, raises Wente's complaint to another level: Israel is often held to an even higher standard of judgment than is applied to other democracies. For instance, the criticism from Canada, the United States, and Europe about Israel's "excessive use of force" in responding to violent attacks by the Palestinians, when Israel goes out of its way to minimize civilian casualties, is pure hypocrisy. Most of these democratic countries would react with far less restraint than Israel shows if they faced the terrible pressures and threats Israelis must contend with on a daily basis. With respect to dealing with mounting international criticism to Israel's policy of "targetting" terrorists, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres recently told British Prime Minister Tony Blair, "Britain never had to deal with Irish terrorists who decided to commit suicide."

In Wente's analysis, Toronto is a tolerant, multicultural beacon that risks falling some distance from what is expected. Israel, which declares itself a "light unto the nations," has even further to fall, its perilous circumstances notwithstanding. Fair? No. A fact of life? Unfortunately, yes. As even Toronto, in its own way, recently discovered.

Prepared by Paul Michaels for the Canada-Israel Committee.

Pro-Iraqi terror cell leader captured here

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Last week, the Shin Bet security service lifted a gag order imposed on the media regarding the arrest of an activist in a pro-Iraqi Palestinian organization that recently restarted operations in the territories.

Earlier in the month, a group of activists from the organization tried to detonate a car bomb at Ben-Gurion International Airport, but were foiled by security and intelligence services.

The arrested Palestinian is Mohammed Kandas, a resident of Sanjil village in the area of Ramallah. Kandas told interrogators he had been recruited into the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in 1988 during a stay in Iraq.

In May this year he returned to Iraq for a brief visit and was entrusted with the task of maintaining ties between the organization's headquarters in Baghdad and its members in the West Bank.

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July 9

• Capt. Shai Shalom Cohen, 22, from Pardes Hanna was killed and another soldier was wounded this morning in the Har Hebron area, when an explosive charge detonated beneath a jeep they were travelling in.

July 10

• Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat ordered armed militants to "pay no attention to what I say in the media, on television or in public appearances... Kill a settler every day... Kill settlers in every place," *Ma'ariv* reported. Arafat recently instructed his gunmen to increase the attacks on the settlers. "Woe to you if you let them [the settlers] reach their homes safely or travel safely on the roads," Arafat said.

July 11

• Police foiled a suicide-bombing attempt today in Afula when they apprehended a Palestinian terrorist carrying a bag packed with explosives and nails.

July 12

• Omri Sharon met with Arafat in Ramallah. The meeting took place after a serious increase in the level of Palestinian violence and stepped-up Israeli responses.

July 13

• *Ha'aretz* reported Syria recently test-fired a chemical warhead on a Scud B ballistic missile. The missile has a range of 300 kilometres.

July 16

• Two Israeli civilians were killed and approximately 10 people were wounded in a suicide bombing at the bus station across from the Binyamina train station.

July 17

• Security officials captured another Palestinian suspected of involvement in the lynching of two IDF reservists in Ramallah last October.

July 18

• President Moshe Katsav commuted the sentence of Margalit Har-Shefi, convicted of failing to report her friend Yigal Amir's plan to assassinate prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. She will be free on Aug. 10th after serving two-thirds of her jail sentence.

July 19

• Prime Minister Ariel Sharon condemned the drive-by shooting of three Palestinians, including a young child, in the West Bank, promising Israel will "do its utmost to apprehend those responsible for the attack."

July 20

• Israel rejected the call by the G8 industrial states for Israel to accept international monitors to monitor the "ceasefire" with the Palestinians. "Israel's position is a total rejection of international monitors," a senior official in the Prime Minister's Office said.

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Actor has the audience squealing in The Full Monty

By KATHRYN KATES
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Texas born classically trained actor Steven Skybell, 39, surprised his agents when he agreed to audition for the part of Harold Nichols in the touring production of *The Full Monty, The Broadway Musical* now playing at The Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge St. in Toronto until Aug.5.

"This is a departure from the plays I usually do, but I'm happy to have this part," explains the Yale theater school graduate of his role in this production, about six unemployed steelworkers from Buffalo, N.Y. hoping to gain self-confidence and make a quick buck by stripping.

Loosely based on the hit British film, acclaimed playwright Terrence McNally adapted the stage musical to suit North American theatregoers.

"My character is a bit different than the other five guys, because he's not blue collar," Skybell says. "His fall from prosperity is a little higher. He's been brought to the level of the other five guys, which he finds uncomfortable at first. I like that he's obdurate – it's a really fun aspect of the character to try and develop this stiff-necked guy who ultimately learns to loosen up."

"The strip is not just people getting an eyeful at the end of the play, but about the audience wanting these characters to succeed," he says.

"They've set this little goal for themselves... which is to strip for one night only to make money, but by the end, the wives are all behind it and are urging their men to show it all. I love that the audience picks up on the vital bond between the husbands and wives," Skybell says.

"The first night we did the strip, the audiences response was so overwhelming because you are daring yourself beyond what the audience thinks you will do.

"With just a flick of one G-string, the audience as one unit let out this squeal. I think it rejuvenates you to go through that experience in live theatre."

Toronto is the first stop in a year-long tour that will take the mostly anonymous cast and veteran entertainer Kaye Ballard, who plays crusty but loveable piano accompanist Jeanette Burmeister, to Chicago, Washington, Boston and Los Angeles.

Skybell was raised in Lubbock, Tex. "There were only 100 Jewish families," he says.

"Lubbock had a very vital Reform Jewish community, but strangely enough, all my three siblings are Orthodox. They came back with a vengeance from a very reformed upbringing. It is harder for me to be Orthodox. When you are in the theatre you have to work on Saturday. I try to be as observant as I can."

At the age of 10, Skybell joined a children's theatre group. After high school he headed east to New Haven, Conn. to study theatre at Yale College and then continued on to Yale's drama school.

During his university years, he performed at the prestigious Williamstown Theatre Festival in Massachusetts in a Tennessee Williams' celebration attended by the playwright himself shortly before his death.

The last works Skybell performed before graduating in 1988 were Eugene O'Neill's *Ah Wilderness* and *Long Day's Journey into Night.* The latter play, which starred Colleen Dewhurst and Jason Robards, subsequently transferred to Broadway – a professional debut not usually afforded to many new graduates.

In 1997, Skybell was picked as one of two American actors to re-open Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, England, and gave a command performance for Queen Elizabeth that was later televised internationally on *Great Performances*.

"We performed a special tailor-made evening for the queen and met her afterwards," Skybell says. "It was a thrill. We were told she couldn't sit through a whole Shakespeare play, so we sort of presented highlights from several of the plays. The one time in the evening that she really rose to the occasion, was when a live horse was brought onstage."

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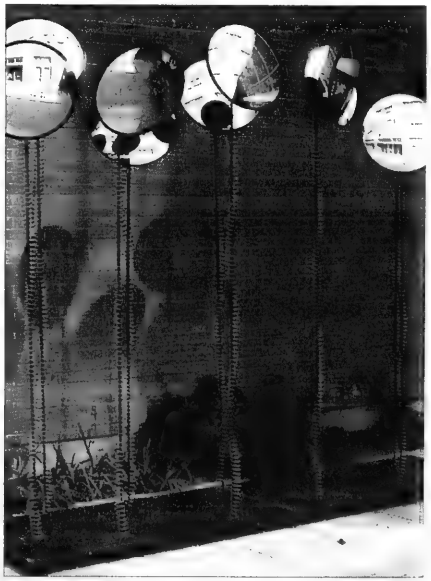

NEVER STATIC: Harold Rosnick donated his kinetic abstract sculpture, Dancing to Images, to Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, where it is on display outdoors in the new atrium. Using fine steel rods and 11 round mirrors that move with the wind, Rosnick, 75, says this is a new innovation and a unique piece. "Many people [in Baycrest] are confined to their bed or wheelchairs, and that is why I wanted to create a sculpture that is constantly in motion." Rosnick, who says he has sold his work to various places in Canada, Israel, Mexico and the United States, has been sculpting for 25-30 years. [Erin Silver photo]

Arts & Travel

Award-winning film director on the fast track

By JOYCE SINGER-D'APRILE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — At twenty-three most film directors would be described as up-and-coming, but in this instance it's fair to say that award-winner Naomi Hiltz has arrived.

Shortly after graduating from York University, she presold her first feature film *Jack's House* to TMN – the Movie Network. It is currently featured in various film festivals and scheduled for a wide release this fall.

Jack's House is garnering comparisons to the infamous *Blair Witch Project*, also an Indie film, which was completed in about 3 weeks. Hiltz topped that with her scriptless film, which was filmed entirely in one day, with three full run-throughs. The original concept called for only a handful of performers. But the audition process was so overwhelmingly successful, that she ended up hiring close to 30 actors.

Naomi Hiltz with Jon Hiltz (left) and Myles Shane on the set of *Jack's House*.

The star, Christian McKenna, and the rest of the cast were given the premise of the story, and only their own character's personal history. After that, it became an improvisational experience that took on a life of its own.

McKenna's character is a writer hell-bent on finishing his Hollywood script by the end of the weekend. He keeps getting disturbed throughout the weekend, by friends and foes alike, constantly dropping in unannounced.

In April, Hiltz won the 'Ground-Breaking Director' Award, at the New York International Independent Film Festival.

Everything seemed to come together for Naomi during her final year at York University, but it wasn't a totally smooth ride.

"In my fourth year at York, for whatever reason, they didn't want me to do a film called *Natural Magic*. It's a short documentary on the controversy between psychics and magicians, which I felt it would be really entertaining. So I decided to make it anyway and it got a good mark. They show it from time to time on the Space Network. I guess, to make a long story short, it's the first notoriety I got as a director."

Naomi, her brother Jonathan, 25, and their business partner Myles Shane, 26, have started their own comany, Hiltz Squared Media Group.

"It all started when my brother had this great idea to make a commercial about drunk driving. He wrote it and acted in it. I directed it. And the CBC ended up playing it for a while."

With offices in Toronto, and one opening soon in L.A., their combined ventures include The Levi's Toronto International Teen Movie Festival; MNJ records; M.A.S. Media, a book publishing and distribution company; Hiltz Squared Entertainment, film & TV distribution; and Hiltz Squared Productions, their film & TV production company.

Naomi and her brother aren't exactly babes in the woods when it comes to the entertainment industry. Their father, Marty Hiltz, is a professional musician. Her mother died in 1986.

"She had something like a cyst on her brain, a tumour, which was not detected until too late. It happened really quickly. But my father did a really good job raising us!"

In 1999 Naomi joined a group going to Israel for an archeological dig. Visiting the Wailing Wall, she finally came to grips with the loss of her mother, who had also been there when she was about Naomi's age. "I really felt her presence there. It was a very spiritual thing.

"The only thing that made me happy when she passed away, were those two hours when I'd be sitting in a movie theatre… To be able to entertain anyone for two hours, and make them forget about their problems, is the greatest achievement."

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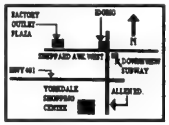

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Film revolves around prim Jewish girl from Russian shtetl

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

The Man Who Cried is an earnest film about upheaval, identity and yearning set in Russia, England, France and the United States. It is played out in English and, to a modest degree, in Yiddish as well.

Featuring a stellar cast and written and directed by Sally Potter, it revolves around a prim and proper Jewish girl from a shtetl whose life takes unexpected turns.

Now playing at the Cineplex Odeon chain, *The Man Who Cried* is a traditional family saga, but is thankfully bereft of the usual pathos of its genre.

Never succumbing to gimmickery, Potter has produced a movie that is both realistic and relatively alluring. But by keeping its emotions in tight check, she loses some of the spontaneity that otherwise might have elevated it to a higher plane.

The film opens in 1927 in a remote Russian village. Several Jews sit around a table, discussing in Yiddish the advantages of settling in America. The village cantor has already decided to leave. His plan is to find work and send for his mother and daughter, Fegele. But a spasm of violence engulfs the burg, and Fegele is bundled off to Britain.

For reasons never explained, Fegele, renamed Suzie, is placed with a Christian foster family. They send her to a girls' school where she is forbidden to speak Yiddish and forced to repress her Jewish background.

"You're going to learn to fit in," a well-meaning teacher says with a tight smile.

These early scenes unfold seamlessly and efficiently, but they are burdened by a somewhat mechanical quality.

Fast forwarding 10 years, *The Man Who Cried* shifts to Paris, where Suzie (Christina Ricci) becomes a chorus girl and befriends Lola (Cate Blanchett), a cynical, manipulative and somewhat racist Russian dancer.

The pair subsequently find jobs in an opera company. Lola, eager to achieve upward mobility with a minimum of fuss, makes the acquaintance of its leading singer, an arrogant, self-absorbed Italian anti-Semitic dandy named Dante (John Turturro).

While Lola insinuates herself into Dante's bedroom, Suzie, soulful and pining for her lost father, drifts toward Cesar (Johnny Depp), the opera's Gypsy horse handler.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

KIM CAMPBELL NARRATES MUSICAL NOAH'S ARK

Kim Campbell and composer and Broadway star **Hershey Felder**, premiere their musical *Noah's Ark*, in Toronto on July 30 and Hamilton on July 31.

Noah's Ark is a vivid retelling of the biblical story, incorporating details from the Kabbalah. Campbell narrates the tale as Felder conducts the National Academy Orchestra, founded by **Boris Brott**. Soloists are soprano **Christianne Tisdale**, tenor **Glenn White** and baritone **James Barbour**.

"We are delighted to be premiering this brilliant musical, composed by two distinguished Canadians," said Brott.

Kim Campbell and Hershey Felder premiere *Noah's Ark*.

Last summer the Brott Music Festival welcomed Felder and Campbell to the stage for *Glorious Gershwin*, which was sold out in Toronto and Hamilton.

The upcoming performance also features selections from musicals by Bernstein, Kern, Gershwin, Rogers and Hammerstein.

Noah's Ark plays July 30 at the George Weston Recital Hall, Toronto Centre of the Arts, 5040 Yonge St. $17-$27, 416-870-8000, www.brottmusic.com. It plays July 31 at the duMaurier Centre, 190 King William St., Hamilton. $19-$22. 1-888-475-9377.

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Water Music: The poems, stories and articles of **Dr. George Bernstein** of Windsor, Ont., have appeared in a variety of journals. He and **Susana**, his Venezuelan-born wife of 44 years, have three children and eight grandchildren who live in Toledo, Toronto and Ottawa.

Dr. Bernstein has also produced *Water Music*, a collection of poems, some on Jewish themes. It is published by Permission Press of Kamloops, B.C. A sample line from *The Singer and The Song*: "You are the gardener who in the winter of my life plants spring flowers in the playground of my soul."

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Wagner Can Wait: Daniel Barenboim, the Israeli-born musical director of the Berlin Staatskapelle Orchestra, broke a long-standing taboo against playing the music of **Richard Wagner** in Israel earlier this month when he conducted an unscheduled performance of the *Prelude to Wagner's Tristan und Isolde* at a concert in Jerusalem.

The late 19th-century composer was a notorious anti-Semite and one of Hitler's great artistic inspirations.

Barenboim introduced the Wagner piece as an encore, preceding it with a discussion with the audience to gain their approval first. Although many listeners seemed amenable to the suggestion, some were deeply offended and left the concert hall after a heated debate.

Why the rush to pour Wagner into Jewish ears? More than half a century after the Holocaust, there are still many survivors in our midst who, along with their children and many others, would be understandably disturbed to hear this music performed in Israel.

Once, by the waters of Babylon, we wept at the thought of singing our songs in a foreign land. Now that we have returned to our homeland, why do we rush to import the songs of our enemies? Surely Wagner could have waited another generation or two.

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Jewish Riga once again an exciting place to visit

By NANCY WIGSTON
Special to The CJN

RIGA, Latvia — "Where did you go during the war?" I ask Lia Gherman, as she is closing up Riga's Jewish museum, on the top floor of the 1914 Riga Jewish theatre on Skolas Street.

"To Russia. We had no choice," she said.

About one-quarter of Riga's Jewish citizens survived to return, as Gherman did, to resume life in what some say is the most beautiful city in the Baltics.

Even fewer did what she and a handful of others have accomplished.

For just over a year, their Museum and Documentation Centre has enjoyed official museum status, although it is entirely dependent on private donations.

A gate outside the Great Choral synagogue in Latvia.

After the long, dark night of the last half of the 20th century, Jewish Riga has once again become an exciting place to visit.

A hundred years ago, Riga was home to a thriving community of 30,000 Jews and the city celebrated its 700th anniversary. The emergence of modern Latvia – independence would come in 1920 – and its wealth of Art Nouveau buildings, was inspired by this landmark celebration.

Sir Isaiah Berlin, philosopher and historian, once lived in an apartment a few streets away from the Jewish theatre, in a building whose entrance is flanked by a pair of stone sphinxes. Latvian Jews participated in the prosperity and emerging Latvian nationalism, as many spoke both Latvian and Yiddish.

This year, as Riga celebrates its 800th birthday, Gherman tells me the Jewish population, which was virtually wiped out after the war, numbers around 12,000. Riga boasts the first Jewish day school in a former Soviet satellite country.

During the Soviet occupation – when there was no "Jewish life," as Gherman says – the theatre was used as an art school. Twelve years ago it was returned to the community.

Climbing the grand staircase to the museum, visitors pass a wall of photos listing Riga's saviours of the Jews.

One such rescuer is a dockworker named Zanis Lipke who dug a trench in his cellar and hid and saved 53 Jews as well as his own family.

Generally the number of rescuers are small and the occupations of the saviours are humble.

If discovered, the helpers and the hidden were often tortured and executed.

The lives of Jews in Latvia are celebrated inside the top-floor museum. Latvian Judaism blossomed between the 18th and 20th centuries, although a trickle of Jews had arrived as early as 1561. Timber merchants, physicians, artists, musicians, athletes and architects are portrayed here, as are many photos of the Jewish secular schools and the sports clubs that flourished in Riga.

The city was known as a centre of Zionism. The first chief rabbi of Palestine, Abraham Isaac Kook (1865-1935), was from Latvia. Though he was not Jewish, Janis Rainis, Latvia's most famous poet, is pictured in a photo on holiday in Palestine with his phsyician, Dr. Livshitz, and his wife.

That an era of compatibility existed is undeniable. That it ended horrifically is equally true. This is the simple, direct message of the Jewish museum, spotlighted by a few remnants saved from destruction and a whole wall of books written about what happened here. The Jewish People Survived is the theme of the final exhibit.

One of the worst atrocities was the 1941 burning of the Great Choral synagogue located near the train station. Inside were hundreds of fleeing refugees and Rigan Jews. Today the Synagogue, or what remains of it, has become a place of commemoration and remembrance for Jews and non-Jews alike.

On a memorial stone with a Star of David at the entrance, visitors have placed flowers to honour the dead. In Riga's new Occupation Museum, which also tells of the Holocaust, visitors will find more flowers left in remembrance. Since Russia's departure in 1991, memorials to Jewish communities dot the Latvian countryside.

One temple survived the Nazi period, the 1905 synagogue on Peitavas Street in Old Riga. Gustavs Shaurums, a Christian Reform pastor, is given credit for saving it. After the war, in the boarded up eastern wall, the beautiful Torah cabinet and Torah scrolls were discovered.

Today one can visit Riga's only synagogue, which has been refurbished, if not completely restored. It projects a mood of cheerful religious observance in keeping with the present optimism in Riga.

Museum, "Jews in Latvia", Skolas 6, LV 1322, Riga, Latvia. ph/fax: 371-728-3484.

Family saga remains a fairly solid cinematic accomplishment

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This part of the story moves smoothly. The scenes in which grizzled old Gypsy musicians play their sinuous and infectious music are particularly compelling and a tantalizing window into Gypsy culture.

With Germany's occupation of France, the lives of the protagonists change irretrievably.

Dante, a fascist who claims that Jews murdered Christ and form an international banking conspiracy, ingratiates himself to the Germans. Lola, ever ambitious, accepts his collaboration without a murmur.

While they cavort with the Germans and the Nazis round up Jews and Gypsies, Suzie camps out with Cesar and his Gypsy friends.

Although *The Man Who Cried* falters a little toward the denouement, it remains a fairly solid cinematic accomplishment. The script is lean, the direction is sensitive, the cinematography is artful and the performances, especially by Turturro, Ricci and Blanchett, are quite adept.

In other words, *The Man Who Cried* leaves a viewer quite satisfied.

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Couple donates funds for genetic disorders research

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Naomi and David Freudmann have been spearheading activities to establish The Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and Connective Tissues Disorders Chair at The Hospital for Sick Children (HSC).

"Our daughter Tamar suffers from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. She was first diagnosed 20 years ago by Dr. Robert Jackson, an orthopedic surgeon, after frequently dislocating her knees, hips and shoulders," said David Freudmann.

To recognize the efforts of the Freudmanns, the fund's name was recently changed by the hospital to The Freudmann Family Ehlers-Danlos and Connective Tissues Disorders Research Endowment Fund in the hopes that it will lead to the establishment of a research chair.

"We have already raised, in 16 months, about $175,000 and we have pledges for another $40,000," said Freudmann. "Our aim is to create the research chair, but we cannot do so until we have raised $2 million."

Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and Connective Tissue Disorders (EDS) is an important group of genetic conditions that reduce the strength of the connective tissues of the skin, ligaments, tendons, eyes, heart and blood vessels.

EDS affects both males and females of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds.

Fragile skin and unstable joints that characterize EDS are due to faulty collagen, a protein that acts like glue in the body, adding strength and elasticity to connective tissue.

There are six major types of EDS and they are classified according to the signs and symptoms manifested.

Diagnosis is based on clinical findings and on the family history. A diagnosis is often delayed or overlooked because patients do not fit neatly into one of the specific types of EDS – bruising, skin wounds and joints that dislocate.

Medical practitioners are only now becoming more aware of the illness.

Prognosis and treatment of EDS depends on the specific type. Life expectancy can be shortened with the vascular type of EDS due to the possibility of organ and vessel rupture. Life expectancy is normal in most other types of EDS.

For more information on EDS or the Freudmann Family Ehlers-Danlos Research Fund, call David Freudmann, 416-493-3322, or Rosemary Nault at the HSC Foundation, 416-813-5608.

About Nutrition

By LISA WEINBERG

Q. What is the difference between foods labelled sugar free, unsweetened and no added sugar?

A. The big difference is that a food labelled sugar free contains no sugar at all – like diet pop, cheese, diet desserts, etc. A food labelled unsweetened or no added sugar usually means that *no additional* sugar has been added but that natural sugar is likely present. This would likely include products like applesauce, juice and light jams. It is important to realize that the amount of natural sugar in these foods can be quite substantial and add both calories and sugar.

Q. Are fat-free foods really a healthy choice?

A. Many fat-free foods are of course a fabulous choice. However, you want to watch out for a lot of fat-free snack foods that add sugar and starch in place of fat. Also many people eat twice as much of the fat-free snack food because it is less filling. Many fat-free cookies or snack bars have twice the number of calories of the popular full-fat varieties, and while the fat is less, you may be no further ahead on your diet by choosing these.

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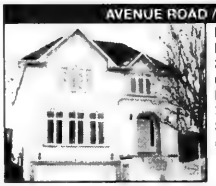

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COOPER, Joseph - on July 3, 2001, late of 4 Lowther Ave., #602.
WEINTRAUB, Florence - on July 4, 2001, late of 30 Holly St.
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Torah scroll donated

TORONTO — A Hachnasat Sefer Torah ceremony was held recently at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care to celebrate the scroll donated to the centre by the family and friends of the late Oscar Shainhouse.

Shainhouse's wife Florence and their four daughters – Syrelle Bernstein, Marlene Brudner, Mary Carrel and Pam Shapiro – had consulted with Cantor Paul Kowarski of Beth Tzedek synagogue beforehand about their idea to donate the precious scroll.

"My father's Yiddishkeit and Jewish upbringing were very important to him," said Bernstein, who is the director of volunteer services at Baycrest.

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"We purposely picked a scroll that would be light enough for residents to hold. It was a very moving ceremony and we're really thrilled that the Torah scroll is a living memorial to my dad," she said.

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Single male, professional, youthful, compassionate, thoughtful, tolerant, Israeli background, enjoys nature, classical music, reading, seeks female, with similar qualities and interests **AD#1489**

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Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue, eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, a good communicator, seeks female, orthodox or conservative preferred, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, for loving relationship. **AD#1681**

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A single male, 32 yrs, Scorpio, 6'2", 180 lbs, slim, muscular, build, seeks female, spontaneous, not into head games, leave name and best time to reach you **AD#1072**

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40 yrs, single Jewish male, professional, fun, easy going, enjoys outdoors, baseball, roller blading, volleyball and basketball, in the winter, active, seeks Jewish female, 27-37 yrs, caring, fun to be with share same Jewish values, and eventually build a life together. **AD#1347**

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50 yrs young, 5' 10½", 175 lbs, good shape, attractive, passionate, active, works out, keeps busy, outgoing, open to new and different things, no head games, likes walks in the park, movies, seeks someone with similar qualities and interests, can connect one to one, passion is important **AD#1634**

LOVING & CARING
Single male, 6' 1", 210 lbs, 39 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, handsome, clean shaven, kind, gentle, loves children, wide variety of interests, seeks female, 21-41 yrs, baby faced, soft milky skin, attractive, medium build, race not important, please be sure to leave your number. **AD#1303**

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Single male, Scorpio, 6' 2", 180 lbs, seeks female, sensual, spontaneous, no head games, enjoys talking on the phone, quiet romantic evenings. **AD#1294**

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LOVE, HUGS & CUDDLES
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CALL ME
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue eyes, warm sincere, gentle, compassionate,good communicator, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking cooking, seeks female, orthodox, preferred, 35-45 yrs, intelligent, with similar qualities and interests **AD#1600**

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FRIENDS FIRST
Single female, 40 yrs, 5' 6", spontaneous, compassionate, spiritual, but sexy, good listener, seeks Jewish male, 5' 9", 40-55 yrs, legally available, with integrity, strong intellect, generous heart, loves to walk, travel, loves, old people and children, down to earth, friends first relationship **AD#1138**

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LET'S CONNECT
Single female, pretty, petite, brunette, romantic, caring, optimistic, fit, professional, university educated, family values, seeks male, 50+, libertarian, non smoker, enjoys theatre, music, movies, dining, dancing, outdoor activities, travel, who is confident, emotionally stable, to share the good things that life offers **AD#1528**

GIVE ME A CALL
Divorced white male, retired, financially, secure, good sense of humour, enjoys dining and dancing, movies, travel, seeks female, 65 plus, slim, pretty, for loving relationship. **AD#1712**

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Traditional Jewish male, 64 yrs, 5' 9", 168 lbs, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, slightly, tanned, divorced, doctor, compassionate, fun, upbeat, youthful, spiritual, resides in Florida, enjoys cooking, working out, travel, music, dancing, theatre, seeks, youthful, Jewish female, 49-56 yrs, easy going, affectionate, unencumbered, willing to move, Florida, and is ready for a quality lifestyle filled with fun. **AD#1632**

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Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, nature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with. **AD#1295**

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Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, mature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with. **AD#1296**

LET'S TALK
Beautiful single Jewish female, 31 yrs old, 125 lbs, green eyes and brown hair, professional, athletic, enjoys outdoors, swimming, dancing, travel, cooking, pets, spending time with family, and friends, trained in Law, seeks professional, 30-45 yrs old. **AD#1538**

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Single female, mid 60's, slim, sincere, caring, loves to travel, dancing, good sense of humour, seeks caring, loving, male who can share having lots of fun **AD#1416**

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43 yr old mother of two, a teacher, is pretty, slim, classy, energetic and passionate. She is 5' 2", enjoys exercise, movies, dinners, spending time with family, seeks a non smoking male, who has played the field and knows what he is looking for. **AD#1495**

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Late 40's, in the education field, bright, good hearted, considered, good looking and ready to settle down. He is looking for someone who is honest, nice, normal, stable, and with a good sense of humour. **AD#1241**

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Single male, kind, generous, handsome, hardworking, self employed, well travelled, seeks female, nice, kind trustworthy, respectful, loyal, to share life's adventures. **AD#1565**

FRIENDS 1ST
Single male, 48 yrs, professional, 5' 9", handsome, non smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, travel, the theatre, music, seeks female, warm and caring, with similar qualities, for friends first relationship **AD#1604**

COOKING UP FUN
Young looking, self employed, 48 yrs with brown hair and eyes, medium build and no children, asks if he is what you are looking for! He is honest, loyal, clean shaven, down to earth and a gourmet cook. **AD#1151**

SEEKING SOULMATE
Single male, non smoker, 6' , wears glasses and has a beard, hefty build, educated, down to earth, very friendly, enjoys literature, has one teenage daughter, seeks female, for friends first relationship. **AD#1078**

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Thornhill student Teen Dancer of the Year at American Dance Awards

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ashley Fenster, 15, is as excited to win a dance competition now as she was when she was eight years old.

Fenster, who just finished Grade 9 at Thornhill Secondary School, recently won Teen Dancer of the Year at the American Dance Awards in Ottawa.

She competed against about 90 female soloists to win for her acrobatic number, *Séisouso,* from Cirque de Soleil.

This summer, Ashley, who also performs jazz, tap, ballet lyrical and pointella (a more specialized form of ballet), is off to Orlando, Fla., to compete there.

For several summers she has competed in the CNE's Rising Star Talent Show, and last summer she was one of four finalists among about 300 dancers up to 21 years old. "Dancers have to audition to get in, but as a finalist last year, I do not have to audition for this year's show," Ashley says.

Ashley started dancing at age seven – she has been with the All That Dance school since she was nine – and did competitive gymnastics from ages five to seven.

"When she was only two, her gymnastics coaches told me she had special talent," says her mother Robyn. "She wanted to dance, however, and she has never looked back."

She started with jazz and acro, and won her first award – she received the second highest mark of everyone who competed – at age eight in a competition in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

"It was exciting, but this last award was just as exciting. I love being on stage and I love performing," says Ashley, who dances 24 hours a week and takes vocal lessons.

It is hard to describe Ashley when she is on stage, says Robyn. "Backstage she is very nervous, but once she is performing, she draws in the audience. When she is through, she knows if she has done well, but she also knows exactly what she has to work on.

"She understands that it is not easy to succeed, and she devotes all her time and energy to her dancing and singing. I really think she has a chance to make it [professionally]."

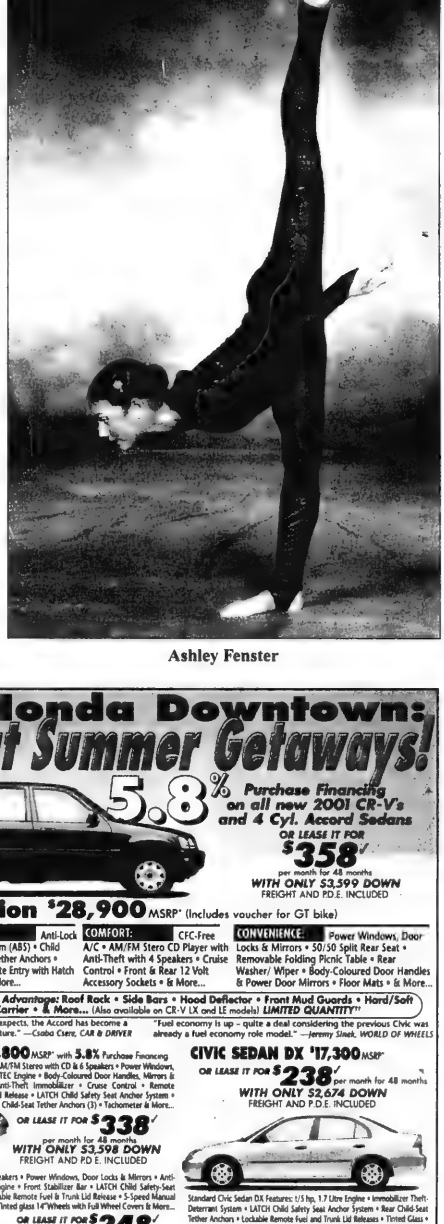
At school, Ashley, who maintains an 85 percent average, is part of the high-performance athletes program, which is designed for students who spend at least 15 hours a week in an extra-curricular sport.

As part of the program she has to complete sports-related assignments – one of her assignments was about how women are treated in sports – and keep a journal and log sheets.

Fitting everything into her schedule, Ashley says, "is just a matter of time management. I don't have a lot of free time. Basically, I dance and get my school work done."

Robyn and her husband Alan, a lawyer, have a son and three other daughters; another daughter, Shelby, also dances competitively.

"Getting them to their competitions is a major commitment. I am their chauffeur and cheering section," says Robyn.



Ashley Fenster

First baseman Lou Limmer shone as Toronto Maple Leaf

By ALEX BEDER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A recent article on the *CJN's* Sports page paid homage to some of the great Jewish baseball players of past and present but omitted one individual who played two years of Major League ball, had a tremendous minor league career and has a special connection with Toronto.

Lou Limmer played first base for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1951 and 1954. In 209 games, he hit .202, including 19 home runs, his first coming in Yankee Stadium. Limmer caught the eye of Jack Kent Cooke, the late mogul from Hamilton, Ont., who owned the Toronto Maple Leafs baseball team.

After the Maple Leafs' regular first baseman was injured, Cooke signed Limmer as a replacement. In his season with Toronto, Limmer performed spectacularly well at first base and at the plate, hitting 33 home runs. Fans voted him Most Popular Player on the team.

Limmer was also a favourite with the local press. As the *Globe and Mail* noted in a feature story, Limmer had a heroic service record during wartime. He had served in the U.S. Air Force as an under-aged fighter pilot, enlisting at 17, following in the tradition of five brothers and a sister who had also joined up.

"He served in some of the rougher days of the United States strategic bomber command in England, bailing out or crash landing five times," the *Globe* noted.

Despite Limmer's outstanding war record and batting average, Cooke was in a quandary as to what to do with him once the player Limmer had replaced returned from the sidelines. For some reason Cooke preferred to keep the other player around, so he traded Limmer to Charleston. This was like banishment to Siberia, and many fans were enraged.

I knew Cooke because my box seats were next to his, and we occasionally socialized at the Oakdale Golf and Country Club.

After Cooke announced he was sending Limmer to Charleston, I was so disgusted that I took my tickets, threw them at Cooke's face and told him in no uncertain terms what he could do with his team. I never went back to another Toronto Maple Leafs baseball game.

Meanwhile, a group of fans, myself included, decided to show our appreciation of Limmer's outstanding contribution to Toronto baseball. We publicly presented him with a $500 Canada Savings Bond between games in a double-header. That was a huge chunk of money in those days.

That was close to 50 years ago, and Limmer and I have kept up a friendship ever since. He lives in New Jersey and winters in Florida. Hardly a week goes by that we don't speak to each other. He introduced me to some of the biggest legends in baseball: guys like Hank Bauer, Sandi Koufax and Hank Greenberg. I went to his kids' bar mitzvahs in New York and he came up to Toronto in 1991 especially to attend my 85th birthday party.

Lou Limmer: what a ball-player! what a friend!

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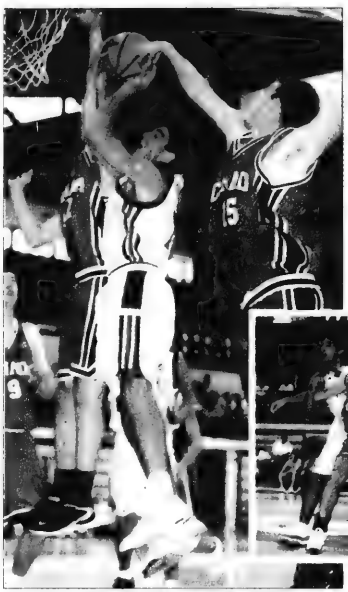

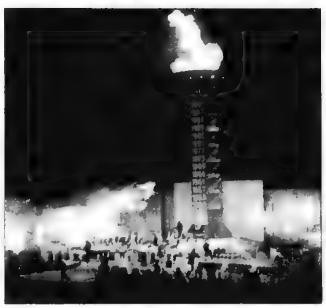

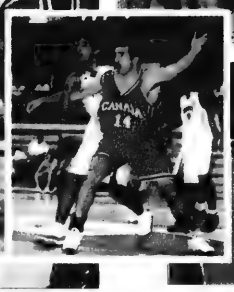

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Youth basketball teams off to quick start

TORONTO — Canada's squash, 10-pin bowling, gymnastics, track and other athletes have captured medals in early competition at the 16th Maccabiah Games in Israel.

According to Maccabi Canada spokespersons, Canada has won two silver medals in women's squash and two bronze medals in 10-pin bowling. The official Maccabiah Web site (www.maccabiah.org) reports that two Canadians have won silver and bronze medals in track and field.

Canada's junior basketball teams are also proving to be medal contenders, while the men's open (adult) team has been finding the early going a little more difficult.

The Canadian girls opened the hoops tourney with a 44-20 romp over the host Israelis and followed that up with a 63-8 pasting of Great Britain. In other hard court action, the boys handed Britain an 81-33 shellacking in game one and then hammered Turkey 74-30 in their next match.

Meanwhile, the men's open team, which captured a gold medal in 1997, had yet to make it to the win column. They opened with a tight 76-67 loss to France and then were beaten 68-57 by Australia.

In track and field, Diana Mannerow won a bronze medal in the 200-metre sprint, finishing behind Russian and Israeli runners. In the 1,500-metre event, Gretchen DuMoulin won silver, and she finished third in the 3,000-metre run, behind two Israelis.

In the gymnastic men's open events, Charles Cosman took silver in vault and bronze in floor.

Dr. Bill Novick won the bronze medal in the tennis masters single over 75 competition.

In volleyball, Canada opened with a 3-1 loss to Brazil before defeating Turkey and losing to Mexico.

In beach volleyball, Canada's men's team lost three games by identical 2-0 scores – to Israel once and twice to the United States.

The junior boys soccer team defeated South Africa 2-1 after losing to Israel 12-0, while in water polo, Canada's men lost to Israel's A team 10-5 and to the United States 4-3.

In tae-kwan-do, Karen Winer won the silver medal.

The CJN will carry more results in upcoming issues.

ספרותנו

מאת: יעל זליגר

זכותי מאת: עמי גדליה, סדרת 'לילד הקורא', ספריית הפועלים.

בהקדמה לספרה של עמי גדליה כותב ד"ר יצחק קדמן, מנכ"ל המועצה לשלום הילד: "קל יחסית לאהוב ילדים, קל עוד יותר להצהיר הצהרות על אהבת ילדים, ואולם קשה הרבה יותר להתייחס לילדים כאל בני אדם."יזהו המסר שגדליה מביאה לבני נוער ולמבוגרים שאמורים להיות שותפים לחוויית קריאת קובץ הסיפורים: זכותי. אכן הרעיון הוא שעשרת הסיפורים המובאים בספר יהוו רקע לשיחות ומפגשי עיון בנושא חשוב זה של זכויות הילד.

עקרונית אנו יודעים שהעידן בו התייחסו לילדים כאל סתם רכוש שייך לעבר חלא כל-כך רחוק. בשנים האחרונות, רבות נעשה בתחום החקיקה להגנה על ילדים. ואולם במציאות, לא פעם נפגעות זכויות הילד. עמי גדליה קיבלה על עצמה התמודדות באופן ספרותי עם מספר מצבים של פגיעה בילדים. בין השאר, יש בקובץ סיפורים על זכויות הגנה בתחום האפליה הדתית, חופש העיסוק, אלימות, ניצול מיני ועוד. לכל סיפור עלילה ייחודית וכל סיפור מושמע על-ידי ילד אחר. כל עשרת הסיפורים מסתיימים בחשיפת העוולה שנגרמת אך לא תמיד במציאת פתרון בפועל. למשל, 'המקום הסודי שלנו' מתאר חבורת נערים שמצאה מקום מסתור שבו אהבו להתאסף ולחוש כמאוגדים בחבורה של אמת. אלא שמדי פעם הם נחרדים למראה נזק שנגרם למקום המסתור. הם אינם יודעים מי פולש למקום המסתור ועושה בו הרס. בסופו של ענין התעמולה נפתרת ומסתבר שידו של איזה ילד אלים מהשכונה בדבר. החברה מחליטים להעניש וממש אז, ברגעיו האחרונים של הסיפור, מתגלה מראה גבו של הילד האלים, גב חרוץ בפסים ישנים וטריים של הצלפות חגורה. עיני הילד המספר צורבות בדמעות למראה אך בכך נחתם הסיפור. או בסיפור 'ילדה של אבא', סוף הסיפור בהתוודות של ילדה לחברתה, המספרת, שאבא נוגע בה "במקומות שאסור".

כלומר, רוב הסיפורים נקטעים לפני יישום התיקון לעולה, אך אין ספק שזו בדיוק הייתה כוונתה של הסופרת. קודם כל, בחיים, לדאבוננו ולחרדתנו, רבים הם הילדים שממשיכים לחיות בצל אותות הרוע. שנית, עמי גדליה רצתה ליזום דו-שיח בין חקוראים הצעירים ובין המבוגרים. דווקא בשל ההמנעות מגלישה להצעות לשיפור מיידי של המצבים מרגע החשפותם, הכתוב מעורר רצון לשיחה מעמיקה והכוונה חינוכית.

לא כל הארועים המתוארים קשים ומעוררים זעזוע, אך כל הסיפורים כתובים יפה ומכל הלב.

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About Food

I'm always on the lookout for easy suppertime solutions, especially in the summertime, so I was delighted to discover *Vegetables Every Day* by Jack Bishop (HarperCollins, $44.95).

Dear Norene

This comprehensive A to Z guide to vegetables includes selection tips and preparation instructions for more than 66 commonly available vegetables. You'll find 350 delicious, uncomplicated recipes for salads, side dishes, soups and main courses. Most recipes are suitable for the kosher kitchen or can be adapted easily.

Try this terrific potato salad, which matches perfectly with grilled summer foods. Each slice of the grilled crusty eggplant is creamy and soft inside. Vegetables are the key to healthful eating, and Bishop's book will help you discover how great they can taste, each and every day!

ROASTED POTATO SALAD WITH MUSTARD-BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

2 lbs. red potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1-in. chunks
6 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
2 tsp. red wine vinegar
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
salt, to taste
1/4 cup snipped fresh chives

Preheat oven to 425. Place potatoes on a large rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle 1 1/2 tbsp. of oil over potatoes and toss with your hands to coat them evenly. Roast potatoes, turning once, until golden brown, about 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk vinegars, mustard and salt to taste in a small bowl. Whisk in remaining 4 1/2 tbsp. oil until smooth. Adjust seasonings.

Transfer roasted potatoes to a large bowl. Re-whisk dressing and drizzle it over potatoes. Sprinkle with chives and mix well. Adjust seasonings and serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 6 servings.

GRILLED EGGPLANT WITH GARLIC, LEMON AND OREGANO

1/2 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
4 medium garlic cloves, minced
1 tbsp. minced fresh oregano leaves
salt and freshly ground black pepper
4 medium eggplant (2 lbs. total)

Whisk lemon juice, oil, garlic, oregano and a generous sprinkling of salt and pepper together in a small bowl.

Cut eggplant into 3/4-in. thick rounds. Place in a large zipper-lock bag, add marinade and seal the bag. Turn bag several times to coat eggplant with marinade. Set aside, turning bag occasionally, for 1 hour.

Light the grill. Grill eggplant over a medium-hot fire, turning once, until dark and crusty, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a large platter. Serve hot or at room temperature. Makes 4 side-dish servings.

Norene Gilletz is a Canadian author of kosher cookbooks, including MealLeani Yumm! (All That's Missing is the Fat). She gives lectures and cooking demonstrations throughout North America. Submit cooking questions to The CJN. *Contact Norene at goodfood@gourmania.com.*

The Canadian Jewish news — Crossword Puzzle

(Answers to the crossword are on page 32.)

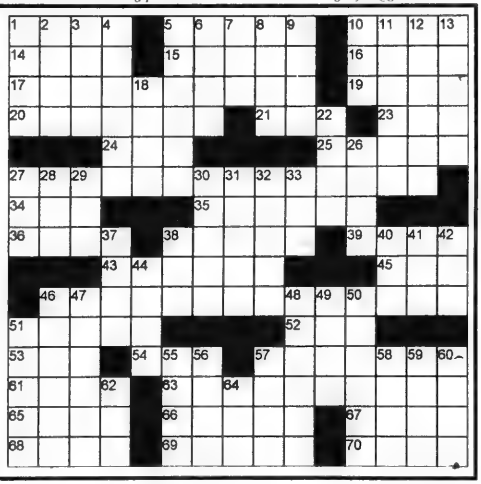
By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across

1 Gabe Kaplan's hairstyle on "Welcome Back, Kotter"
5 Horowitz medium
10 Roth ___
14 Three Stooges laugh-evoker, often
15 Columnist Goodman
16 Outdoor festival
17 Noted SCTV alumnus
19 Particle for Einstein
20 Mike Wallace's employer
21 Bunyan's tool
23 Actor Wallach
24 Ending for journal or legal
25 Refuseniks' "homes", often
27 Finds of 1947-56
34 Recipe verb
35 Freud, for one
36 Wiesenthal target
38 '70s-'80s heartthrob Cassidy
39 Donaldson and Malone
43 Ritualistic surgeons
45 ___ Dolorosa (Jerusalem route)
46 Classic Jon Lovitz character from "Saturday Night Live"
51 El Al employee
52 King of France
53 ___ *Ma'amin*
54 Not working
57 Spare room occupant
61 ___ lecithin
63 Begin group
65 Ambush
66 Lavin role
67 London gallery
68 US Open champ of 1968
69 Medium-distance runs, for short
70 Females who baa

Down

1 "Wait ___!"
2 Botch
3 *Schmattes*
4 Started (with)
5 Herman born Paul Reubenfeld
6 They may be societal
7 It's drawn in pubs
8 St. Petersburg's river
9 Semiprecious stone
10 "___ tree falls in the woods..."
11 "Who can ___" (Chanukah song)
12 Bikini and others
13 Big rigs
18 What the nun on a dreidel stands for
22 Milton Friedman's field, for short
26 Lodge members
27 NASA's Goldin
28 Author LeShan
29 Woodworking tool
30 ___ Ginsberg (Ahad Ha'am)
31 Commandments word
32 Case of puppy love
33 ___ Tin Tin
37 "___ Tired" (Beatles song)
38 "___-Devil" (Roseanne movie of 1989)
40 Noted children's book author who wrote *Poppy*
41 Woody ex
42 ___ Jose, CA
44 1943 Physics Nobelist Stern
46 Some Brandeis choices
47 Synagogue honor
48 Eats away
49 Billy Crystal TV show
50 Hoffman, in "Hook"
51 Fusilli, say
55 Unlike the Golan Heights
56 Mossad info
57 "The Graduate" writer Henry
58 No-win situation for Wilhelm Steinitz
59 Cigar ending
60 Jewish and others
62 Go ___ (flip out)
64 Relatives



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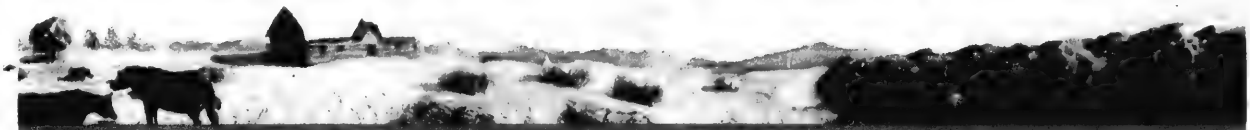

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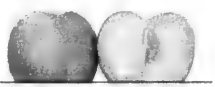

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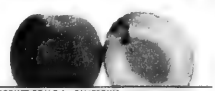

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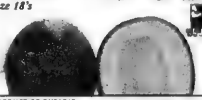

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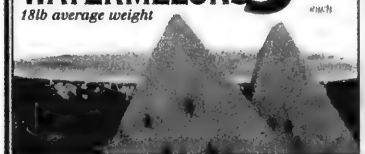

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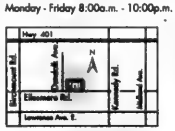

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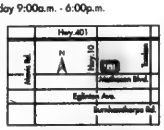

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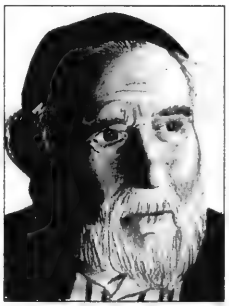
Paul Soles discusses the role of Shylock

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter



Soles as drawn by Michael Nisimov

TORONTO — When Paul Soles was approached to perform Shylock in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, he felt an enormous sense of responsibility – as an actor, a Jew and a Canadian.

Being the first Canadian Jew to play Shylock at Stratford, it was important, Soles said in an interview, to bring as much integrity to the role as possible.

With his background in theatre, film and television, Soles, 70, believes he has the maturity needed for the part and is hoping that with his presentation, the audience will leave Stratford with an appreciation of some of the nuances intended by the playwright.

"The play is useful if we understand that no one really behaved well. Shylock was dealt with as unfairly as he intended to deal with Antonio, one of the Venetian merchants. There is dishonour on both sides," Soles said.

"Human beings may have had reasons for their unjustifiable behaviour. So be it. Such is the human condition."

Soles' interpretation of Shylock was not well received by all patrons. In a recent letter to the *Kitchener Waterloo Record*, one writer complained that "Shylock, *the Jew*, intended as the antagonist and enemy, was turned into the protagonist and hero."

The writer of the letter laments that "where Shakespeare would have us laughing and

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Grassroots missions planned for Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A small group of community activists, who operate under the name Israel Solidarity International (ISI), is promoting new missions to Israel they hope will attract thousands of travellers to the Jewish state.

Although details have not entirely been finalized, the concept is modelled on the Israel Birthright program (which is aimed at young people) and involves offering drastically discounted trips underwritten by donations from pro-Israel philanthropists.

The activists say that by making the trips more affordable, thousands of Jews who could not otherwise travel might be enticed to overcome security fears, show solidarity with Israel and pump much needed currency into the local economy.

Already $1 million has been pledged to the project and the first flight is scheduled to depart for Ben Gurion Airport on Aug. 20. Participants will be asked to pay only about $600 of the actual cost of the mission, which will include stays in five-star hotels, touring, ground transportation and educational programs. The tickets will be good for 45 days and participants will have the option of extending their stay at their own expense.

George Friedmann, a member of ISI, which was formerly known as Israel Now!, said the idea is to provide participants with such an attractively priced package that "intuitively it shows there is an important reason to go."

The "fear factor" can be removed somewhat if the cost of travelling is reduced, said Izzy Kaplan, another member of the committee. Travel to Israel has gone down drastically since the

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The News in Brief

CANADA

Police Called

VANCOUVER — The RCMP had to be called to calm the audience at a recent public forum hosted by Jews for a Just Peace. Tempers flared during a question-and-answer session between the 100 or so audience members and panellists, who included Palestinian representatives. The *Western Jewish Bulletin* reports that after the presentations were made, insults were hurled, some in the crowd became verbally hostile, and police were called. There were no reports of arrests.

New President

OTTAWA — The Jewish Community Council of Ottawa has a new president. Gerald Levitz took over from Stephen Greenberg at the council's recent 67th annual general meeting.

ISRAEL

Bodyguard Arrested

JERUSALEM — Israel has arrested one of Yasser Arafat's bodyguards, who has admitted carrying out terror attacks against Israelis. Enis Mahmoud Namoura holds the rank of second lieutenant in Arafat's special protection unit. He told interrogators he learned to make bombs in Algeria, where he was sent by the Palestinian Authority in 1995, Army Radio reported.

Recruitment Centres

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Force is planning to call up tens of thousands of reservists abroad in the event Mideast tensions escalate into war. Recruitment branches have opened in Los Angeles, New York, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Johannesburg, Bombay and Bangkok.

Conductor Rapped

JERUSALEM — A Knesset committee has called for conductor Daniel Barenboim to be declared persona non grata in Israel until he apologizes for conducting a piece by Richard Wagner at the Israel Festival last month. Prior to the concert, Barenboim agreed to remove Wagner from the program after a public outcry over performing works by the anti-Semitic composer. But he later changed his mind and conducted a Wagner selection as an encore.

Funds Stolen

JERUSALEM — The deputy director general for finance of the Weizmann Institute has admitted to stealing $5 million from the Friends of the Weizmann Institute Foundation. Israel Radio reported that the official lost the money in gambling and failed stock investments.

Fries'n'Web

TEL AVIV — Diners at a suburban Tel Aviv branch of McDonald's can now order the World Wide Web with their burgers and fries. The outlet in Ra'anana is believed to be the first McDonald's to install computer terminals at the tables and offer customers Internet access for a fee.

WORLD

Shul Flap

MOSCOW — A conflict has erupted here over the use of one of the city's five synagogues. The Russian Jewish Congress, which built the synagogue in 1998 as part of a Holocaust memorial, insists the shul be used as a Holocaust education facility, but a group of observant Jews is demanding access to the synagogue for prayer.

Blast Marked

BUENOS AIRES — Some 5,000 people gathered July 18 here to mark the seventh anniversary of the bombing of a Jewish community centre. Jewish leaders denounced Argentine officials, who have not yet found those responsible for the AMIA bombing, which killed 86 people and wounded about 300.

Citizenship Revoked

WASHINGTON — A U.S. court has stripped a one-time Nazi guard of his citizenship. A judge found Mykola Wasylyk lied to immigration officials about his service at two slave labour camps in Poland. More recently, Wasylyk, 77, owned rental bungalows in New York's Catskill mountains. Wasylyk is the 65th suspected former Nazi to have lost his U.S. citizenship since 1979.

Appeal to Venezuela

CARACAS — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has asked the president of Venezuela to back efforts to find 18 suspected Nazi war criminals who fled to the country after World War II. The appeal to Hugo Chavez came as a Wiesenthal Centre official charged that Venezuela never followed through on its promise to co-operate with an effort to track down former Nazis.

Gay Film Wins

LOS ANGELES — A portrait of gay Orthodox Jews received the grand jury award for documentary feature at the recent Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Film Festival. Sandi Simcha Dubowski's *Trembling Before G-d* was previously awarded two prizes at the 2001 Berlin Film Festival.

Solzhenitsyn's Book Causes Stir

MOSCOW — Nobel Prize winner Alexander Solzhenitsyn is being accused of distorting the history of Russian Jewry in his new book on Russian-Jewish relations.

In the introduction to *200 Years Together*, a 500-page treatise, the famed novelist says he is "appealing to both sides, Russian and Jewish, to come to patient understanding and to acknowledge their own share of blame."

But the controversial author's position on the czarist-era pogroms is at odds with most historians.

Solzhenitsyn, 83, blames the pogroms on a grassroots movement, exculpating the Russian state from any responsibility in the anti-Jewish attacks.

He also blames the "liberal intelligentsia" – often a code word for Jews – for exaggerating the extent of pogroms.

"Solzhenitsyn's book is anti-Semitic and mendacious. It is deliberately distorting the history of Russian Jews," said Victor Dashevsky, a Jewish historian who heads the Moscow Anti-Fascist Centre.

Solzhenitsyn's book covers Russian-Jewish relations from the late 18th century, when the partition of Poland placed large numbers of Jews in the Russian Empire, until the Russian Revolution of 1917. He intends to continue his exploration in a second volume.

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Mideast peace conference slated for Halifax

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO—Efforts by a Canadian MP to bridge differences between Palestinians and Israelis have resulted in a planned three-day conference where politicians from both sides of the Mideast conflict will meet in Canada to talk peace.

The Halifax Peace Forum, scheduled to take place in the city Oct. 14-16, will bring six legislators from the Knesset and six from the Palestinian Authority to discuss how the two sides can end the violence and what role Canada can play.

The brainchild of Nova Scotia Conservative MP Bill Casey, the Tories' foreign affairs critic, the conference "is a very modest proposal. It's not going to resolve the Middle East crisis. We have no illusions about that," Casey told *The CJN*.

"But we want to open lines of communication and establish a dialogue. While we're learning from them, we hope they will learn from each other."

Casey said organizers have commitments from six Palestinian legislators. The makeup of the Israeli delegation hasn't been firmed up yet, but he's hoping it will reflect a broad range of views.

'An all-party steering committee has been struck'

An agenda has not been drawn up yet. Casey said an all-party steering committee has been struck, and experts in conflict resolution will contribute.

The conference will be on the parliamentary level, meaning no ministers and party leaders will attend, Casey explained.

One thing is certain: The role Canada can play in the Mideast conflict will be high on the agenda.

"Canada is in a unique position. We have an image as helpful and even-handed, and have earned the trust of both sides," Casey said.

The impetus for the conference came earlier this year when Amir Maimon, counsellor at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa, and Baker Abdel Munem, the Palestinian representative in Canada, separately addressed the Progressive Conservative caucus.

"What struck me," Casey recalled, "is that they both said the same thing." Also, both "challenged us to do something."

Casey picked up the gauntlet and wrote to foreign affairs minister John Manley, who gave a conference in Canada his blessing but pledged no funds.

Casey then called Air Canada, which agreed to donate some round-trip air fares. Private fund-raising in the Jewish and Palestinian communities is hoped to cover other costs.

Casey said Nova Scotia's Jewish Lt.-Gov. Myra Freeman, agreed to host a reception at Government House in Halifax. Fifty volunteers at Saint Mary's University, where the conference will take place, said they would help. Even the operator of a tall ship has offered the vessel to take conference participants on a ride around Halifax harbour.

"It was the easiest thing I ever did. We got a lot of immediate support," Casey said.

He then accompanied Manley on the minister's trip to the Middle East this past spring. Casey met with Palestinian president Yasser Arafat and Israeli foreign minister Shimon Peres. Both leaders were immediately onside.

Encouragement has also come from Egypt and Jordan.

"We hope to play a small part in promoting peace," Casey said. "If we open lines of communication, we will have achieved a lot."

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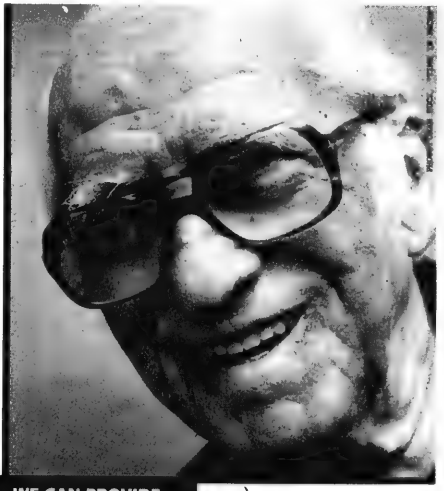
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The Merchant of Venice

From the editor's desk

At times during the production of *The Merchant of Venice* currently playing at Stratford, I actually squirmed in my seat, barely able to sit still, agitated, discomfited, angered by the dialogue and the plot of the play that literary critics and scholars document as one of Shakespeare's two most popular. (The other is Hamlet.)

The play contains four subplots: Shylock's determination to collect his "pound of flesh" from Antonio; the game sequence involving the three caskets that conferred the right to marry the desirable Portia; the love affair between Lorenzo and Jessica, Shylock's daughter; and the fluffy, gender-driven, one-upmanship regarding the wedding rings.

But beyond a doubt, it is the drama involving Shylock that dominates the play and accounts for its astounding, I would add, lurid, popularity these past 400 years.

Shylock, who first appears in the third scene, appears only in five scenes altogether. Yet his personage, his demeanour, his behaviour, dominate the play. All else is but transitional, emotional relief for the gripping gravitas of the harrowing struggle by the chivalrous Christians against "the villain Jew."

There is no denying the play is a difficult one for a Jewish audience. (It should also be difficult for an informed, non-Jewish audience. One hopes it is.) Shakespeare is a brilliant playwright, deft in layering a story, developing characters, and remarkably resourceful in joining words and phrases into precise, poignant conveyances of thought.

Within five minutes of the opening curtain, the ghoulish centrepiece of the fourfold plot – Shylock's malicious obsession – is foreshadowed by one of the play's minor characters, Gratiano, in attempting to comfort his inexplicably forlorn friend, Antonio, the merchant of the play's title. "Why should a man, whose *blood* is warm within,/ Sit like his grandsire *cut* in alabaster?" *(My emphasis.)*

Antonio's "warm" blood, of course, is the deciding factor that ultimately brings about Shylock's downfall.

Shakespeare knew his audience, which explains why he could entertain them so well. More to the point, however, he was part of his audience. His plays reflected the times in which he and his audience lived, their attitudes, prejudices, stereotypes and mythologies.

One of the chief prejudices of his times – alas, a prejudice handed down with love and reverence in Europe from one generation to the other like a precious family heirloom – was the hatred of Jews and ignorance of Judaism.

The intent of Shakespeare's Shylock subplot and the Lorenzo-Jessica subplot – to reaffirm the central, controlling stereotype of the Jews and the triumph of Christianity over Judaism – is apparent with every exchange of his characters' dialogue. The words in these two subplots must be read and heard and understood in the context of this intention.

Merely a few examples will prove the point.

In the taut, gut-wrenching trial scene (Act IV, Scene I), the last in which Shylock appears, the Duke sets the tone of the imminent legal proceeding when he characterizes the Jewish plaintiff as "A stony adversary, an inhuman wretch/ Uncapable of pity, void and empty/ From any dram of mercy."

True to his catechisms, Shakespeare ensures in the audience's mind that Mercy is the embodiment of the defendant's religion, Christianity. And he relies upon his biblical knowledge when he writes Justice as the embodiment of the Jewish religion.

Justice, the Jewish God, is the egregious, aggressive plaintiff in the trial. "I stand for judgement," Shylock unambiguously asserts. Mercy, or Christianity, itself is the defendant.

And so the trial begins.

"We all expect a gentle answer, Jew," the Duke importunes Shylock. The pun between gentle and gentile is not accidental.

"Can no [Christian] prayers pierce thee [the Jew]?" an anguished Gratiano rails in the distressing prelude to the trial's disquieting climax.

In the mouth of Portia, the bard makes plain his purpose: "[Mercy] is an attribute to God himself/ And earthly power doth then show likest God's/ When mercy seasons justice. [*My interpretation: When Christianity seasons Judaism*]/ Therefore, Jew… in the course of justice none of us/ Should see salvation." *(My emphasis and interpretation: In the course of Judaism, there is no salvation.)*

Shakespeare celebrates Christianity's triumphalism. When clever, lovely Portia outwits legalistic, ogreish Shylock, Shakespeare's audiences celebrated, too.

Director Richard Monette and his troupe are to be commended for the production. Though I squirmed in my seat, I sat there a captive to the company's skill.

Lucy Peacock as Portia was especially powerful. Her presence shone on stage. She single-handedly commanded the trial scene in Act IV.

Paul Soles delivered a compelling Shylock. Emotionally constrained and understated, he conveyed a great deal in the deliberateness of his carriage and in his nuanced movements. The slight stoop in his gait conveyed more than Shakespeare intended. For in the perceptible ache of his bowed shoulders, he was able to convey the cruel, debilitating weight of Europe's history toward the "villain Jew" and the awful, abject humiliation as human being, father and Jew: Shylock's final indignity.

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MEETING THE PRESIDENT OF SPAIN:

A group of Canadian Sephardi leaders met recently with José-Maria Aznar, president of Spain, at the Ottawa residence of the Spanish ambassador to Canada. Aznar, left, shakes hands with Maurice Benzacar, vice-president of the Canadian Sephardi Federation, as Robin Benmergui, president of Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation looks on.

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Commission on Vatican 'may have run its course'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Canadian member of an international historians' commission studying Vatican policy before and during the Holocaust fears it may have run its course.

"I'm not so optimistic we'll be reassembled," said Michael Marrus in an interview. "We've taken this as far as we can go."

Marrus, Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto, was referring to last week's decision by the panel to suspend its probe of Vatican archival material.

The suspension was prompted by the Vatican's refusal to grant the historians unfettered access to unpublished documents relating to Vatican activities prior to and during World War II.

The panel was jointly established in 1999 by the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews and the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations.

The historians, three Jews and three Roman Catholics, agreed to review 11 volumes of already-published Vatican records from World War II and to pose questions about "unresolved matters" concerning that documentation.

In a preliminary report last October, they said the documents they had studied raised 47 "significant questions" about the actions of Pope Pius XII and the Vatican during this period. They requested access to unpublished documents relating to the war.

After the report was released, Marrus said he would await a Vatican reply to their request. As he then put it, "The ball is in the Vatican's court."

On June 21, Walter Cardinal Kasper, president of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, issued a formal response.

Informing them that an examination of Vatican archives after 1923 was impossible due to "technical reasons," he asked the historianss to prepare a final report.

Kasper also referred the historians to Rev. Peter Gumpel. He is charged with the task of promoting the beatification of Pope Pius XII, who has been accused of being largely indifferent to Nazi Germany's persecution of Jews.

Dissatisfied with the thrust of Kasper's letter, the historians sent him the following note on July 20:

"Without some positive response to our respectful case for material in the archives that has not been published, we could not maintain our credibility with the many voices, Catholic, Jewish and others, who have called for greater availability of archival material.

"We therefore cannot see a way forward at present to the final report that you request, and believe that we must suspend our work."

In a personal statement dated July 23, Marrus noted: "We have still much to learn from this terrible moment in contemporary history. It is vitally important that this effort to understand continue in a climate of free inquiry, open debate and mutual respect."

In a tone suffused with disappointment, he added: "Unfortunately, those in charge of the Vatican's archives seem unprepared at present to take the essential steps toward full disclosure and unfettered research."

Marrus expressed skepticism about Kasper's explanation that "technical reasons" forbid the historians to go further than 1923.

"Where there's a will, there's a way," he observed.

Marrus said he was not encouraged by a comment about the matter from Eugene Fisher, associate director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Fisher essentially said that the Vatican archives would eventually be opened.

"This doesn't give me much comfort," mused Marrus, dean of graduate studies at the University of Toronto and author of *The Holocaust in History* and *Vichy France and the Jews*.

Asked what may happen next, Marrus said, "It's impossible for me to say where we go from here."

Michael Marrus

Pressed to elaborate, he suggested that the commission's suspension of deliberations until further notice may well harden into permanence unless Kasper changes his view on archival access.

Describing Kasper's stance as "something of a setback" to Jewish-Catholic relations, which he said have improved remarkably under the current reign of Pope John Paul II, he urged the Vatican to come to terms with its role during the Holocaust.

He said that further research does not necessarily mean the Vatican will be incriminated by damaging information, or a "smoking gun."

Speaking for himself, Marrus said he seeks a "deeper, fuller and richer" understanding of Vatican policy during the 1930s and 1940s.

He disclosed that the historians on the panel basically concur on substantive issues, minor disagreements notwithstanding.

"We're a lot closer than one might think. There is a lot of support for our position in the Roman Catholic world. But the church is a traditional, slow-moving institution. It'll take time to make progress."

Admitting he does not know what Pope John Paul II's position on the archives is, Marrus said he and his fellow historians have yet to meet with him and discuss it.

The pope, he pointed out, is a frail, increasingly distant figure.

"You might draw the conclusion that he should have made time for us. He chose not to intervene. Our panel is not up there, in terms of priority, with stem cell research."

SAWW helps empower South African women

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — South African Women for Women, an organization dedicated to the empowerment of South African women in South Africa and Canada, is holding its sixth annual awards dinner on August 11.

Carole Adriaans, founder and president of SAWW, said the organization holds the dinner in order to honour the accomplishments of outstanding South African women.

"We are an organization of diverse women who, working together, can provide mutual support and forums for networking. Together, we will nurture the spirit of our unity," said Adriaans.

She said that the award recipients are "role models for all of us. We salute them and their achievements. In honouring these exceptional women, SAWW is also making a contribution to the betterment of women in South Africa."

Among its other activities, SAWW has a teacher mentoring program in which Ontario-based teachers spend three weeks in disadvantaged schools sharing information and teaching strategies, provides scholarships for financially disadvantaged South African women and runs a health program.

Janice Dembo, a patron of the organization and a 1997 Race Relations Award recipient says SAWW is made up of "women who could not have socialized with each other in South Africa because of apartheid laws.

"This organization has become a sisterhood, something that never could have happened in South Africa when they lived there. It epitomizes working together, and most of the women left South Africa before that was possible."

Women of different racial groups did not mix, Dembo, who has been an advocate for human rights and against racism since she came to Canada in 1972, said. "One did not interact on an individual level; there was no intimacy."

This year's award recipients include Helen Suzman, who receives the Courageous Leadership Award. A member of Parliament for 36 years, Suzman, who still lives in South Africa, became the country's best known woman politician. She has won world recognition for her "staunch and ceaseless opposition to the policy of apartheid," said a SAWW press release.

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CJC offers sensitivity training program to OPP

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Ontario region has offered its newly written sensitivity program to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Len Rudner, director of community relations at CJC Ontario region said that the CJC offered the bias and sensitivity program, *Understanding our Differences*, to the OPP because "we thought we could provide a window of reality into the community they are serving."

Congress has always "been in the business" of speaking to police recruits and candidates in order to make them aware of the issues of diversity, he said. "That is a tradition that is well rooted."

This is the first time, however, that a training program has been put down on paper, he said. "Having it written ensures consistency and it gives us the ability to make an impact."

Rudner said that the impetus for actually writing the program came about after he and Bernie Farber, executive director of the CJC Ontario region, had a meeting with York Region chief of police Robert Middaugh.

They are members of the police chief's multicultural group that meets monthly in order to help Middaugh keep a perspective on community policing.

"I was given the responsibility of developing a draft, and I put together an ad hoc committee derived from members of CJC Ontario's community relation's committee. They worked on the program throughout the winter and it is now freshly minted and approved."

The program was offered to the OPP, he said, after news accounts spoke of uniformed and civilian officers trading autopsy pictures and making inappropriate and insensitive remarks about certain ethnic groups, said Rudner.

"This was all happening internally, but I guess the remarks must have crossed someone's screen who did not approve. Once something like this gets out, the media get hold of it," he said.

"It is of tremendous importance that police officers have no preconceived notions, and it is important for the OPP to know that it is a matter the Jewish community and the community as a whole takes seriously," said Rudner.

Frank Bialystok, chair of the community relations committee, said that it is vitally important that the OPP move quickly to restore public confidence in the professionalism of its uniform and civilian staff.

"Canadian Jewish Congress and the OPP have worked well together in the past. We are pleased to be able to offer our assistance in the spirit of that ongoing relationship."

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Fax campaign promotes anti-Semitic stereotypes

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Detectives of the Toronto Police Service's hate crimes unit are investigating a series of anti-Semitic fax transmissions sent to Toronto-area recipients last week.

The faxes vary in length from one to three pages, with the first page repeating classic anti-Semitic Jewish conspiracy propaganda. Written in broken English, the document claims that Jews control governments around the world; that globalization "is for the Jewish profit;" that Pope John Paul II was born of a Polish Jewish woman; that Jews control the United Nations and the European parliament; that Jews in Toronto get the best jobs; and that anybody telling the truth about Jews ends up killed or kidnapped.

The second transmitted page advertises an anti-racist rally held last week to call on Mayor Mel Lastman to resign, while the third page lists a number of allegedly Jewish individuals in positions of power. Many of those named are not even Jewish.

"I think the person sending this out is a wing nut of the first or second degree," said Len Rudner, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress. "This kind of stuff gets cobbled together out of a person's fevered imagination."

Rudner said he has forwarded the faxes to Toronto police, along with a suspect's name.

Several targeted individuals had done a *61 search after receiving the transmission, and independently had turned up the same phone number. An Internet search of the number revealed the suspect's name, Rudner said.

Congress believes the fax campaign is a form of harassment and likely violates Canada's anti-hate laws and the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Rudner said he knew of about a dozen individuals who received the faxes, but it was unclear how they made it onto the suspect's list.

One recipient, a Holocaust survivor who wishes to remain anonymous, said the documents reminded him of Poland during World War II. At the time, leaflets were circulated that claimed Jews were crawling with lice and that warned Poles to beware of Jews.

"I felt the same way; here we go again," he said. "I felt terrible, very frustrated. No matter where you go, you're still a dirty Jew."

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Canadian Volunteers for Israel president retires

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Esther Shilling believes that if you go to Israel once, you'll be "hooked forever."

At least, that was her experience, she explained in a recent interview. Shilling, who retired earlier this year after eight years as president of Canadian Volunteers for Israel (Sar-El Canada), can still be found on a regular basis at the organization's tiny volunteer-staffed office. She has worked there since 1988, during which time more than 1,000 Canadians have participated in the program.

Esther Shilling

A 70-year-old mother of four and grandmother of three, Shilling displays a youthful enthusiasm when she talks about her volunteer work. Sar-El is "a wonderful experience," she said. "It's totally different from being a tourist. It's just great. I love it. I think it's a super program."

The longest-serving president of Canadian Volunteers for Israel, Shilling – who was succeeded as president by Len Berk – is anxious to tout the program. "It's so important for people to be aware," she said. "It's an opportunity to give something to the country."

Volunteers work on an IDF supply or maintenance base and wear army fatigues while on duty. Their tasks may include kitchen work, gardening, sorting hardware, or packing food, clothing or equipment, freeing up Israeli reservists who would otherwise be assigned to the mundane tasks.

The three-week program includes kosher meals, a day tour, evening activities and optional home hospitality with an Israeli family over Shabbat.

Trips are normally scheduled twice a year, in October and April, although volunteers can arrange to go individually virtually any week of the year.

This summer, a special solidarity mission is also scheduled, with room for 20 volunteers. The mission, which leaves Toronto Aug. 11, will feature subsidized air fare. Participants can choose to stay for either two or three weeks.

Shilling believes that, in light of the intifadah that began last fall, an army base is "the safest place to be."

Although there have been fewer volunteers since the onset of the intifadah (65 for the year 2000, compared to a more typical 75), Shilling prefers to think that volunteers are postponing rather than cancelling trips.

She first took part in Sar-El (the Hebrew acronym for Sherut L'Yisrael, or Service to Israel) in 1987, a year after the Canadian branch of the international organization was established. She packed dried rice, tea and coffee at the largest army base and lived in a barrack with other women. In 1992, she and her husband Sam volunteered together. They were last in Israel three years ago.

Shilling's volunteer career dates back to her days as a young mother pushing a stroller while canvassing for United Jewish Appeal after a neighbour got her involved. She also taught millinery at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and English to Russian immigrants at National Council for Jewish Women, of which she is still an active member. The latter position eventually became paid employment, lasting 13 years until her mandatory retirement.

She still remembers the "beautiful spring day" in 1948 when her mother called her in from outside to tell her the State of Israel had been born. As her mother's relatives in Europe had all perished in the Holocaust, the significance of the occasion was not lost on the teenager.

Yet Shilling's reaction on her first trip to Israel in 1974, when she was moved to tears just to be there and to be met at the airport by her husband's Israeli relatives, caught her off-guard. "And I've had this feeling ever since."

'Diverse women provide mutual support'

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Robyn Lewis, now a Toronto resident, is the recipient of the Health Award. She has devoted her life to the welfare of deaf children, and she opened the first pre-school for deaf children in South Africa, said the release.

Thea Abramson, who is active in the South African Jewish Association of Canada Seniors, receives SAWW's Community Service Award. As an activist for human rights in South Africa, Abramson, a concert pianist, was active in the TEACH program, established to build schools in the townships of South Africa. She has been honoured by Chabad Lubavitch of Markham as one of the Women Who Make A Difference.

Rena Blatt, the recipient of the Outstanding Contribution by a Non-South African Award, has been a friend of SAWW from its inception, said the release, by providing expert advice, guidance and support on a wide range of issues.

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Masters manipulating symbols and opinions

Last Sunday, Tisha b'Av, a well-organized cadre of Muslim youth from the precincts of the Al Aksa mosque on the Temple Mount, threw rocks, bricks and bottles onto the heads of the Jews worshipping below at the Western Wall. Acting as any responsible police force would anywhere else on earth, Israeli police intervened to protect the worshippers, stop the rock-throwing and arrest the perpetrators. Of course, mayhem ensued. Dozens were injured, including at least 19 policemen. Thankfully, no one was killed.

But the images that were broadcast around the world, once again, especially into the satellite-enabled televisions in the Arab Middle East, were of Israeli *(read: Jewish)* riot control police *(military)* presence on the Temple Mount *(holy Islamic territory)* confronting Palestinian youngsters *(self-defending Muslim worshippers)*.

To the visual images of the confrontation was added the media-reported "justification" for the stone-throwing by the Palestinians onto the Jews below: the Palestinians were merely reacting to the planned incursion by the Jews to lay a cornerstone for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple on holy Islamic territory. But this justification was no justification at all. Much like the famous walk by Ariel Sharon on the Temple Mount on Sept. 28, it was a pretext, a well-planned and smartly executed operation by the Palestinian leadership to manipulate highly-charged symbols and influence ill-informed or malignly-inclined opinion against Israel.

The Temple Mount Faithful is a well-known, small, fringe group within Israel. They speak for no one; have been appointed by no one and represent no one. For the last few years on Tisha b'Av, they have declared their intention to re-establish a Jewish presence on the Temple Mount. But the Israeli government has never let them disturb the peace, let alone the status quo of the Temple Mount. The Palestinian authorities knew this. This year was no different. Israel did not permit the 30 or so "Faithful" to go anywhere near the Temple Mount with their cornerstone. Instead, the group held a "ceremony" far away from the Western Wall plaza, and thus too, far away from the Temple Mount.

That "ceremony" lasted some five minutes and concluded by 9 a.m, after which the group dispersed, their effort to re-establish a Jewish presence on the compound over. Fully three hours later, the rocks, bricks and bottles began to fly. The Palestinian youths had begun their "defence" of the mosque, incited to do so by the false, fanatic exhortations of Wakf clerics and two Palestinian members of the Knesset.

After calm had been restored, the Palestinian Authority was pleased. The images had been broadcast; the "news" had been reported. They even falsely attributed the restoration of calm to the intervention of foreign, namely, U.S. and European, observers.

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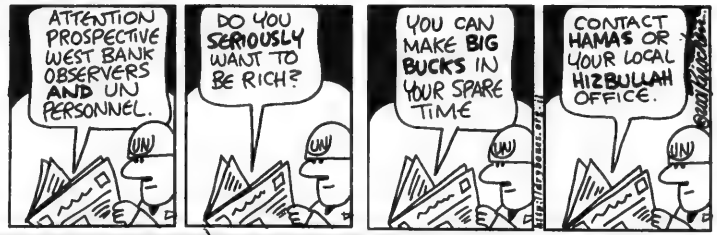
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Pope could have denounced Assad

French politicians should be applauded for labelling Syrian President Bashar Assad as an anti-Semite for his statement last month, in the presence of the Pope, that the Jews betrayed Jesus Christ and tried to betray and kill the prophet Mohammed. Perhaps, out of diplomatic courtesy, the Pope did not respond in Syria, but surely upon his return to the Vatican, he could have denounced Assad as the French politicians did.

Bert Raphael
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Richler's experience with the CJC

In his column of July 12 ("Memories of Mordecai"), Ron Csillag recalls the furor that erupted following Richler's publication in 1992 of *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec!*, his indictment of the xenophobic and anti-Semitic strains in Quebecois nationalism. Richler was particularly outraged at the egregious response from officials of the Canadian Jewish Congress, who seemed to bend over backwards to placate and appease these same nationalists.

CJN readers with long memories may recall that an almost identical incident occurred a decade earlier, albeit on a smaller scale.

A colleague and I had published an article in the *Jerusalem Post* in January 1982, in which we described the unease felt by the Montreal Jewish community in the face of the French-only language and sign laws that had been passed by the Levesque government. We were denounced and pilloried by Quebecois nationalists, in particular those at *Le Devoir*.

At that time, too, the CJC leadership was asked to condemn us, and to their shame they did so, claiming that we were marginal to the Jewish community. Both of us had lived almost all of our lives in Montreal up to that point and were in fact quite active in teaching and writing about Jewish affairs.

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"Revisiting" Turkey's Jews

In connection with Gary Rusak's July 5 article, "Turkey's Jews: A rich legacy," I would like to make the following clarifications and corrections:

The author states that Jewish marriages were outlawed in Turkey. I was married in the Neve Shalom Synagogue in Istanbul. What misled the author to his conclusion was that in 1926, Turkey enacted a secular civil code. The concept of monogamous marriages became the law and only civil marriages were held to be legal. This did not preclude one from having a Jewish marriage in a synagogue, but to do this, the couple had to go through a civil marriage first. The aim of this legislation was to prevent Islamic men from having more than one wife. However, the couples were free, after the civil marriage, to have a religious marriage.

The author also mentions that the teaching of Hebrew in schools was outlawed. This is not correct. In Turkey, the primary education had to be in Turkish, but, again, this did not preclude private schools from teaching Hebrew. In fact, my wife, who attended the Galata Hususi Musevi Karma Okulu, also had Hebrew courses every day for five years.

When Hitler expelled Jewish professors from Germany, it was Turkey that granted them refuge. These professors were given full academic title, and interpreters were provided to enable them to teach in various universities. By way of example, I mention two of my professors: Prof. Hirsch and Prof. Andreas B. Schwartz at the Istanbul law faculty.

Notwithstanding the above, I would like to thank Rusak for a very informative article.

Jak Almaleh
Hampstead, Que.

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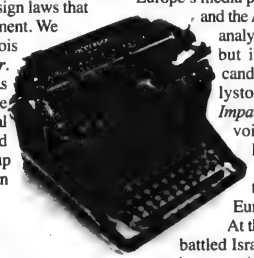
Israel sends mixed messages

Your coverage of Israel Asper's spech mentoring the Canadian government ("Asper slams Canada's Mideast policy," *CJN*, June 28) could not have come at a more opportune time. When most of North America's and Europe's media portray the Jewish State as the bully and the Arabs as its victims, Asper's incisive analysis not only sets the record straight, but it also set a standard of fearless candour for Canadian Jews. Frank Bialystok's remarkable book, *Delayed Impact*, enables one to compare Asper's voice with that of Canada's Jewish leadership during World War II, vainly imploring the government of the day to save the hounded Jews of Europe.



At the risk of appearing disloyal to embattled Israel, let me put Asper's example to use by mentoring Israel's government. Can Israel's prime minister take firm steps against terrorism when his foreign minister treats the master terrorist as a last best hope of peace? Given such mixed messages, is it really surprising that Canadian foreign policy favours the party with consistent underdog messages? Even a strong voice like Asper's will not be audible to our government unless Israel's government provides the needed acoustics.

H. David Kirk
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Perspectives

'The Jewish people have an obligation to survive, and must not despair': Emil L. Fackenheim

By TAMAR HAUSMAN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Emil L. Fackenheim, the renowned post-Holocaust Jewish thinker, has spent his life since his escape from Nazi Germany trying to determine what should be the logical Jewish response – political, theological, and philosophical – to the Nazi's "radical evil," his phrase for Nazi terror.

The most significant response by the Jews was the creation of the State of Israel, says Fackenheim, who left Germany for England, moved to Canada, and then made aliyah in the early 1970s. Perhaps his most meaningful contribution, enthusiasts say, is that he elucidated the religious significance of the Jewish State through the concept of the "614th commandment," his idea that the Jewish people are obligated to survive, and are forbidden to despair in the face of evil.

A degree of controversy has surrounded that concept: his critics have questioned whether it is possible and right, from a philosophical standpoint, to rethink and redefine Judaism in light of the Holocaust, its worst tragedy, and Hitler, its worst enemy.

Regardless, Fackenheim's ideas, expressed in nine books and hundreds of articles on the Jewish relationship to God, the Jewish response to the Holocaust, and other topics, have generated volumes of thought and debate about Judaism. These ideas remain relevant even now, not only because "Israel is in crisis today," he says, but because they relate to the future of the Jewish people, not merely to the immediate aftermath of the Holocaust.

Earlier this summer, on his 85th birthday, Fackenheim was honoured in Jerusalem. About two dozen scholars of Jewish thought and Holocaust studies gathered for a two-day conference to discuss Jewish philosophy after the Holocaust and his contribution to the subject.

Several of the speakers were former students of Fackenheim, who retired at age 80 as a professor at Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewish Studies, and who was previously a professor of Jewish studies at the University of Toronto.

"Emil is a philosopher who has something to say about theology," says his good friend Yehuda Bauer, professor emeritus of Jewish studies at Hebrew University and academic advisor to Yad Vashem.

At the core of Fackenheim's beliefs is that the Holocaust should not be interpreted as evidence that God does not exist. If that were the case, it would mean that the Nazis did in fact defeat the Jewish people – even the survivors – by destroying its faith in God, the key element that has tied the Jewish people together for millennia. But he also believes that there are no theological answers about whether or not God exists, and he cannot explain God's silence during the Holocaust. Nevertheless, he insists that there be a Jewish response.

A short step away from that reasoning is his concept of the 614th commandment, which demands that the Jewish people seek to survive and not "hand Hitler posthumous victories." That phrase has been interpreted to mean preventing assimilation,while it also underpins the significance of the State of Israel.

"The foundation of the State was a tremendous achievement," he says. "And the best thing Israel did was to enact the Law of Return."

But while he sees the establishment of Israel as the great and necessary response to the Holocaust, Fackenheim does not say that all Jews must live there.

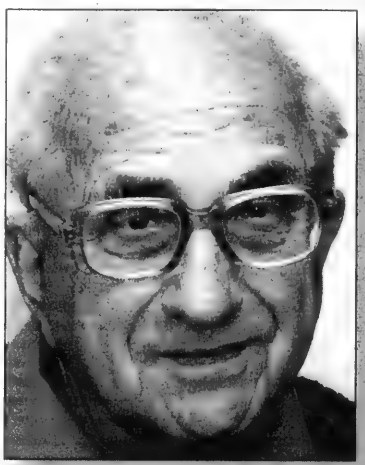
Instead, he believes that "the Holocaust was the centerpiece of the modern Jewish world and that it created a mandate to value Jewish life – that an attempt must be made to recover Judaism," says Michael Morgan, a professor of philosophy and Jewish studies at Indiana University, Bloomington. Morgan has edited several anthologies of Fackenheim's essays, and was his research assistant for many years when Fackenheim taught at the University of Toronto.

Concerned that the Holocaust and its lessons will be forgotten in 100 years, Fackenheim says that the challenge for the Jewish people now is to perpetuate the memory of the specific character of Nazi terror – which, he says, was more radically evil than other tragedies in Jewish history.

Meanwhile, Morgan says, Fackenheim believes that "Jews should continue to open themselves up to Judaism, try to live a Jewish life, and find a relationship with God, in the hope that there is a God, despite the uncertainty that there is one. He is positive but realistic about the post-Holocaust world."

Understanding Fackenheim isn't easy: he moves from midrash to social commentary, to Nazi horrors, to Israel, to commentary from other philosophers. He spent 10 years writing a book about the religious dimension to the thought of philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel. His most popular book, *What is Judaism?*, is about Jews' relationship to God.

To Mend the World, his magnum opus, was published in 1982. It discusses the philosophers who have influenced his thought – and expresses deep dissatisfaction with Western philosophy in the 20th century, because it did not prepare the world for the Holocaust and did not provide the apparatus for understanding it afterward.



Emil L. Fackenheim

"The greatest Jewish philosophers didn't know what to do with radical evil," Fackenheim says.

Fackenheim himself, however, was driven to understand Nazism.

"There is a common misconception that Fackenheim only began to confront the Holocaust in philosophic terms in 1966 and 1967 – and until then had been enclosed in a theoretical, abstract world of German idealism and Hegel," Morgan says. "But in fact, Nazism was the motive for him to move to Berlin to study about Judaism. He was always moved by a sense of urgency to learn about Judaism, and he was always driven by existential issues, even if he didn't show it until 1966."

Morgan says that he believes Fackenheim began to confront the Holocaust in 1966 and 1967 because only then could he begin "to cope with it intellectually and personally." Fackenheim had studied Hegel for many years, but he eventually determined that "Hegel himself wouldn't have been able to handle the Holocaust. It was outside his system," Morgan says. "Emil realized that philosophy needed to be constantly open to new events," and thus he began to grapple with the evil of Nazism.

Though Fackenheim was influenced by several other German philosophers, Jewish and non-Jewish, as well as some political heroes and other Holocaust historians and writers, including Primo Levi and Elie Wiesel, his biggest influence was the philosopher Martin Buber. A great proponent of Jewish existentialism, Buber believed that each person can enter into a personal dialogue with God. But Buber was never able to reconcile his idea about dialogue with God with the Nazi experience.

Fackenheim wasn't satisfied with stopping at Hegel and Buber's perceived or real limits when it came to the Holocaust. His mentor in Germany, Leo Baeck, also provided support for his ideas. Baeck survived Terezienstadt, but "he never told anyone what he experienced and what he knew about the Nazi atrocities because he wanted liberal Judaism to live on. He didn't want Jews to despair," Fackenheim says.

The 614th commandment, which embodies this idea, is especially relevant now because of the Palestinian intifadah. It should be at the forefront of Jews' minds today – and beyond, he says.

"If America and the British stood firmly together – as they failed to do early enough during the Holocaust – and said to Arafat, 'You don't get a penny from me unless you arrest the terrorists,' then this crisis wouldn't be as deep as it is now, and the Jewish people wouldn't be under siege," he says. "Jews should be united in their persistence to have a state that can support itself and bring olim [immigrants]."

Ironically, Fackenheim has never had much of an audience in Israel; his fans have been mainly overseas. A source who requested anonymity says he believes that "a main reason for his marginal status in Israel concerns political issues. The academic establishment tends to be very leftist, and Emil has been viewed, with some justification of course, as rightist. Also, Israel is a small country, with little enough room at the top of the ladder of academic influence, even philosophical and theological influence.

Emil came to Israel relatively late, and even many people who knew him for years were less than hospitable."

At least part of the reason for that may be that Fackenheim never learned Hebrew well, and he always taught his classes at Hebrew University's Rothberg International School for Overseas Students in English.

Two years ago, Fackenheim decided to put away his philosophy books and begin studying history, particularly Jewish history in the 20th century. The reason? He has already given his interpretations and provided suggestions for the Jewish response. Now he wants to know how the historians who are interpreting the Holocaust, and thus, how the world, and the Jewish people specifically, will understand it in the distant future.

"Now I'm finding out about who said what happened, because when people ask why it happened, there is no answer," he says.

Concerned that the Holocaust and its lessons will be forgotten in 100 years

Lord Sieff remembered

During the last six months, news about Israel was usually dripping with descriptions of continuing violence, and rare were the occasions when other news of Israel reached the public. I am therefore glad to receive publications of the various academic institutions that flourish in Israel, always reading them avidly. They are a side of Israel's life that is rarely exhibited.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Thus, even when the death of a significant figure is announced, the obituary will likely reveal not only the nature of an outstanding personality but also a special aspect of continuing love for the Jewish State.

An example was the death of Lord Marcus Joseph Sieff of Brimpton, whose life story was detailed in the latest issue of *Interface*, the spring/summer issue of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Amongst other interesting information, it contained a full biography of Lord Sieff whom I had known in days past.

A bit younger than I, he achieved prominence not only as one of the principal founders and supporters of the institute, but also for his pervasive love of Israel.

His mother, Rebecca, was a founder of the Women's International Zionist Organization, and his father, the first Lord Sieff, was a close friend of Chaim Weizmann. Marcus followed in his father's footsteps and, by his support of the Weizmann Institute, became one of the most influential Jews of the Diaspora. He had visited Palestine in 1929, fell in love with it and became a lifelong advocate and supporter.

Lord Sieff later joined Marks & Spencer, the well-known department store chain; his business career peaked in 1992, when he became its chair.

Among the many tributes to Lord Sieff that *Interface* published was one by Murray B. Koffler, Canada's leading supporter of the institute.

He writes: "His contribution to the institute is legendary. What must be added to his legacy, however, is the contribution he made to the Canadian Society. It was Marcus and Myer Weisgal, to whom I was introduced in London in 1966, who encouraged and inspired me to undertake the challenge of forming a Canadian committee for the institute. Lord Sieff never missed an opportunity to participate in our activities. His annual visits and repeated attendance at our meetings and functions in Toronto and Montreal made an enormous impact on our membership and resulted in icreased support for scientific research. As friends, Marvelle [Murray's wife] and I treasure our memories of Marcus and Lily, who enhanced our lives as they did all others with whom they came in contact."

To which I say a hearty "Amen."

An angry voice from within

The current, number-one, Israeli non-fiction bestseller has caused significant debate and controversy across religious-secular lines. In her radical book, *Cosmic Fear: The Rise of the Religious Right in Israel*, Tsvia Greenfield attacks the religious community for its attitude and policies towards Israel as a Zionist, Jewish and democratic State.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

This isn't just another anti-religious polemic by a member of the Israeli secular left. Far from it. Greenfield herself is Orthodox and a member of the haredi community. For the last several years, spurred by the shock of the Rabin assassination, she has been a vocal critic of her community's political ideology and practice, while espousing classical liberal principles of democracy, pluralism and individual rights.

An educator, philosopher and mother of five, Greenfield heads the Mifne Institute, dedicated to the development of educational materials for peace, tolerance, liberal thought and democracy. After the assassination, she was among the founders of Religious Women for the Sanctity of Life, an organization dedicated to peace and the sanctity of life as a supreme value in Judaism. Since the publication of her book eight weeks ago, Greenfield has been the recipient of hate mail and even death threats for her outspoken, iconoclastic views.

Greenfield describes her purpose in writing the book as threefold: first, to express her profound disappointment in the religious-Zionist and haredi communities. Both of these, she believes, have failed to provide a relevant, modern, Jewish vision for Israel in the 20th and 21st centuries. The religious-Zionist community's single-minded focus on the territories and the cause of a greater Israel, and the haredi community's effort to undermine the democratic institutions of the State have been equally negative forces in the life of the country and its community.

Greenfield's second objective is to restate a modern Zionist agenda. To her, this entails a just, humane, democratic society that is committed to the defence of the Jewish people, and that is firmly rooted in its Jewish heritage and sources.

Her third objective is to advocate the search for peace rather than conflict as a sine qua non for future stability of the State. Greenfield started writing the book well before the outbreak of the current intifadah, and the most vocal opposition to it has come from those who object to her defence of the search for peace.

Greenfield's most scathing and original criticism comes in the parallel she draws between the post-Zionists on the far left and those whom she describes as "post-Zionists" on the right. In her view, the religious right has been seriously challenged by the nature of the Jewish-democratic State. The success of the secular, Zionist endeavour created an existential crisis for those who believed in an absolutist truth based on religious faith and practice as the only means for Jewish survival. This, in turn, led to their need to undermine the secular community's success and to define a new, national agenda. For the Zionist-religious community, this resulted in an identification of settlements and territories captured in 1967 with the very essence of the state and its future.

For Greenfield, this is as negative as the extreme left's interest in making Israel less Zionist and a "state for all it citizens." This argument is bound to be the most controversial in the book. The mere use of the term "post-Zionist" to describe those who view themselves as the last true Zionists, namely the religious-Zionist community and the settlers, is bound to spark a vigorous public debate.

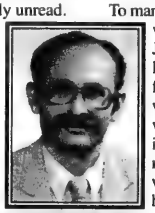
Greenfield describes herself as "confusing" to many who cannot reconcile her blatant criticism of the religious community and her ideological Zionism with her personal, haredi lifestyle. At the very least, in a society that facilely labels individuals in neat ideological categories, she defies definition and forces her readers to rethink stereotypes and prejudices.

Despite the darkness and pessimism of her book, Greenfield describes herself as an optimist and a believer in a better future for her people. She acknowledges that the missing piece in *Cosmic Fear* is a proposal for positive change, and plans to produce this next. In the meantime, she is a lone, controversial voice in an overheated arena of polarized debate. Some will dismiss her as disingenuous; others will see her as a courageous leader.

Then, now, no longer

Twenty years ago I wrote two short stories and sent them to the *New Yorker*. Ever the optimist, I falsely mentioned in the cover letter that there were more where those two came from. Why start at the bottom? The *New Yorker* returned them, likely unread. They did the right thing.

Writing first-rate fiction requires great talent, which I do not have. Even more talent is required for humour or satire. As the old joke goes: "Dying is easy, comedy is hard." This makes Mordecai Richler's achievements all the more remarkable. He was a giant, an excellent novelist, essayist, screenwriter, children's author, journalist and columnist. In all of these roles his wit stamped his work with a unique style.



Morton Weinfeld in Montreal

I found the amount of media attention devoted to his passing and to an assessment of his work to be enormous, reaching almost John Lennonesque proportions. Not only the Montreal *Gazette*, but also the *National Post* and the *Globe and Mail* ran story after story, day after day. I was surprised and pleased.

While Richler is often compared to Philip Roth, I suspect that when Roth passes – in the far distant future – there will not be a comparable outpouring of American commentary. Why this reaction for Richler?

It may be due to his political persona, as he was widely known for his up-front attacks on the excesses of French nationalism in Quebec. Perhaps it reflects Canadian insecurity, since we knew that Richler, like Margaret Atwood, was "world famous, not only in Canada." Certainly his weekly columns brought him to a much wider audience than most novelists could ever reach.

To many non-Jews, and most Québécois, he was seen as a representative Jew. But Jews recognized how in his personal life he managed to distance himself from things Jewish even while he wrestled with Jewish demons in his writing. Marrying a gentile was rare in the Canada of 40 years ago. The rituals and rhythms of Jewish life were largely absent from the Richler household, as far as we can gather.

Richler seemed to be a kind of non-Jewish Jew, even apart from his minimally Jewish family life. Sipping his daily scotch in a bar in the Eastern Townships or in downtown Montreal, smoking up a storm, embracing snooker with a passion, chewing the fat with his rural buddies as well as slick urbanites, Richler was an everyman, at ease with everyone. Yet he was a writer above all else. He was also profoundly Jewish.

He never really left the old Jewish neighbourhood. Richler recalled fondly his youthful escapades carousing along the Seine on Friday nights while singing Adon Olam. I suspect he resented being too young to fight the Nazis in Europe or the British and Arabs soon after in Palestine. His Jewishness gained expression mainly in railing against anti-Semites past and present. He had a soft spot for Israel and for his buddies who made aliyah as part of left-wing Zionist movements. He was fairly learned in matters Jewish, building on the foundation set in his traditional pre-bar mitzvah days. But anything that smacked of conventional or mainstream Jewish life, from synagogues to communal organizations, was a target.

Richler's honest writing about the foibles of his own community also served to debunk some of the heroic myths that surrounded the immigrant Jewish neighbourhood. He wanted, as he often said, "to get it right." While he at times went too far, his basic theme was dead on: Immigrants were not all pious, devoted, law abiding and hard-working, sacrificing their all for their children. He was fascinated with the underbelly of immigrant Jewish life. Not for him was the maudlin veneration of even his own cherished St. Urbain past. In this Richler paralleled what Isaac Bashevis Singer did for the shtetl and eastern European Jewry.

What better way to honour Richler than the following story:

Two old Montreal Jews meet again after a long time. One says "Finkelstein, my old friend, how are you?"

Finkelstein replies: "I am no longer Finkelstein. I heard there is a new custom for people to give themselves classy names based on where they come from. So my name is now C.D. St. Urbain.

The first asks: "I understand the last name, because I remember you grew up on St. Urbain Street. But what are the initials C. D.?"

"Easy," he replies, "corner Duluth."

The Kirshner File

Palestinian school books strike at peace

Less than a year after Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat ushered in the Oslo peace process with the 1993 Declaration of Principles, the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority signed the Cairo Agreement. Under this accord, Israel and the PA solemnly promised that their educational systems would "contribute to the peace between Israel and the Palestinian people."

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Rabin, understandably, assumed that Palestinian school books in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would foster peace and coexistence with Israel. Was this not, after all, Oslo's raison d'etre?

Before Oslo, Israel methodically removed words, sentences and ideas from texts in the Palestinian curriculum deemed anti-Jewish and anti-Israel. Israeli forces that had captured the West Bank and Gaza in the 1967 Six Day War came upon books in Palestinian classrooms riddled with inflammatory references toward Jews and Israel.

When Israel decided to eliminate these allusions, Egypt and Jordan, which had supplied the objectionable books in the first place, lodged a complaint with the United Nations, claiming that the Israeli government was changing the Palestinian curriculum in contravention of the Geneva Convention.

The United Nations, while ruling that Israel was within its rights to erase offensive terminology and passages, called for an impartial "clearing" system under which a list of suitable Egyptian and Jordanian texts for Palestinian students would be published annually.

However, at the request of the PA and the Arab League, the system was suspended in 1995. In lockstep with this decison, the PA began using Egyptian and Jordanian texts published under its imprimatur.

These books, which were supplanted by new ones last year, reverted to stereotypical portrayals of Jews and Israel, reports The Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace, a nongovernmental organization established in 1998. In general, they depicted Jews and Israelis as cunning and deceitful.

Islamic Education for Ninth Grade, for example, exhorted students to be beware of Jews, who were described as "treacherous and disloyal."

The denial of a Jewish connection with Israel was another common theme. "The Zionists turned their attention towards Palestine as the national homeland of the Jews, while relying on false historical and religious claims," *Modern Arab History and Contemporary Problems*, a Grade 10 text, stated. In accordance with this line of reasoning, *Reader and Literary Texts for Eighth Grade* disclaimed that the Western Wall in Jerusalem is Jewish.

Books like *Our Country Palestine* showed all of Israel as Palestine. And in *Atlas of the Arab Homeland and the World*, the West Bank and Gaza were marked in green, while Israel, referred to as "occupied Palestine," was drawn in yellow. Israeli cities such as Tel Aviv, Acre, Ashdod and Haifa were defined as Palestinian.

Praising violence as a means by which to regain their rights, Palestinian texts called for jihad (holy war) against Israel. *Our Arabic Language for Fifth Grade* declared: "Know, my son, that Palestine is your country... Why must we fight the Jews and drive them out of our land?"

The Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace says that PA teachers' guides, which have yet to be amended, are no better.

Zionism is seen as "a racist and aggressive" movement and is equated with fascism and Nazism. Jews are blamed for anti-Semitism.

"There are a number of reasons that caused the Europeans to persecute the Jews, wherever they were," the guide observes.

"The Bible is full of texts that support the Jews' tendency to racial and religious zealotry... they respond(ed) with the spirit of hatred toward other nations... The Jews of Europe were hated because of their hostile Jewish belief towards Christianity, and their seclusion... and their taking over the economy...

"The Jews' feeling of racial, religious, cultural and political superiority and their contact with the nations of the world... was the important impetus for the nations' persecution of them."

Israel's elementary right to exist was decried. As one text put it: "All Arab hearts are devoted to Palestine and (await) the day (when) they will be able to liberate it and expel the thieving aggressor..."

Last September, a PA agency, the Center for Developing the Palestinian Curricula, released 14 revised texts for grades 1 to 6. In analyzing them, The Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace detected positive changes.

They do not advocate Israel's destruction, nor define Jews in overtly anti-Semitic terms. They praise the role of Jews – and Christians – in transmitting knowledge during medieval times.

The new books, however, make no attempt to promote peace with Israel. Peace is neither presented as a goal nor discussed as an option. And while Oslo is mentioned once, and only once, it is not defined as a peace process.

The texts perceive Israel as a foreign implant in the Middle East, view Israel in contexts that breed contempt and omit Israel's name from maps.

"The PA is teaching their children that the Palestinian 'problem' is not Israel's control over the West Bank and Gaza, but Israel's existence," the Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace warns.

It adds: "The new PA school books fail to teach their children to see Israel as a neighbour with whom peaceful relations are expected. They do not teach acceptance of Israel's existence on the national level, nor do they impart tolerance of individual Jews on the personal level."

These findings, to say the least, are disturbing.

If Israel and the Palestinians are ever to live in peace, the PA must clarify its intentions. If the PA's objective is genuine coexistence, as its leaders continually assert, it has no alternative but to revamp its school books, from top to bottom.

Each side has the right to interpret history as it so chooses. This is an inviolate principle. But a red line is crossed when Israel's legitimacy is questioned, when Zionism is likened to Nazism, when jihad is espoused and when Jews are defamed.

Let's be clear. By exposing impressionable Palestinian pupils to anti-Israel and anti-Jewish material, the PA flagrantly violates the spirit and letter of the Oslo accords and renders real peace impossible.

These violations were more or less tolerated by Israeli governments – and by Israel's peace camp – in the interests of advancing the peace process and out of the knowledge that Israel was also breaching the Oslo accords. Through various acts of unilateralism, notably the expansion of settlements in the territories, Israel trifled with Oslo.

Still, it is clear that hateful Palestinian books strike at the heart of peace and peaceful coexistence. Since the collapse of last year's Camp David summit and the outbreak of the second Palestinian uprising, Israel can no longer turn a blind eye to such violations.

If the Palestinians are sincerely interested in forging a lasting rapprochement with Israel and the Jewish people, the PA has no choice but to overhaul its school books once and for all.

It is an imperative, especially now when the intifadah threatens to scuttle what is left of what was once a hopeful peace process.

Syrian texts defame Jews

Bashar al-Assad's recent foray into the quagmire of anti-Semitism is shocking but hardly surprising. In the presence of Pope John Paul II, the ignorant, inexperienced president of Syria defamed Jews by suggesting that they "betrayed" Christ and tried to kill Mohammed the Prophet.

This kind of state anti-Semitism, considered beyond the pale in civilized societies, is most pointedly disseminated today in Syrian school books, according to The Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace.

Syrian texts refer to "the aggressive and evil disposition rooted in the Jewish personality." They imply that German Jews committed treason against Germany. They dismiss a Jewish historical attachment to Israel. ("Their claim that they are the descendants of the Hebrews who migrated to Palestine 2,000 years ago is false.")

They maintain that Jews co-operated with "idolators and heretics" against Muslims. They warn that the "criminal intentions" of the Israelis will result in their "extermination."

Bashar claims that he is prepared to sign a peace treaty with Israel should Israel agree to vacate the Golan Heights, but what kind of an agreement does he have in mind when his educational system is irretrievably poisoning the minds of young Syrians?

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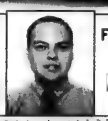

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Commitment or estrangement?

By RABBI J. BENJAMIN FRIEDBERG

Since my retirement, my life has a duality about it: I spend half of each year in Jerusalem and the other half in Toronto.

While in Jerusalem, my wife Lola and I inevitably become part of Israeli society. We are with our Israeli friends, sharing common concerns and attitudes. I introduce this personal note because I reflect on a matter that has been written and spoken about extensively – the drastic reduction in the number of Jews from abroad visiting Israel, part of the general drop in Israel's tourism industry. This drop, of course, is due to what Israelis call *hamatzav*, the situation, a polite way of saying shootings and bombings.

There is a kind of conventional wisdom here in the Diaspora that Israelis are frightened, depressed, walking with their heads bowed and noses dragging on the ground, feeling isolated and abandoned by Diaspora Jews.

Needless to say, no one in Israel feels good when there is a bombing or when people are shot. There is sadness, anger, a desire for revenge – naturally. And naturally, the bereaved grieve and the wounded and disabled suffer. But there is no general depression and no general fear. Israelis do not walk around with their heads bowed. Nor do they feel isolated – at least the many people, friends, relatives and neighbours with whom we associate don't, tourists or no tourists.

We carry on with life as normally as possible in Israel. We work, we play, we go to theatres, lectures and restaurants. Oh yes, occasionally, on a bus, the question crosses our minds fleetingly, "Is there a suicide bomber aboard?" – but we stay on, somewhat embarrassed by permitting ourselves such thoughts.

Yes, those directly and indirectly involved in the tourist industry are suffering financially and our hearts go out to them. Long-time guides either have to find new jobs or leave the country in order to make a living and support a family. And there are some places, favourite bomb targets like the Mahane Yehuda Market in Jerusalem or the Carmel Market in Tel Aviv, which some people avoid. In Judea, Samaria and Gaza, too, the roads are somewhat hazardous.

But for the most part, people live normal lives. And like everywhere else, the average Israeli doesn't normally interact with tourists (unless they're in the tourist business) and only knows about the absence of visitors from the media.

And yet there are tourists, even if there are not nearly as many as there should be, or as there were. There are solidarity missions, participants in Birthright trips, God bless them, the Maccabiah and the support of many Diaspora organizations. Israelis appreciate that.

At the same time, however, Israelis are disappointed in Diaspora Jewry as they stay away in droves, as though during a time of need, the Diaspora has abandoned Israel. No one can blame anyone for feeling fear in coming. If that's what people feel, that's what they feel. Nevertheless, the unspoken question by Israelis is, "If we are one (UJA slogan), then how come you are afraid to take a little risk in coming to Israel… and it is a very little risk?"

It is as though much of the Diaspora has failed the test of commitment and integrity. Everything worthwhile requires risk taking. Are we to conclude that for some, even many, Israel is not worthwhile enough – not worth taking a slight risk for, not worth commitment or determination? It may be that this distancing in time of need is indicative of a general distancing and estrangement between Israel and the Diaspora. Perhaps what is happening indicates that the ideal of Jewish nationalism (read: Zionism), which fueled the drive and direction of the Jewish people for decades, is cooling down significantly. If so, there is much more about which to worry than declining tourism.

Rabbi Friedberg is a former rabbi of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto.

A matter of perspective

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

The summer months are a complex time for the Jewish people. We spend weeks contemplating the impact of having lost the Temple. We immerse ourselves in the implications of our precarious positions in world history, climaxing with Tisha B'Av.

Within a few weeks beyond that date we enter the month of Elul – again a handful of weeks preparing ourselves for the upcoming High Holy Days. The month of Av speaks to the history of our nation while the month of Elul minimizes our focus, beginning with a focus on ourselves as individuals. But are these truly two separate times or should we carry Av into Elul?

There is no denying that it is a good and healthy endeavour to spend some time each year in self-reflection. Elul is a time to ask the private questions. We all know that the face we present to the world is not always in line with who we are inside. Elul is the time to realign ourselves and this can only be done privately.

By working on ourselves and improving who we are and then interacting with the world, we are inevitably changing that world. But can all this national and personal reflection be too overwhelming?

Certainly some time spent this way is healthy, but to spend all of Av and Elul in such pursuits might be too much. The answer lies in perspective.

Although we are to focus on the hard personal questions during Elul, we must bring some of the larger focus of Av into the picture. Although we are individuals, we are never devoid of our communities, and our communities are never in isolation from the world.

However, looking at all that is wrong in our lives might lead to a negative state of mind, making it difficult to focus on the positive. This is where the *pekaleh* theory comes into play. A good friend of mine introduced me to this theory and I would like to share it.

According to this view, we spend Elul defining all that is wrong in our lives, figuratively putting everything into a little package, or *pekaleh*. If everyone were to put their *pekalech* on a shelf so you could see how large they were and some of the issues contained in theirs, you would willingly choose your own. In fact, you would probably dance with it all the way home.

Your personal *pekaleh* is an intrinsic part of who you are. It shapes the journey you will take to improving yourself and your world. While bemoaning how overwhelming our personal hardships can sometimes be, we must always be sensitive to the fact that there is no lack of personal suffering in the world.

Elul affords us the time to focus on the individual but the remnants of Av remind us that we are never truly individuals. Judaism does not abide someone's insensitivity to another person's suffering. The Talmud states that if two people begin to pray together and one finishes first and leaves before the other is finished, then that person's prayer is torn to pieces.

The synagogue is not only a place to express ourselves to God but it is also a place to hear the murmurs of other people's prayers. There is a melody to prayer beyond the tune and the chazzan. There is a comfort within the sound of the room that defies explanation. The droning of the prayer, the music of the community, reminds us to always find a moment and listen to the whispers of another person's heartfelt plea.

Jewish Life

New cottage country shul

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Finding a shul in cottage country can be a real challenge. Finding two in the same town is definitely exceptional.

By this fall, Belle Ewart, a one-hour drive from Toronto on the shores of Lake Simcoe, will be one such place.

Long time Beth Israel Congregation will be joined by a new synagogue in nearby Tent City, thanks to the generosity of Hamilton physicians Joseph and Cheryl Greenbaum, who donated part of a lot that they had purchased for their own use.

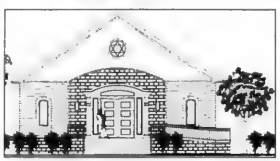
The only conditions they imposed were that the davening must be Orthodox and that the chief rabbinate's prayer for the State of Israel is to be recited.

The congregation, called The Tent City Jewish Congregation, has been davening since 1965 in a community centre, unofficial leader Myer Feldman, a Toronto lawyer, told *The CJN*. Not only was the congregation outgrowing the premises, but it was becoming more and more difficult to co-ordinate their activities with the centre's.

Feldman said that while the Greenbaums donated enough land to build a shul, funds to build and furnish the building will be raised internally.

With a twinkle in his eye, Feldman suggested that "we would be happy to accept an Aron Kodesh someone has in storage, or a sefer Torah or siddurim and Chumashim."

Architect Yisroel Idels, who also designed Beth Avraham Yoseph congregation in Thornhill and the new Chabad @ Flamingo, among others, designed the structure to fit in with the surrounding cottages, Feldman said.



Architect's sketch of the new Tent City Jewish Congregation.

The synagogue will be just over 2,700 square feet, air conditioned and heated, and will include a sanctuary-cum-study hall, a kitchen, room for simchahs and a small library. It will also be wheelchair accessible.

Relations with the surrounding community are very good. "When we went to the town of Innisfil [where Belle Ewart is located] for rezoning, we were welcomed with open arms. The neighbours all supported us and the town was very kind, helpful and encouraging."

Construction is expected to start shortly, and the structure should be ready in about two months, although probably too late to be used this year.

Feldman is enthusiastic about the spirit that permeates the services. "All three branches [Reform, Conservative and Orthodox] daven together. You can't explain the experience – everyone goes away on a high. Everyone is a friend."

After each Shabbat service, Feldman said, the kids prepare a kiddush, "the usual – herring, kichel, kugel, schnapps." There is lots of singing and Feldman gives a speech in which he tries to tie in the portion of the week with whatever simchah anyone there is celebrating.

"We take a lot of pride in what happens here," Feldman said.

Tu b'Av on the Internet

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

With Tisha b'Av over, we leave the saddest part of the calendar behind us and turn to one of the most joyous (and least known) holidays, Tu b'Av. In an interesting convergence of old and new, this ancient holiday has become a popular time for modern singles' events. Today, Tu b'Av and romance on the Internet.

The Mishnah (Ta'anit 4:8), surprisingly, declares, "There were no greater holidays for Israel than Tu b'Av and Yom Kippur, for on them the girls of Jerusalem used to go out in borrowed white dresses... and dance in the vineyards. What would they say? 'Young man, lift up your eyes and see what you choose for yourself. Do not set your eyes on beauty but set them on good family. Grace is deceitful and beauty is vain. But a woman that fears God, she will be praised.'"

(You can read the Mishnah online if you have Hebrew fonts installed **[http://www1.snunit.k12.il/kodesh/mishna/tani04.html]**).

Yosef Abramowitz and Rabbi Susan Silverman suggest that we could learn a great deal from those ancient courting practices **[http://www.jflmail.com/articles/1270.html]**. "The young girls borrowed white dresses so that the young men could not choose among them according to materialistic concerns... Today, we live in a world that is status- and fashion-conscious, a world of beauty pageants and beauty ideals set by television and movies, and some synagogues are even described as 'meat markets' for looking over the unmarried merchandise. Tu b'Av tells us to look beneath the surface when looking for (or at) a life partner, just as Yom Kippur forces us to look deep into ourselves before God grants us life anew. Like Yom Kippur it is a time for reflection and introspection. But instead of being an individual process, it is a mutual, shared experience between two people."

The Talmud gives six reasons Tu b'Av was made a holiday **[http://www.torah.org/learning/yomtov/3weeks/]**. Among them: Marriage between different tribes of Israel was permitted that day. In the desert, a ban on inter-tribal marriage had insured that land would not pass out of the hands of the tribe it originally belonged to. According to Virtual Jerusalem, "The ability for all of the tribes to marry each other – necessary to facilitate a deep, fundamental sense of Jewish oneness – is worth celebrating." **[http://207.168.91.4/vjholidays/tubav/backgnd.htm]**

Because of its connection to love and courting, Tu b'Av is often now described as the Jewish Valentine's Day. It was only after Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, author of *Kosher Sex*, was challenged for participating in a Valentine's Day event that he began to examine the importance of Tu b'Av. Rabbi Boteach acknowledges that although Valentine's Day has been secularized, its roots are Christian. His response: "I encourage the repossession of our own Jewish day of love: Tu b'Av." **[http://www.momentmag.com/archive/sept00/extra20.html]**

Nowadays in Israel, Tu b'Av is celebrated by all-night rock concerts, most noticeably on the shores of the Sea of Galilee at Hof Tzemach. Other festivals feature chassidic singers entertaining newly engaged and newlywed couples **[http://www.sympatya.co.il/tu-bav1.htm]**. (This year Tu b'Av falls on Saturday, Aug. 4; so its observance will be delayed until the conclusion of Shabbat.)

Despite a resurgence of Tu b'Av, Orna Coussin argues in *Ha'aretz* that Valentine's Day and heart-shaped lollipops are making inroads in Israel **[http://www.gsnonweb.com/gsnlib_a/gsn2001/2001_02/20010214/91667.html]**. Even Dry Bones creator Ya'acov Kirschen wades into the Valentine's Day/Tu b'Av controversy **[http://info.jpost.com/2000/Supplements/DryBones/D97818MP.HTML]**.

So how should you mark the day? Rabbi Silverman and Yosef Abramowitz have a few suggestions:

- If you are like us, we always remember much too late to prepare Rosh Hashanah cards. Instead of waiting for the last minute, gather your family together on Tu b'Av, make a list of all the people you love and who love you, and address the Rosh Hashanah Card envelopes together.
- Teach children to look beyond physical beauty to seek partners with strong Jewish values.
- Arrange to be alone together. **[http://www.jflmail.com/articles/1273.html]**

And one last suggestion for people who are not too good with words but still want to express their feelings **[http://www.jflmail.com/articles/2300.html]**. Like many Jewish holidays, Tu b'Av falls midway through the Jewish lunar month when there is always a full moon out. Follow Jill Suzanne Jacobs' instructions and build a Tu b'Av mobile full of Jewish symbols (a full moon, stars, hearts, dancing figures and Jerusalem's city walls) to complement the romantic holiday.

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CHAT grad has impressive resume

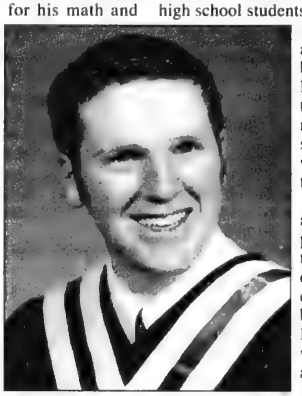
By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Matya Gilbert-Schachter's resume is impressive.

Three pages long, it lists the 24 awards he has won, mainly for his math and science prowess, as well as the 17 extra-curricular activities, 12 volunteer positions and seven jobs he's held during his four years at CHAT.

"I did it by working hard," he said of his busy schedule and academic success. "I kept taking more and more on and was somehow able to juggle it all."

Many of his proudest accomplishments were added to his c.v. during this past year.


Matya Gilbert-Schacter

Graduating with a 96 percent average, Gilbert-Schachter, 18, received a scholastic award at the CHAT graduation, and carried away both the mathematics and physics department awards as well as the Irv Wilson Memorial Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement.

As he accepted an offer to attend the engineering science program at the University of Toronto in the fall, Gilbert-Schachter was awarded a $3,000 U of T entrance scholarship. He also earned a Leonardo da Vinci Competition Scholars Award, an engineering competition sponsored by U of T.

He recently represented the province at the American Regional Math League held at Penn State University, and says he placed second in the team competition and won individual high scorer among his team, tying with the second best scorer across the country.

This year, as a result of his leadership skills and "extraordinary volunteer experience," Gilbert-Schachter was one of 26 Grade 12 students selected by Ontario's Lt.-Gov. Hilary Weston to participate in the First Connections Programme, which landed him a summer internship at Environics, a public opinion research firm.

"One of the greatest parts of the First Connections program is that I get to explore my other interests. I've known all along that I'm talented in math, but I'm also interested in social sciences, like politics, economics and law. I get to apply math to the fields I'm interested in," he says.

"They've fully accepted me," says Gilbert-Schachter in reference to his co-workers at Environics. "I'm getting all sorts of work. It's a great experience."

His math and science abilities took him all the way to Israel last year. He was one of 70 students selected from around the world to participate in SciTec 2000, a five-week summer research program for high school students.

"The program was a great compromise because not only did I get the opportunity to further develop my math and science skills, but on the weekends I got to tour the country."

Of his non-academic accomplishments he says that "I'm most proud of coaching and refereeing house league basketball at the BJCC. It was fun working with kids and getting to teach them something."

Gilbert-Schachter says he played for the CHAT team in grades 9 and 10 and enjoyed being able to pass on what he learned.

In Grade 11 he participated in the March of the Living, which he says "was a spectacular, life-changing program. It was incredibly educational and emotional."

One of the nicest aspects of the trip, he says, was being selected as part of a delegation of six students who got to meet Poland's prime minister.

Gilbert-Schachter says he loved his time at high school. "At times it was a struggle, but I was also surrounded by such great friends who made it all worth while."

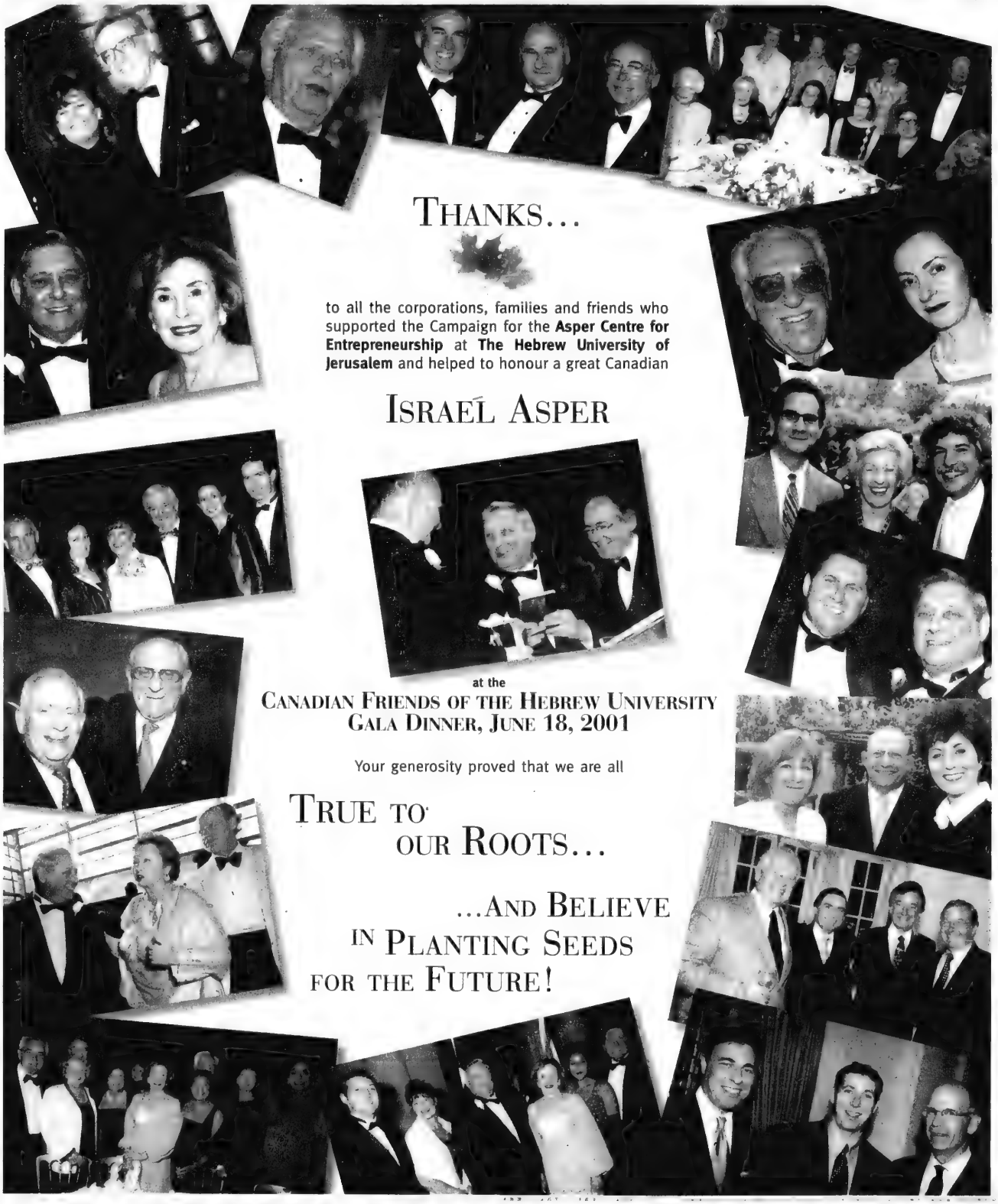
And, he says, "I couldn't have achieved [any of] this success without the teachers at CHAT, especially [Aviva] Heller and [Efie] Lauferman. They were always there to give me an extra hand [when I was studying for the math competitions.]

"[Eli] Honig helped me with the engineering competition...It's these teachers that made CHAT what it is and I'm confident that I learned more at CHAT than I would have anywhere else."

He says that he's more anxious than nervous to be starting university. "It's a change. It's something new, but I'm ready for whatever it is that awaits me."

Gilbert-Schachter says his parents are very proud of him. Though it would seem that his younger brother has big shoes to fill, another of Gilbert-Schachter's accomplishments is humbleness.

"My brother has found his own path," he explains. "He's extremely skilled in computers. He's far surpassed me at that."



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Yiddish concert draws over 2,000 people

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO – Threatening weather did not stop more than 2,000 people of all ages from partying at the recent annual Summer Yiddish Folk Concert held at Mel Lastman Square.

The atmoshpere at the standing room only performance – featuring the Toronto klezmer ensemble Beyond the Pale, and soloists Michael Smolash and Bronna Levy – was like a simchah with the audience clapping, singing along, dancing, and meeting and greeting friends.

Beyond the Pale's repertoire included Eastern European folk songs, reggae, the funk sound and several original compositions.

Instrumentalist and composer Eric Stein, 28, founder and leader of the group, played the mandolin and tsimbl. He was accompanied by violinist Anne Lindsay, Sasha Luminsky on accordion, Bret Higgins on bass, and Martin Van de Ven on clarinet.

Michael Smolash, vocalist, dancer, musical theatre performer and cantorial soloist, displayed his ability to handle a variety of styles from the traditional, *Rozhinkes Mit Mandlen* to the upbeat *Ikh Zing*.

In a somber mood, Smolash dedicated *Autumn Song* to Mordechai Richler who died recently in Montreal.

Bronna Levy, a three-time scholarship participant of Montreal's KlezKanada Festival, performed *Tsigaynerl – The Little Gypsy* and hand-clapping melodies such as *Shabbos Shabbos* and *Oy Mame, Bin Ikh Farlibt*.

Smolash and Levy combined their talents in the exciting *Alevay* and *Der Ershter Vals* to which they sang and waltzed.

The concert was produced by UJA Federation committee for Yiddish with support of the City of Toronto, Toronto Arts Council and the Metro Credit Union.

The concert was dedicated to the memory of Sam Grajcar, a supporter of Yiddish and a longtime lover of Yiddish song. David Abramowitz served as MC.

Among the volunteer ushers was a group of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) students. Yiddish is now a subject on the CHAT curriculum.

Toronto councillor Mike Feldman spoke in the absence of Mayor Mel Lastman who was on his way to Russia. Susan Jackson brought greetings from UJA Federation.

Ethel Sum Cooper, chair of the committee for Yiddish stressed "the need for the entire Jewish community to throw its support behind the continuity of Yiddish."

She said the language, its history and culture "is the foundation of our Ashkenazi Jewish community of Toronto."

She said that the committee for Yiddish presents classes for children and adults, Yiddish courses at University of Toronto, and Yiddish programming in the community.

"We are endeavouring to plant a love and knowledge of Yiddish in the hearts and minds of all Jews," she said.

Sum Cooper encouraged organizations, schools, landsmanshaft, congregations and other groups to continue planning programs "celebrating our wonderful language and beautiful culture."

Michael Smolash is seen performing with Beyond the Pale at the Yiddish Folk Concert. Inset: CHAT volunteers (from left) Ariela Fuerstenberg, Judy Amar, Rachel Cooper and Toba Cooper. **[Cynthia Gasner/Gloria Fuerstenberg photos]**

CORRECTION

In the article "Torah scroll donated" (*CJN*, July 26), the names of Cantor Paul Kowarsky and of Beth Tzedec Congregation were spelled incorrectly. *The CJN* regrets the error.

Air force vet fought in Israel's war of independence

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Sydney Cohen arrived in Israel in 1948, there was still a lot of pioneering work left to do.

Not of the swamp-draining or kibbutz-building kind, but something more pressing and dangerous.

Israel was in a war for its very survival and the country's armed forces were fending off attacks from its Arab neighbours. The ground units were already established but the air force, that was another matter entirely.

There was no Jewish air corps prior to the British departure, no sabra pilots and no aircraft.

Cohen, a native of South Africa, was a dashing young pilot with a distinguished service record from World War II. Flying P-40s for the RAF in the North African and Italian campaigns, Cohen recorded 310 missions, mostly as an escort for bombers and in strafing runs on German forces.

Along with hundreds of other Jewish and gentile pilots from Allied forces, Cohen joined Machal, the volunteer force that proved instrumental in Israel's War of Independence. Cohen was eventually to become leader of Squadron 101, one of Israel's first air units.

Cohen was in Toronto recently for a family function. While here, the 80-year-old reminisced about his younger days when he courted danger on a daily basis.

"I'm the dashing young fighter pilot 60 years later," he said.

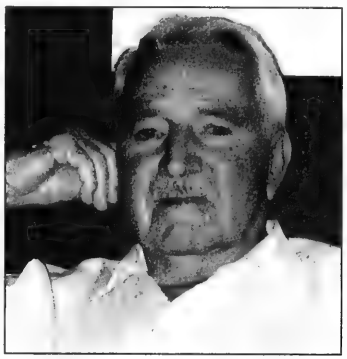
Cohen was born in the tiny Afrikaans town of Bothaville in the Orange Free State. His family had moved there from Scotland. In his youth, he worked in the local gold mine and later he took a job in an explosives factory. In 1939, when the war started, he volunteered for the British air force, the RAF.

He chose the RAF because one of his brothers was already enjoying recreational flying, "and I drifted into it."

He was assigned to North Africa during the desert war, where Britain was trying to stop Erwin Rommel's advance towards the oil fields of the Middle East. Cohen flew U.S.-built P-40s, a sturdy aircraft that didn't carry the cachet of the Spitfire, but which could take a lot of punishment.

On many occasions his aircraft took gunfire from the quicker, more maneuverable Messerschmidts, but "we always managed to get them back."

As one of the first British pilots to see action in North Africa, Cohen learned invaluable survival skills. The aphorism, "beware the Hun in the sun," stood him in good stead as he avoided attacks from above by German fighters. Some of the less experienced British pilots sometimes succumbed to the temptation of low-flying, easy German prey, laid out as a trap to entice Allied pilots away from formation. On one occasion, he lost two of his wingmen who took the bait and found himself alone, being chased by four Messerschmidts before he managed to elude them, Cohen recalled.



Sydney Cohen

During furloughs from active service, Cohen would meet his brothers George and Morris, who were also in the British armed forces, and travel to Alexandria for holidays. On one occasion, the three brothers, who were not particularly Zionistic at the time, travelled to Palestine for a visit. During a stay at kibbutz Ein Hod, the locals "made a big fuss about us. It was unusual to see three Jewish guys in uniform."

Back on the front, Cohen followed the British army as it pushed the Germans back to Tunisia. From North Africa, he was assigned to Italy, where he fought until the end of the war.

With Germany defeated, Cohen returned to South Africa where he enrolled in medical school. His studies were cut short by the call to help Israel and he joined about 600 South African Jews in Machal.

"The time I spent in Palestine sharpened my appetite and so I thought I'd help them," he said.

Israel had acquired a handful of surplus planes – Messerschmidts – from Czechoslovakia, and Cohen began the odd exercise of training in the planes he had shot down a few years before.

Motti Alon was leader of Squadron 101 and Ezer Weizman, later to become a famous general and Israel's president, was a squadron member as well. When Alon died in a landing accident, Cohen was appointed squadron leader. Among his crew was a melange of Allied pilots from Britain, Canada and the United States. Buzz Beurling, Canada's famed ace, volunteered for the Israeli Air Force (IAF), but was killed when the plane he was flying from Europe to Israel crashed, he recalled.

Cohen flew 60 missions for the IAF, escorting the three Flying Fortress bombers the country had acquired and strafing Egyptian troops.

The British, his old mates, did not remain neutral in the fight. One of their spy planes, a Mosquito, was shot down by one of the two new Mustang aircraft Israel acquired and RAF pilots flew for Egypt late in the war when Israel threatened the Suez Canal, he said.

The IAF outshone its Arab foes – the Egyptian pilots "weren't very good" – but it suffered from growing pains that limited its effectiveness. Ground crews were unfamiliar with the planes and early on, did not synchronize the guns with the propellers. On one occasion he noticed he was experiencing a rough ride after clearing his guns. When he returned to base he learned that he had been shooting his own propeller, Cohen said.

One Mustang pilot who had shot down the Mosquito cursed when he thought his gun had jammed in the middle of the engagement. In fact, he had exhausted the meager ammunition allotment he had been given. Altogether, Cohen's squadron of about a dozen planes shot down 20 enemy aircraft.

With the war over, Cohen retuned to South Africa and his medical studies. In 1965, an old squadron friend dangled a plum job in front of him and convinced Cohen to return to Israel. Cohen was hired as El Al's chief medical officer and while on reserve duty, he served in the IAF medical section. During the 1967 and 1973 wars, as well as during the War of Attrition (1970) he served in medical evacuation units. He left the IAF in the mid-1970s and continued his work with El Al. He also ran the aviation section for the Institute for Medical Data.

Even today, he maintains contact with his old unit. He's often invited to attend Squadron 101 functions and he rates the current crop of pilots as among the best Israel ever produced.

The IAF's quality jumped notably after it began acquiring top-of-the-line American equipment, like its current generation of F-16s, which Squadron 101 now flies.

Israeli pilots often excel at U.S. Top Gun schools and from what he's seen, they exhibit "a natural ability... They're way above what we were as pilots, but they all acknowledge that we started it.

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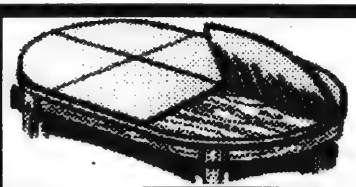

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The new professor of Yiddish at the University of Toronto, **Ana Shternshis,** is the guest speaker (in Yiddish) at the 49th annual Commemoration of the murdered Soviet Yiddish writers. Other speakers and readers are **David Abramowitz, Ellie Moidel** and **David Newman.** Musical program by **Miriam Eskin** At Beth Tzedec Congregation Monday, Aug. 13, at 7:30 p.m. 416-635-2883 ext. 155.

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The Family Resource Centre, Promenade Mall, presents Musical Molly on Mondays, a music program incorporating stories, puppets, finger play, and more for preschoolers 2-5 years old, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, Mondays in August, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration/information 905-882-8509.

FREE YIDDISH CLASSES

For children, run by Committee for Yiddish, UJA Federation, in conjunction with Toronto District School Board, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Sundays 9:30 a.m. to noon starting September 16. **Naomi** 416-635-2883, ext. 150.

TEL-AIDE VOLUNTEERS

Tel-Aide: The Jewish Distress Line is starting training sessions late summer/early fall for new volunteers. Interested volunteers call 416-636-9695 and leave your name and phone number.

VENDORS WANTED

For crafts and gift sale held at Bayview Village Shopping Centre (Sheppard and Bayview) Monday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Under the auspices of Clubs Beersheva and Aviva, Na'amat Canada. 416-636-5425 (days) or **Ruth Jacobson** 416-493-1089 (evenings).

VOLUNTEER PUPPETEERS

The Concerned Kids needs volunteers to help present programs to young people ages 4-14 on bereavement, drugs, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, violence, gangs and prejudice, viruses. Must be willing to to commit ½ day per week for the school year from September 2001 until June 2002. **Joyce** or **Livia** 416-636-1656.

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YOGA AT THE PRIDE

Yoga classes offered at Pride of Israel Synagogue with teacher **Helen Mittleman:**

Daytime - Monday, Aug. 20 to Oct 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 22 to Oct. 10, 4-5 p.m. ; Thursday, Aug. 23 to Oct. 11, 4-5 p.m.

Evening- Thursday, Aug. 23 to Oct. 11, 6-7 p.m.

Register with **Elizabeth** at the shul office, 416-226-0111, ext. 10

DOCENT TRAINING

This is for people who like people, enjoy being a guide, love art and are enthusiastic! The docent training program begins in October for the McMichael Canadian Art Collection. There is both a weekday program and a weekend program. Contact Volunteer Centre of Toronto, North York Branch at 416-631-6117.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors Club: Aug. 6, 10 a.m. presentation at Club House regarding Fire, Safety and Falls; Aug. 14-17, trip to Memphre Inn in Quebec; Casino Niagara Sept. 6, $18 per person and $10 in cash to play; Casino Rama every Wednesday in August. Membership open.416-395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Aug. 2, free evening of questions and answers; Sunday, Aug. 5, dance party with live music and light supper, tickets now on sale; Aug. 9, bingo; Aug. 16, Israeli video, *Salach Shabaty*; Aug. 23, supper out; Tuesday, Aug. 28, trip on Lake Simcoe; Aug. 30, lecture. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-639-5771.

LZA Seniors Club dance classes every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets still available for *Sound of Music* on Oct. 4, in Stratford, call **Libby** 416-782-2059 or the office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Club continues every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

Israeli Club-Etrog for Hebrew speaking persons meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnics. Aug. 7, movie; Aug. 14, political lecture; Aug. 21, trip to Edwards Gardens, register in advance; Aug. 28, sing-along with **Yitzack Argeman. Anna** ext 110.

Movie, *The Seven Year Itch*, Sunday, Aug. 5. 2:30 p.m.

WAGMAN CENTRE

Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. 416-785-2500.

Registration for next session of fitness programs take place Tuesday, Aug. 7 and Wednesday, Aug. 8, between 9 a.m. and noon, and 1-3 p.m. in the Wagman Centre lobby

Scenic cruise on Lake Ontario Wednesday, Aug. 8. Bus leaves Wagman Centre at 10:30 a.m. and returns 4 p.m. Bring lunch or purchase one. Reserve at Wagman Service Desk. For information, **Mara** ext 2275 or **Jen** ext. 2299

Bereavement Group for spouses aged 55 and older meets Friday, Aug. 10 and Friday Aug. 24 10-11:30 a.m. **Heather Lisner-Kerbel** ext. 2995

Lunch & Learn Tuesday, Aug. 28. Speaker, presentation and lunch, the Gathering Place. Reserve in person at the Service Desk. For further details, **Mara ext. 2275.**

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-636-1880.

Register now for Koffler Centre's Dance Camp running Aug. 7-24 at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Call the Koffler School of Dance at ext. 359.

Trip to St. Jacobs and theatre outing Wednesday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Have lunch in St. Jacobs and see the musical, *Swinging Canteen*. **Janet** in the 55+ Department ext. 259.

End of Summer Bash Aug. 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Children's Museum singing summer songs, making sun/moon art, hunting for first gold leaves. Children ages 1-8. ext. 456.

Through to Aug. 31, Tower of Words hands-on activity at the Koffler Centre Loggia (in conjunction with *Babel* exhibit) ext. 380.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 415-924-6211.

Registration is now underway for camp sessions beginning Monday, Aug. 13.

The Island Yacht Club offers the last session of Learn to Sail. Campers learn basic sailing skills and enjoy other activities such as tennis, swimming games and sports.

Blue Chip Basketball Camp, Aug. 27-31, focuses on developing skills in basketball.

Look at some of the new exercise programs - ask about Spinning and Pilates.

Bloor JCC Seniors: Aug. 2, 2 p.m., a talk on the history of coffee by a representative from Starbucks; Aug. 9, 2 p.m., Memory Lane, bring in your favourite old photographs and tell the story behind them. **Arlene Smith,** co-ordinator.

ABOUT PEOPLE

ARCHITECTURAL AWARD

Toronto architect **(A.J.) Jack Diamond**, is the recipient of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's (RAIC) Gold Medal for 2001, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Canadian architect, as both an educator and practitioner.

Born and educated in South Africa, Diamond brought his architectural vision to Canada in 1964 as the founder of the University of Toronto's master of architecture degree program which he ran as associate professor until 1970. He has been a practicing architect in Toronto for 30 years.

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel/Beit Halochem Canada announces that **Toby Feldberg** has been re-elected as president at the annual general meeting. Feldberg, a long-standing member of Beit Halochem, has also served many leadership roles in the general community.

The new executive includes **Sharon Bizouati, Henry Fischler, Miriam Grunwald, Chaim Kagan, Hope Maissner, Peter Sevitt, Julia Sax, Anna Spivak** and **Diane Shiffman. Dorothy Klein** was appointed an honorary life member.

New board members for the year 2001-2002 are: **Robert Robinson, Linda Schwartz, Henry Silberman, Henry Wigoda**.

AN EVENING OF ENCHANTMENT: The magic violin of Mirel Reznic provides an evening of enchantment at the Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel/Beit Halochem Canada concert at the Toronto Centre for the Arts. Back row: Dr. Rosalind Romem; Consul General Meir Romem; Rami Sadnai, Group Visit 2001 leader; Mirel Reznic; Toby Feldberg , president Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel/Beit Halochem Canada; Saul Feldberg; Miriam Reznic-Wolfe; Alex Eisen. Front row: Berny Weinstein; Lisa Levy; Belle Weinstein. [Photo Courtesy of Gadi Hoz]

BEERSHEBA INSTALLATION: Club Beersheba of Na'amat-Toronto installed its new officers at a gala closing dinner evening at the Borochov Centre. Shown above from left are newly installed co-presidents Shirley Margel and Rosalie Nowell. At right is installing officer Mollie Rothman. [Frances Klinger photo]

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David Mock appointed dean of U of T dental faculty

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The University of Toronto's faculty of dentistry has a new dean.

He is Winnipeg-born David Mock, a specialist in oral pathology.

Mock, the first Jewish dean of the faculty, which is Canada's largest, was appointed on July 1 for a seven-year term.

Chief dentist at Mount Sinai Hospital from 1992 to 2000, he attended William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate in Toronto. He then continued his studies at the U of T.

He graduated in 1968 with a Doctor of Dental Surgery, and after a one-year internship at the Toronto Hospital and a year of general practice in Mississauga, he took up graduate studies in oral pathology.

A member of Holy Blossom Temple, Mock has big plans to upgrade the faculty of dentistry.

"Like the university as a whole, it is under considerable fiscal restraints after 10 years of budget cuts," said Mock, who began teaching at the U of T in 1970 as a demonstrator.

"We must find innovative approaches to funding for rejuvenation and replacement of equipment and additional funding for student assistance.

"We also need to find funding for an addition to our building to accommodate growing research activity. The research capabilities of the faculty need to be expanded and updated."

As well, he said he plans to revamp the undergraduate curriculum to meet the needs of the 21st century.

"Although it is important to ensure that students graduate with the skills and knowledge necessary to treat patients appropriately, they must also be able to evaluate new ideas and techniques and become life long learners."

The faculty will also develop more collaborative programs with other health care centres and hire new staff.

Although he was born in Winnipeg, he was brought to Toronto at the age of one.

His parents, Morris and Bessie, owned and operated a grocery store, first in the Kensington Market area, then on College Street, Sheppard and finally on Wilson Avenue.

David Mock

"They worked together for 12 to 14 hours a day, six to seven days a week. Like many Jews who left Poland and Russia in the 1920s, they worked hard and gave their children a strong work ethic and a sense of community responsibility."

Mock decided to study dentistry while in grade 13 after attending a careers day event at Mackenzie Collegiate.

When he entered the faculty, the last undercurrents of anti-Semitism were slipping away.

"I do not recall official restrictions, but the faculty has had a history of anti-Semitism... I did experience anti-Semitic comments and situations as an undergraduate student from selected staff, but these were already starting to diminish."

By the late 1960s and early 1970s, he said, the situation had changed for the better as more Jewish professors were hired.

"I feel that racism and anti-Semitism have been eliminated from the faculty at this time."

Dentistry has changed since he was an undergraduate.

As he put it: "The science of dentistry has grown and dental research has overlapped with basic human biology.

"Dental research has improved the quality of life for the population in general. People are keeping their teeth longer. The relationship between oral health and general health has been demonstrated."

A year ago, Mock was involved in the creation of the Wasser Pain Management Centre at Mount Sinai Hospital, and was named its associate director.

"This is a unique unit combining the talents of various health care practitioners for patient care, teaching and research."

Mock, who was president of Alpha Omega Fraternity in his final year as a U of T student, has two sons, Steven and Daniel.

His wife, Karen, is national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada.

Rowing – The Jewish Way

Yeshiva University decided to take up rowing. After lengthy and arduous training, they challenged Harvard University to a race over one kilometer. The Yeshiva team lost by 800 meters. They found this incomprehensible. A spy was sent to investigate Harvard's training methods. The spy returned. He said, 'I think I know why they are beating us. They have 8 fellows rowing and only one guy yelling.'

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Polonshy heads new technology institute

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Jewish college administrator has been named to lead Canada's newest university, the Ontario Institute of Technology, based in Oshawa.

Gary Polonsky's appointment was announced by Ontario's finance minister, Jim Flaherty, in his May 9 budget speech.

Polonsky, 59, will continue serving as president of Oshawa's Durham College, a position he has held since 1988.

The Ontario Institute of Technology will open in September 2003 with eight start-up programs and about 400 students.

Born in Thunder Bay, Ontario, where he lived for his first 40 years, Polonsky holds a BSc from Lakehead University, an MA from Gonzaga University in Washington and a PhD from the University of Toronto.

Prior to being named president and chief executive officer of Durham College, Polonsky was president of Red River Community College in Winnipeg.

He began his academic career at Confederation College in Thunder Bay. He was chair of the trades and technology programs.

The Ontario Institute of Technology, to be located on a farm once owned by business mogul E.P. Taylor, will dispense arts and science programs.

It will also offer courses in six fields: advanced manufacturing, business and information technology, education, health science, nuclear technology and safety and policing and community safety.

Polonsky expects an enrollment of 6,500 by 2009.

"In addition to our market-driven programs, we will offer a number of unique student services dedicated to the individual success of each student," he said.

"We will also guarantee the quality of each graduate's work," he added. "If an employer is not satisfied with a graduate, he or she will be up-educated at our expense and at the employer's and graduate's convenience."

Turning to Durham College, Polonsky claimed it has the highest job rate for grads in Ontario, as well as a first-class skills training centre in Whitby.

"We are also about to embark on a capital expansion program that will not only greatly expand the campus but transform it into a national showpiece."

'We will guarantee the quality of each graduate's work'

The first phase of the expansion will be ready in about 18 months.

Polonsky, a governor of the National Quality Institute, is married and has three grown children and four grandchildren.

His father, Allen, was born in a shtetl near Kiev, Ukraine. He worked in the car industry until he was 77, and was subsequently executive director of the Histadrut in western Canada.

His mother, Rose Daien, born in Winnipeg, was an employee in the Thomson newspaper chain.

"One of my grandfathers was Samuel Polonsky, an Orthodox rabbi who had congregations in Thunder Bay, Saskatchewan [Hirst and Melfort] and Winnipeg. My other grandfather, Moshe Daien, was an Orthodox cantor in Winnipeg."

In his spare time, Polonsky is a song writer, with one album, *Nine Feet Tall*, to his credit.

"Some of my songs have Jewish themes, such as one on the Holocaust called *I'll Never Forget*."

"I plan to do at least one more album," said Polonsky, "but not for a while."

Korry's, Danforth usher in new century in style

Steeped in a rich tradition that spans five decades, **Korry's** is much more than a menswear store; it's a symbol of old-fashioned business values successfully transposed into the modern era. Mirroring the growth of Korry's, the Danforth has evolved into Canada's most exciting modern shopping district while retaining its centuries-old European appeal.

Saul Korman, the irrepressible owner of Korry's, has made "569 Danforth" one of Canada's best-publicized addresses. "We're trying to give 10 Sussex Drive a run for its money" [in address recognition], says Korman, "and we can definitely dress you better than they can."

His own address is not the only one Korman plugs. At every opportunity, he'll tell anyone and everyone, both on the air and in person, where to dine and shop in GreekTown. "It's all here," he crows. "The souvlaki's on the grill; I just add a little sizzle." Most other shopping venues, according to Korman, *fizzle* by comparison with the Danforth. No shopping centre would compel you, as GreekTown does, to walk its length and breadth, experiencing its sights, tastes and sounds. "Three hundred one-of-a-kind restaurants and shops, fresh air and sunshine, or a mall full of chain stores. You decide."

"Coming down here every day is like free airfare to Greece. I call it work, but to me it's play"

Unlike the mall's not-so-merry-go-round of sameness, contends Korman, the Danforth is not a shopping centre but rather but a centre ***OF*** shopping, ***OF*** dining, ***OF*** life. It's an opportunity to dine indoors or out on exquisite European cuisine, or enjoy a beverage in any one of dozens of charming sidewalk patios and cafés. To see the sky by day, or stars by night, and feel the sun's warmth directly — not diffused through glass, reflected off steel or absorbed by concrete. It is, notes Korman, the one place in Toronto where "you don't have to talk about what you'd **LIKE** to be doing, and where you'd like to be doing it, because you **ARE** doing it. I love it here. Coming down here every day is like getting free airfare to Greece. I call it work, but to me it's play. I enjoy it so much that I'd pay to work in my own store, if I had do." And, he winks, "I do."

The Danforth's merits and virtues as a shopping destination and cultural hub are well-documented. Less known is that fact that there are not one but two synagogues in the area, underscoring its Jewish presence.

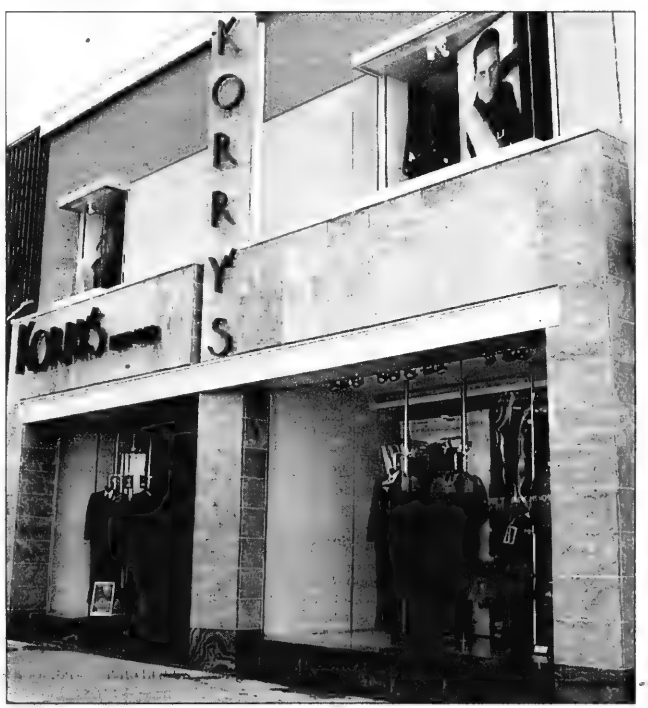
At a time when there are more options for business wear than ever before, Korry's can help you walk the tightrope between acceptable casual dressing and downright sloppiness. The rules of today's office attire may have changed, but the rules of appropriate appearance have not. No matter what your business, it is to everyone's benefit if staff and executives alike maintain a certain level of professionalism.

To assist corporations in achieving this highly desirable goal, the men's wear industry has formed the Back to Business/Dress Up Thursdays committee. This is a non-profit, grassroots coalition of North American men's fashion retailers, manufacturers and sales agencies dedicated to solving the style dilemmas that many companies have found themselves facing since the introduction of so-called Casual Fridays.

As a pioneer and leading proponent of this movement, Korman makes numerous speaking engagements to promote it, but is happiest dispensing knowledge, expertise and advice one-on-one at 569 Danforth. A visit to Korry's will enable you not only to enjoy the ambience of the Danforth first-hand, but also to pick up a free copy of the ***Back to Business Guide***, a highly detailed, beautifully illustrated guide to business dressing. It contains a wealth of information and specific suggestions on how to dress, as well as a number of observations by various media illustrating the corporate world's fashion parameters. The

What to wear, how to wear it — and why

National Post, for example, notes that "In dressing casual you want to find the look that means you mean business. You are not there to mow the lawn." The *National Post* also observes that "Young people are starting to dress up again. The idea is that you can look successful but you don't have to dress up as your father did some 20 years ago."



You can now visit Korry's anytime at **www.korrys.com** and get the latest scoop on his in-store collections, advice on what to buy and how to coordinate it. The site also offers valuable tips on wardrobe maintenance, and even recommends which dry cleaners will give you best results. If it relates to looking your best, you'll find it on Korry's website. You can also visit the Back to Business website at **1dressup.com**.

Korry's press release is another valuable source of information about how to dress for work and play, and includes a number of fascinating anecdotes, such as this one on the history of pockets:

> *Often the difference between what is dress and what is casual is a subtle one. The jacket pocket is a good example: The dressiest kind, because it is the simplest, is the double-seamed, or bosom pocket — in other words, just a plain, sewn-in pocket with no flap. The flapped pocket is slightly more casual. Why? Because over two hundred and fifty years ago, English country squires started putting flaps on their "sporting" jacket pockets to keep the rain out. The most casual pocket of all is the sewn-on patch pocket. This, too, is due to its sporting origin, because the squires found they required wide, deep pockets on their shooting jackets to hold assorted small game and gun ammunition."*

Korry's invites you to come down to the Danforth, *pocket* a little sunshine, and enjoy a North America's largest street festival, the **Taste of the Danforth,** August 10, 11 and 12. When you do, make sure to stop by #569, where *Shalom!* and *Opa!* go hand in hand.

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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

Taste the world at the 8th annual Krinos Foods Taste of the Danforth Friday Aug. 10 — Sunday Aug. 12

Imagine strolling down Danforth Avenue surrounded by thousands of people, all savouring *souvlaki*, *dolmades*, and *kedftedes*, to name but a few culinary delights. This year, August 10-12, GreekTown on the Danforth welcomes thousands of visitors from across Ontario, Quebec and the northern USA to the **Krinos Foods Taste of the Danforth**.

Entering its 8th year, Canada's largest food festival (and North America's largest Greek festival) attracted a record crowd of 1 million people in 2000. Over 100 restaurants -- mostly Greek, but also Japanese, Cuban, Indian, Italian, and Mexican — offer "tastes" from $1 – $3 at "tasting" stations in front of their establishment.

In keeping with the multicultural spirit, the Krinos Foods Taste of the Danforth offers three live stages. The VISA International Stage presents Latin, Armenian, Flamenco and Celtic music. The Greek Stage showcases Greek music and dancing, including the famous Nefeli Dance Theatre. And this year, the Main Stage will feature more Greek music (in response to overwhelming demand from Canadians, both Greek and otherwise), and famous Canadian bands like Crash Test Dummies (www.crashtestdummies.com) and The Skydiggers (www.skydiggers.com).

This year, for the first time, visit the **Greek Village**, which will host the Krinos Foods Product Tent, World of Vacations, and the Royal Bank. Sit down in the Village's Boutari Wine Garden and sip a glass of chilled white wine. It's the next best thing to being in Greece!

And bring the children! This year, VISA Canada, in cooperation with the Ontario Science Centre, will bring Circus exhibitors from a new exhibit at the Ontario Science Centre. The Shoppers Drug Mart Children's Area delights children from 1 to 8 years. And if you have a "tween" at home, bring him or her to the Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey Area or the new Toronto Rock Lacrosse display.

Says Alex Alexakis, General Manager of Krinos Foods Canada, "We are proud to be the presenting sponsor of the Krinos Foods Taste of the Danforth. Cuisine is the international language. People want to entertain their friends and family. We Greeks are known for our hospitality. The Krinos Foods Taste of the Danforth is an extension of our homes. We welcome everyone again this year and promise you won't leave hungry!"

Visit www.TasteoftheDanforth.com for further details. If you're travelling to Toronto, a special package has been offered by VIA Rail and Delta Chelsea Hotels; information can be found on the web site.

The Krinos Foods Taste of the Danforth is proud to have raised over $300,000 to date for the Toronto East General Hospital, and looks forward to your visit. It's a rare opportunity to sample wonderful cuisine and other aspects of a culture, and contribute to a great cause while doing so. Enjoy!

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Pan's Mediterranean flair draws celebs

Is it Greek, or is it Mediterranean? Only your palate knows for sure. The culinary tale spun by Pan defies labelling, but the subtle textural details that have made it the Danforth's only three-star Greek restaurant, and "one of the city's best" according to *Toronto Life* magazine, have also spread its reputation to the four corners of North America. On any given night, you'll find celebrities — particularly the show business variety — relaxing and enjoying Pan's casual yet intimate ambience and light touch of elegance.

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For celebrity and layperson alike, it's a relief from the "same old same old" — an adventure in a new and exciting world of dewdrop freshness and taste.

Pan's success depends not on a huge menu, but on a limited number of superb dishes prepared with ingredients so fresh you'd swear they'd been picked minutes before. In practical terms, this means even mainstream appetizers like tzatziki and taramosalata take on a tantalizing new dimension. Salads are as salads should be: crisp, light and elevating. Two favourite appetizers: the warm artichoke and new potato salad, and mussels steamed in wine.

Among the entrées, Pan's moussaka — both traditional and vegetarian — deserve curtain calls, as does its rack of lamb. The Lemon Roasted Chicken Breast and Santorini Chicken are widely sought after; no one does chicken like Pan does.

As befits a genuine Mediterranean menu, Pan's daily selection of fresh fish and seafood is resplendent with riches. You won't find a better grilled sea bass anywhere — not even in Greece!

Pan, of course, is a pun: the cooking vessel, and the Greek nature spirit, known for the sweet, enticing music of his pipes.

Pan will, indeed, entice you to a romantic candlelit dinner, on the patio or indoors, with soft music forming a backdrop for intimate, relaxed conversation. And you won't even need to feel self-conscious about gawking at celebrities; you'll be far too busy enjoying your meal.

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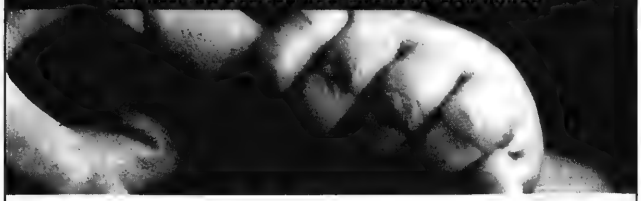

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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

CIBC makes difference in community

As Community Manager for East Toronto, Dave D'Amico has a twofold responsibility: one, to ensure a high quality of service within his member branches; and two, to promote goodwill and improve the quality of life in the surrounding community.

Dave D'Amico
East Toronto Community Manager
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Not unique to East Toronto, this approach is part of a company-wide commitment to providing help where help is needed. Underscoring this fact, in 2000 the CIBC donated some $35 million to a wide variety of charities and causes, including the Baycrest Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital, Community Centre 55, Toronto East General Hospital, several schools, and countless community projects.

D'Amico favours a hands-on approach that sees him personally participating in fund-raising and other charitable events. He also takes pleasure in encouraging employees, associates and friends to do likewise.

D'Amico brings to the table an extensive background in both banking and volunteer work. And as someone who has lived and worked in the East Toronto area for a number of years, he is well-positioned to turn CIBC's strong presence in the area (19 branches) to good account.

Building goodwill starts within each branch, he says. "We want every single visit to be a happy one for our customers. This is a standard we strive to uphold each and every day." Good works outside the branch are a natural extension of this philosophy, he says. "We want people to think of the CIBC not only as a great place to bank, but as a good neighbour."

D'Amico's approachability, easygoing manner and work ethic have endeared him to East Toronto business people and members of the general community, and he relishes the opportunity to serve. The sense that he is helping to make a difference gives him "all the gratification I need. Giving back to the community isn't something that's nice to do, it's something we *have* to do."

D'Amico can be reached directly at 416-421-0051.

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Astoria's souvlaki judged best in major media polls

Think "Danforth", and you're liable to think "Astoria." In the 25 years since it opened, this venerable "institution of higher dining" has come to symbolize the culinary qualities the Danforth is known for: great food, great quality, and great value.

Indeed, many of Astoria's original customers are still regulars two decades later, and wouldn't dream of going anywhere else.

Astoria's now-famous "souvlaki window", always a beehive of activity, is an indelible image of Danforth life. And what souvlaki! Judged **"Best of the City"** by Toronto Life and **"Best of Toronto"** by Now Magazine, Astoria's souvlaki helped make it a multiple winner of the **Toronto Sun's Readers' Choice Award** as Toronto's favourite Greek restaurant. Other jewels on the menu include hearty moussaka, exquisite broiled sea bass and salmon steaks – and Greek appetizers like grilled kalamari and grilled octopus, if you can keep your souvlaki craving at bay long enough to sample them.

Location and atmosphere are other Astoria assets. For a big restaurant, it's remarkably cozy, due to its corner location, dual outdoor patios (the Danforth's largest), and quiet, richly appointed interior.

Heading eastbound on Bloor, you know you're on the Danforth once you hit Broadview; but you don't really *feel* it until Astoria's white facade with its pale blue trim leaps joyously into view, bidding you "Welcome to the Danforth" in words that the food lover in you understands so well.

Maxi's fashion flair a hit with clients, critics

It's New York. It's Milan. It's Paris. To its devoted customers, it's **Maxi Boutique** — a place to find cutting-edge ladies' fashions and the kind of knowledge and one-on-one personal service that comes with a 32-year history of retail excellence.

MAXI BOUTIQUE
575 Danforth Avenue
416-461-6686
E-mail: Maxiboutique@sympatico.ca

Women from all over North America seek out Maxi not only for leading designer labels but also for expertise in fitting and coordinating. For special events — weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, High Holidays — Maxi has attained almost reverential status with its customers, who simply wouldn't dream of shopping elsewhere.

James and Hristina Bartzis, Maxi's founders, passed the torch to daughters Sandra and Elizabeth. The latter now searches the world over for key looks, then hand-picks them — often with a particular customer in mind.

Always a strong supporter of Canadian designers, Maxi offers the very best of Lida Baday, Crystal Siemens, Misura, David Dixon, Lino Catalano, and David Bitton. An American contingent includes Betsy Johnson, Parasuco, DKNY, and Laundry. The European market is represented by labels such as Folies Marcain, Tuzzi, Cambio, Ambiente, Sara Pacini, Teenflo, and Sinequanone.

Ms. Bartzis recently returned to Canada from London, England, where she spent three years as a buyer at prestigious Harrods. She is now using the knowledge gained from her international exposure to further enhance Maxi's already formidable designer collections.

Industry recognition

In 1997 a distinguished panel of judges voted Maxi Boutique "Toronto Fashion Retailer of the Year", over candidates that included every heavyweight in the industry. Maxi was also deemed "Best Little Shop In The Country" by *Chatelaine* (January 2001).

Though honoured, Bartzis says the critics who count most are the ones they serve daily: their customers. "Our clients have high expectations, and so do we," she smiles. "We wouldn't have it any other way."

Shopping at Maxi is not only an adventure in fashion; it's a chance to connect with kindred spirits. Observes Bartzis, "When customers tell you they value the experience even more than the merchandise, they're paying you the ultimate compliment."

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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

Traverso knits: from Greece with style

If you've ever fancied yourself a mythical Greek beauty, a wonderfully stylish line of knitwear from Athens will get you one step closer to looking like one.

Long renowned in Greece for its elegance and quality construction, the *Traverso* line is now available in Toronto at 592 Danforth Avenue, across from Korry's. With its bleached oak floor, white-and-cream interior and antique trim, the shop provides a bright, sunny backdrop for this exquisitely-designed collection.

The line features predominately natural, breathable fibres in many classic styles, yet even the simplest pieces often feature some fanciful detailing that sets them apart from other popular knitwear lines. Sizes range from 4 to 14, and up to 16 for certain items. Prices are less than what you'd expect to pay for this level of quality — and, as of this writing, *dramatically* less due to an introductory special.

A wide range of colours, from soft, romantic pastels to rich earth tones, set the tone for every occasion and mood. Styles range from casual to formal, and there's a terrific selection of suits appropriate for the High Holidays.

592 Danforth Avenue
(across from Korry's)
416•461•2995

Further enhancing Traverso's appeal is its transitional quality: warm enough for spring and fall, yet cool enough for summer, most garments carry effortlessly from season to season. Their timeless elegance also means they'll never go out of style, and "they wear magnificently," says owner Tracy Stamp. "We stand behind our product unconditionally."

So, to achieve the look and bearing of an Athenian beauty, you no longer need to *traverse* the Atlantic; just visit 592 Danforth and experience **Traverso** first-hand. Once you've run these wondrous fibres through your fingers, you'll want to make them a permanent part of your wardrobe. They're beautiful, comfortable, and practical — and that's no Greek myth.

Mezes: good food, good life go hand in hand

The name "Mezes" says something about culture as well as cuisine. It says a lot about the good life.

"Mezes" is the popular Greek light snack. Several *Mezedes* (plural) make a meal, usually shared by friends amid leisurely conversation. And Mezes' relaxed, friendly ambience does full justice to its namesake dish.

Some mezedes, says proprietor Sue Zindros, are always popular. For an exciting meal, pick a couple of old favourites, along with one or two items you haven't yet tried. It's like conversation with good friends: familiar thoughts, spiced with new ideas.

Sue says about half her guests order a staple plate with pita and several dips: Hoummous, Tzatziki, Taramosalata (fish roe), and Melitzanosalata (grilled puréed eggplant). On their own, these could comprise a light lunch; the textures and flavours of each dip complement each other in a symphony of flavours.

Mezes' Saganaki also keeps patrons coming back. Kefalograviera, an imported Greek hard cheese, is pan-fried, drizzled with brandy and flambéed, its now-tender centre enveloped in a crisp, golden brown crust. Just as the flame flares to alarming heights, it's cavalierly extinguished with a squirt of fresh lemon juice. This isn't just a dish, it's a performance — and nowhere is it executed with greater flair and better taste than at Mezes.

But appetizers aren't the only fare for which Mezes is renowned. Mainstream dishes like fried kalamari, shrimp, lamb chops, souvlaki, and moussaka (both beef and vegetarian) are consistently top-drawer, as are Greek specialties like *Dolmades* (ground beef and rice with fresh dill, wrapped in vine leaves), and *Gigantes* (giant lima beans baked in tomatoes with other vegetables and fresh dill).

The use of fresh herbs and spices has always been a Mezes trademark. "We know only one way to cook: the right way," says Sue. "We never cut corners."

One highly-recommended Mezes entrée is the *Bifteki* (baked ground beef stuffed with sautéed onions, peppers, kefalograviara and parmesan cheese). It evokes many of the best elements not only of Greek cuisine, but of European cuisine in general.

Everything's fresh daily, and the wine list emphasizes fine Greek vintages.

Mezes now caters, so its uncompromising quality can be enjoyed in your home or office too. But the Danforth is still home base: where better to enjoy your mezedes than at **Mezes**?

Mezes
AUTHENTIC GREEK CUISINE
456 DANFORTH AVENUE
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WWW.MEZES.CA

Sushi Delight lives up to its name

If you're a Japanese food lover who also loves the Danforth, **Sushi Delight** offers a wonderful taste of the rising sun in a bright, immaculate setting. The variety is spectacular, the prices extremely modest; and the namesake item (tasty morsels of uncooked fish on delicious beds of rice) will serenade your taste buds as few other delicacies can.

Complete meals, in a Bento box and served with soup, salad, rice and dessert, range from $6.95 for the Vegetarian Box, which includes tempura, to $11.95 for the Tokyo Box, which includes sushi.

Equally tasty are the large selection of *sashimi* (morsels of seafood or meat) and *makimono* (seaweed or rice rolls, with a seafood or vegetable core).

Sushi Delight uses only the freshest ingredients, and is 100% MSG-free. Every bite fulfills the needs of good health as well as the desire for good taste.

Service is friendly and cheerful, and children are welcome. The bright, uplifting setting maintains the aura of delicacy seemingly intrinsic to Japanese culture. The dishes, in their great variety, are as attractive to the eye as to the palate.

Sushi Delight is further evidence of the Danforth's diverse international flavour, and well worth a visit by anyone wishing to explore Japanese cuisine or further their existing love affair with it.

SPECIAL DINNERS
$12.95
Served with Miso Soup, Green Salad & Dessert

APPETIZER *(1 item / meal)*
1. Sushi Combo (3 pcs. California roll, 3 pcs. sushi)
2. Sashimi & Sushi Combo (3 pcs. Cal. roll, 3 pcs. salmon)
3. Sweet Potato Tempura
4. Tofu Steak
5. Gyoza
6. Chicken Karaga
7. Ikayaki
8. B.B.Q. Fish Cake
9. Yak Tori
10. Tempura Appetizer (2 pcs. shrimp & vegetables)

MAIN COURSE *(1 item / meal)*
1. Teppanyaki (choice of chicken, salmon, or beef)
2. Assorted Tempura (5 pc. shrimp & vegetables)
3. Nabeyaki Udon or Soba
4. Unagi Don
5. Chirasi

Minimum 2 orders

DINNER SPECIALS

A.	Tempura Cold Udon or Soba	$ 6.95
B.	Grilled Mackerel Fish	$ 3.95
C.	Grilled Black Cod Fish	$ 4.50
D.	Special BBQ Set	$ 3.95
E.	Special Box	$11.95
F.	Special Red Dragon Roll	$ 6.95
G.	Special Green Dragon Roll	$ 6.95
H.	Rainbow Roll	$ 6.95
I.	Special Maki Set	$12.95

461 Danforth Avenue 416•406-0288 Sun. – Thurs. 11 am – 11 pm Fri. & Sat. 11 am – 12 midnight

Kit Kat sends fashion spirits soaring

In what surely qualifies as Toronto's most uplifting basement, the brand new **Kit Kat Clothing Co.** epitomizes the Danforth's growing reputation as a fun fashion destination.

Walk down just a few steps — enough to work off your first bite of souvlaki — and you'll discover a funky little treasure chest of brand-name fashion bargains. Dex, Point Zero, Powerline, and a host of other famous labels — many at unmentionably low prices — beckon from every nook and cranny of this charming little enclave.

White-and-yellow walls, exposed brick, and a general lack of symmetry merely add to the shop's cachet and sunny disposition, as does the purringly friendly personal service. In short, it's everything a basement usually isn't.

Whether you're 18 or 80, if you like ladies' fashion, you'll find something to love at Kit Kat. Tops start at $15, dresses at $29. Most pieces are under $100. Sizes generally go up to 20, and all physiques are accommodated, from slim to full-figured. A marvellous grouping of summer dresses is worth the visit alone.

Partners Dov Elmaleh and Heidi Preuss are Kit Kat's cool cats

KIT KAT CO
CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES
412 Danforth Avenue
(between Chester & Logan)
416-462-3087

The focus is on upbeat, casual sportswear, but you'll also find an amazing variety of accessories and costume jewellery, also at terrific prices.

Despite their relatively tender ages, partners Dov Elmaleh and Heidi Preuss have more than 20 years' combined experience in the fashion business. After successful stints at Yonge and Eglinton and Queen's Quay, they jumped at the chance to relocate Kit Kat in the heart of GreekTown. "The area just feels right," grins Dov. "It's upbeat, it's down to earth, the restaurants are wonderful — and we're right in the middle of it."

The name **Kit Kat** suggests something cool, sleek, fun, and cute. This Kit Kat is all of that and then some. So next time you're on the Danforth, go down a few steps at #412, and feel your fashion spirits soar.

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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

Healthy choices at expanded Big Carrot

From humble beginnings in 1983, **The Big Carrot** has grown into metropolitan Toronto's largest health food store and wholistic dispensary. A recent major expansion means there's even more of The Big Carrot to nurture your health.

Run as a worker owned co-op since its opening, The Big Carrot caters to a loyal clientele that embraces both its ethos and its products: minimally processed, organically grown, cruelty free, environmentally safe and, increasingly, GMO-free. As it happens, many of these products are also Kosher.

Health-conscious customers seek out The Big Carrot for its extensive organic fruit and vegetable department (over 100 varieties at peak season) and its unmatched selection of organic bulk foods, dairy products, frozen foods, and packaged goods. Its extensive body care department boasts Canada's widest selection of personal care products for the entire family, including baby.

While most health food stores carry a few brands of a particular item, The Big Carrot often has half a dozen or more, and their well-versed staff is more than happy to help you decide which products will suit your dietary needs and your palate. If it's wheat-free — if it's dairy-free — if it's simply *good for you*, The Big Carrot undoubtedly has it.

The vast product selection includes a staggering variety of breads, buns, fresh-daily brick-oven bagels, flatbreads, and bread sticks — many of them wheat-free and dairy-free.

The Big Carrot has by far Toronto's largest selection of soy milks and other non-dairy beverages, both fresh and tetra pack. Ditto for wholesome natural cookies, muffins, and other baked goods.

Among many others, the Kosher products include Crofters Organic Premium Fruit Spreads from Ontario; Woodstock Organics Frozen Soups; Imagine Foods Tetra Pack Dairy-Free Soups (the ultimate in convenience); Nature's Path Organic Cereals; My Zaidy's Breads; Organic Meadow Yogurts & Pressed Cheese; Jersey Farm Non-Dairy Soy Yogurt; Barbara's Fig Bars; Mrs. Denson's Wheat-Free Cookies; Sweet Nothings & Soy Delicious Non-Dairy Frozen Desserts; Michael Season's Potato Chips; Guiltless Gourmet Corn Chips; Suzie's Soy Chips; and selected products from Eden Foods.

The Big Carrot's Wholistic Dispensary, located across the courtyard, constitutes a store in its own right. Among other Kosher products, it carries Omega Flax Seed Oil, selected Solgar Supplements and Tofupill from Israel.

Through its continuing expansion, The Big Carrot has retained the humility and friendliness of its early years. This is a store that's down to earth in every possible sense, and a real pleasure to visit.

"Searching for Nature's Finest"
348 Danforth Ave.
416-466-2129
www.thebigcarrot.ca
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Wholistic Dispensary
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Konis culinary legacy continues at Octavia

For 15 years at **Memories** — and, for the past four, at **Octavia** — Tom Konis has given his legion of supporters ample reason to smile, and many fine meals to remember. Octavia's Mediterranean / Continental fusion showcases his exceptional culinary skills and range. There is no gimmickry here — just wonderful food that bears his signature as clearly as if he attached a handwritten note to each dish.

New, fresh approaches to traditional dishes are part and parcel of the Konis legacy. Never one to rest on his laurels, Tom makes old favourites new ones by adding twists and nuances as his inspiration dictates.

One example: the Poppyseed Grilled Salmon in a Lemon Butter Garlic Reduction. Another: the Peccorina Pizza with roasted red peppers, onions, wild mushrooms, soft ripened goat cheese and lamb rosemary sausage.

If steak is your pleasure, Tom's New York U.S. prime, grilled to perfection and served in a Brandy Peppercorn sauce, sets a standard unparalleled on the Danforth. Indeed, it surpasses that of some well-known steak houses — at a lower price!

Octavia's greatly expanded wine list now features over 40 fine vintages to accompany your meal.

OCTAVIA
414 Danforth Ave.
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octavialounge.com • menupalace.com

After dinner, Octavia puts on its lounge hat and serves up some of Toronto's finest martinis. Dessert martinis are a specialty; among others, the Espresso Martini will put an exclamation point on your evening. And, unlike some establishments which merely encourage you to relax after dinner, Octavia's *built* for relaxation. Its intimate, plush semicircular booths — recently reupholstered in fine leather — evoke a Roaring Twenties elegance.

With partner Tom Athanasopoulos, son John Konis and a caring staff, Tom has made Octavia a prime dining destination. The Octavia difference, so apparent in the cuisine, is also exemplified by the warm greeting you'll receive from John Konis when you enter. This is a family business in the best sense of the term; the Konises and their staff don't merely work the business, they *live* it. The spirit of service is ever-present; the singular focus of John and other members of the Octavia team is to ensure that both your meal and your visit are memorable.

Notwithstanding Octavia's soaring popularity, Tom Konis pledges never to lose sight of his commitment to customer satisfaction. "It's not how many customers you serve, it's how well you serve the customers you have."

Danforth wireless dealer puts service, safety first

In today's wired world, it's nice to know there's one dealership out there that's well-grounded in service and safety. **Tri-Cell Communications** makes it easy for its customers to buy a cell phone or pager from them by going the extra mile in terms of personal service and technical assistance.

Josh Mudrick
Corporate Account Executive

Josh Mudrick, Corporate Account Executive at the Rogers AT& T dealership at 272 Danforth Avenue, has made three important elements the cornerstones of his business: "Service, service, and more service," he says. "We carry the same products you'll find at most other dealerships, at essentially the same prices. But we take the time to make sure you understand what you're buying, and we do whatever it take to satisfy you."

Hands-free specialist

To that end, Tri-Cell carries a wide range of accessories, with the emphasis on hands-free operation to ensure your safety on occasions when you need to talk as you drive. Tri-Cell carries a wide range of headsets, and has the expertise to outfit you with the right one for your mobile needs.

Tri-Cell is an authorized Nokia service centre and has repair facilities on site.

So when you're on the Danforth, drop in to Tri-Cell at # 272 (west of Chester) and experience the ultimate in wireless service.

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La Vespa Café scintillating & summery

La Vespa Café is a refreshing addition to the Danforth dining scene — literally and figuratively.

If a restaurant can be defined by the quality of its beverages, then La Vespa has achieved star status. Specializing in exotic drinks, La Vespa features the most spectacular Sangria this side of Shangri-La. A larger-than-life serving of fresh fruit juice, brimming with exotic freshly-cut fruit, generously infused with premium red wine, and beautifully garnished, it puts other "comparable" Toronto offerings to shame. An ideal summer thirst-quencher, this taste of the tropics relaxes and refreshes at one and the same time. Another delight is the Tropical Coconut Blast — a half baby coconut served open-faced with a mixture of rum and its own fresh coconut milk.

Complementing it are a host of other summer beverages. Particularly popular are the frozen cocktails, highlighted by a fine Chocolate Pina Colada, Caribbean Fruit, Sea Breeze, and Strawberry Daiquiri.

La Vespa has elements of a sports bar, but it's much more. In addition to its oversized TV screens and billiard tables, it also features elegant bench seating, a huge, sunny patio, and an extensive menu that goes far beyond standard bar fare.

An abundance of fresh summer salads include Baby Organic Greens (Grilled Bell Peppers and Artichokes with Herbed Goat Cheese in Balsamic Dressing, $7.95); and Baby Spinach with Gruyère Cheese, Portobello Mushrooms & Onions in a Citrus Vinaigrette, also $7.95. The entrées are hearty yet artfully prepared. A Breakfast Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday.

La Vespa
535 Danforth Avenue 416•778•7565

La Vespa features regular theme nights, such as Karaoke (on Tuesday, with one of Toronto's top DeeJays); All-You-Can-Eat Mussels (Wednesday) and Top 40 (Saturday). There are live bands on Thursday.

Serious Karaoke

La Vespa has become a Karaoke destination of sorts; its Karaoke Tuesday now draws serious singers from all over the city. If your vocal chords are in good working order and you want to exercise them in a quasi-professional environment, La Vespa will resonate with you.

If you enjoy great food, have a yen for sports, can belt out a tune, or simpy wish to relax and enjoy some sunny Danforth moments, you have a vested interest in checking out La Vespa Café.

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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

If Jane Hall be the voice of colour, sing on!

Remember the first time you saw a peacock feather, and how it thrilled you with wonder and joy? A visit to **Jane Hall The Voice of Colour** arouses those same emotions.

This renowned artist has teamed up with Pittsburgh Paints to bring her signature style to a new store on the Danforth, which takes clients on a unique home decor adventure.

The stunning European-style showroom offers an exclusive home collection of artwork, custom painted and upholstered furniture, plus bedding, throws, cushions, area rugs, and 225 colours of paint. Each of six room vignettes evokes a different mood with inspired colour combinations.

In fact, to call this a "showroom" is to somehow diminish it, for it has the aura and feel of a highly personal space. Hall and partner Ian Levack don't *tell* you how colours work, they *show* you. The visual feast — a glorious palette of mustard, fuschia, avocado, yellow gold, burnt orange, and other breathtaking hues — demonstrate a quasi-spiritual connection with colour. The custom-painted fabric which upholsters Hall's chairs and spans her elegant wrought-iron screens is but one example.

Jane Hall

707 Pape at Danforth
(416) 462-2949

After years of designing fabric and painting murals — including many for the Second Cup chain — Hall was moved to do her own paintings and custom furniture. Levack creates and designs home furnishing products on a licensing basis; among others, he designed the first Royal Doulton licensing program for home furnishings.

The store's dramatic room vignettes were created by Zerick Garner, the third member of the team, who has worked for 35 years in eclectic areas of the design and decor world.

Jane Hall is one of only a handful of North American retailers carrying the whimsical *Solo* line of upscale furniture. Created by Toronto-area craftsman Joe Salerno, these custom high-quality sofas and chairs, with their strong hues and curving lines, are a perfect complement to Hall's fearless approach to colour.

You won't find any paint cans on the floor; customers order the paint, which is delivered to their homes. In-store consulting, home visits, and a contracting service are all part of the Jane Hall experience.

The buzz of excitement that's surrounded the store since its opening continues unabated. One visit explains why; your eyes will thank you.

Retirees also need investment growth

"I retired last year, and like most retirees, I worry about money. Is there anything I should be doing differently with my money?"

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Unfortunately, no two retirees are the same. Everyone has a different cost of living, different levels of retirement income, and different personal or health issues that should be considered when making investment decisions. There are, however, some important things to keep in mind.

The average 65-year old retiree can expect to live another 15 years. Even with low or modest inflation, the cost of living will rise during that time. This reality should encourage you to do two things financially.

First, retirees should invest a part of their savings in investments that have rising income and the potential for growth. Growth of principal and rising income will be essential to maintaining a constant standard of living over a 10- to 20-year retirement.

Second, retirees should reinvest part of their income, if possible. This may involve:

- reinvesting the dividends in a stock or mutual fund;
- reinvesting interest into a GIC;
- postponing withdrawals from an RRSP; or
- investing your monthly Old Age Security cheque.

This plan of action provides you with a safety valve of income that you can "turn on" at some point in the future if you incur unexpected costs or if the cost of living slowly diminishes your standard of living.

The last recommendation is to stay diversified. No one investment is perfect for all of your money. Diversification can help you improve your investment returns over time and minimize the possibility of a total collapse in your investment holdings.

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Functional fashion, gear for hectic lifestyles at Destination Danforth

Life isn't always simple. So when you put on long pants, jump in the car and realize you need shorts, you can do one of two things. Chalk it up to your personal neurosis — or go to **Destination Danforth** and pick up a garment that serves as both.

Functionality is the name of the game at this ultracool shop. Long pants that zip off to become shorts. Shorts that become long pants. Jackets that fold up to fit into a zip pocket. Quick-dry shirts. Pre-shrunk stuff that you can tuck into a side pocket. Rainwear. Reflective gear. Cool mesh wear. Bug jackets and pants for summer. Polar fleece pajamas and sleeping bags for winter. Gear and gadgets for every situation.

Destination Danforth carries a large selection of quality lines, including Columbia, Hempwear, Mac & Jac, Misty Mountain, Elita, Mod Robes, Rockwater Design, Love Letters, and others. With steady turnover and new stock arriving daily, their prices are consistently 20% to 30% lower than the competition's, says owner Sarah Fishman. "Our customer is anyone who wants to get the most out of any situation without fuss and baggage — and we save them money to boot."

Destination Danforth
232 Danforth Ave.
416.461.9128

Prices 20% – 30% lower

Hemp, cotton in abundance

Catering extensively to the film and travel trades, Destination Danforth is a boon to men and women on the move who need to change, Bond-like, without losing a beat and without sacrificing comfort. According to Fishman, many customers also value the health benefits which derive from natural fibres and/or space-age construction. "Many items in the store are anti-microbial and don't absorb odour," she notes. Likewise, many are designed to retain body heat in winter and wick away perspiration in summer; a terrific selection of fleece socks will allow you to enjoy the ultimate in foot comfort year-round. The shop carries a multitude of sturdy cotton garments that are extremely breathable and non-itchy. Hemp is huge now, and Destination Danforth has an extensive selection of hemp shirts, pants — both long and short — and T-shirts.

Style, comfort, and price make this an extremely attractive Danforth **Destination**.

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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

Pantheon will have you singing praises

Of all the restaurants in GreekTown, Pantheon's decor is perhaps the most inviting. The creamy white tile floor etched with gold is soothing, yet refined; the walls, alive with colourful murals, are capped with finely etched wooden trim; the tables, bedecked with crisp linens in white and gold, are flanked by real wooden chairs.

Given such a backdrop, anything less than a superb culinary experience would be a letdown. Thankfully, Pantheon lives up to its exalted name.

Though its mainstream Greek cuisine compares favourably with that of other Danforth restaurants, fresh fish is what keeps Pantheon's loyal following coming back in droves. Whole sea bass, striped bass, red and white snapper, orange roughy, black porgy, salmon, red mullet, sea smelts — the variety is incredible, the preparation impeccable. As the Toronto Star noted, "Above all, small fish imported from Greece, such as anchovies and baby sardines . . . demand repeat visits. This [lovely fish] is what sets Pantheon apart from most Toronto Greek restaurants."

407 Danforth Avenue
ACROSS FROM CHESTER SUBWAY
416-778-1929
OPEN 11 AM – MIDNIGHT, 7 DAYS
www.greekvillage.com/pantheon

" ... a winning charm ..."

"... fresh fish, care with good products and little razzmatazz nudges Pantheon ahead of most competitors ..."

— The Toronto Star, May 13, 2000

Chef Nick Paroussis — who, with partner John Troupis, is responsible for maintaining these lofty standards — clearly understands that the best way to bring out the intrinsic flavour of fresh fish is to neither overcook it nor cover it up.

This delicate treatment extends to the fresh Ontario lamb chops, which can be enjoyed on their own or as part of a substantial mixed grill.

Mouthwatering homemade desserts provide a fitting conclusion to your meal. In addition to the traditional baklava, you'll find Pantheon's walnut cake particularly enticing, and its honey cake will no doubt give rise to endless comparisons with you-know-who's.

You'd expect to pay a premium for such superb cuisine, but Pantheon's prices are actually below average for the Danforth. When you combine this with the aforementioned ambience, you're talking exceptional value for GreekTown.

Exotic delights at Sher-E-Punjab

The soulful strains of the sitar greet you as you enter. The deep, rich earth tones of Indian slate tile — reddish brown, copper, a hint of gold — are at once exotic and peaceful. Magnificent tapestries, hand-woven in Rajasthan, adorn the butternut-yellow walls.

You're not even seated yet, and already you've begun to experience the tranquility that is **Sher-E-Punjab**.

SHER-E-PUNJAB RESTAURANT
351 Danforth Avenue
(West of Chester subway)
416-465-2125

For Amar and Malkit Singh, this is more than a restaurant; it's the place where they've lovingly served Northern Indian home cooking for the past 27 years. In the process, they've not only shared wonderful flavours, but also touched patrons with their gentle demeanor and quiet dignity.

Connoisseurs of Punjabi specialties have known about Sher-E for decades, but with its major renovation six years ago and the growing popularity of Northern Indian cuisine, a much larger dining public has come to know and savour its diverse delights.

Widely reputed for its Butter Chicken, Chicken Tikka Masala, Pakoras and Samosas, Sher-E holds the distinction of making Toronto's finest *Naan* bread — a soft, oval loaf that's best served hot. But be forewarned: it's addictive! Hand-made on the premises, it is baked fresh virtually on demand — every 15 minutes or so, at busy times — and delivered piping hot to your table. The experience of seeing it emerge from the massive Tandoori clay oven is surpassed only by the pleasure of eating it.

This, truly, is manna from heaven.

Saag — a pureed mixture of spinach, broccoli, and rapini — is another dish prized by Sher-E's customers for its unique combination of sharp and mellow tastes. The ever-popular *Daal* (pureed lentils) and *Bartha* — barbequed eggplant with green peas — are also first-rate.

If you can put down the *Naan* bread long enough to order dessert, try the refreshing *Kulfi* (Indian ice cream). Indian Tea – strong, sweet, and mildly spiced — is a piquant complement to any meal or dessert.

Those unfamiliar with Northern Indian cuisine tend to associate it only with curry. To be sure, you'll enjoy fine curried dishes here, made from scratch with the freshest, hand-blended spices; but this is only a very small part of the culinary picture. Sher-E-Punjab completes the tableau with elegance and grace, and with the kind of personal attention, respect and warmth that's only found in a long-established family business.

Nowhere is the multicultural appeal of the Danforth better exemplified than at Sher-E-Punjab, and those who visit it are in for a richly rewarding experience.

Ice cream heaven at Uncle Louie G's

Remember, from your childhood, the inimitable taste of ice cream, and how it thrilled you with pleasure? Uncle Louie G's revives that taste sensation. This Danforth parlour represents everything ice cream should be: made the old-fashioned way, without additives or preservatives, packed with pure natural flavour — and it's Kosher-manufactured under KOF-K.

Its Brooklyn, N.Y. creator, John Russo, also credits the generous use of key ingredients for his product's success: "We got this popular because we decided to use twice as many chips, nuts, berries, cream as anyone else, and still sell at a reasonable ... price." [New York Daily News].

Uncle Louie G's natural ices and ice creams come in a cavalcade of 60 flavours — always in store — many of which seem to emanate from your own personal food fantasies. For example, there's Apple Pie and Pumpkin Pie Ice Cream, made with real chunks of fresh pie. Ditto for Strawberry Cheesecake and Pineapple Cheesecake Ice Cream. For real Italian flavour, there's *Tortoni* Ice Cream and *Dulche* Ice Cream, made with scalded milk. Ices? Try the Mango or the Honeydew Melon for a refreshing summer treat.

UNCLE LOUIE G'S
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In addition to their current variety of ices, ice creams and milkshakes, Uncle Louie G's offers ice cream cakes, hot waffles, and other gourmet items including nut-free Kosher Chocolates by Chocolate Signatures, to be enjoyed in store or out. Custom cakes for all occasions, made in house from the purest ingredients, are a speciality.

Custom cakes a specialty

If your child has a favourite cartoon, the shop can probably make a theme cake for it. Popular orders include Sesame Street, Barbie, Mickey Mouse, Winnie the Pooh, Bug's Life, Toy Story 2, Rugrats, Cinderella, Thomas & Friends, Looney Tunes, Spider-Man, and many more.

From floor to ceiling, the shop is gleefully awash in bright pastel colours — yellow, green, blue, and pink — and brimming with goodies. It's a great place to relive your childhood innocence with favourite old flavours and a bevy of intriguing new ones.

"Thomas The Tank Engine" — one of many custom cakes available at Uncle Louie G's

Mihana is two restaurants in one

Mihana — Japanese for "three flowers" — also identifies its matriarch and head chef, Mihana Kim. With her son James, Mrs. Kim has launched the Danforth's newest sushi bar, with a difference: In addition to sushi, **Mihana** also offers Korean specialties.

MIHANA
SUSHI & KOREAN RESTAURANT
507 Danforth Ave.
(416) 465-3834

Drawing on her 30 years of experience and twofold Oriental influences, Mrs. Kim brings to the kitchen a rare mastery of the fine art of Far Eastern cuisine. Sous-chef James — also with extensive international experience — is the latest in a long line of distinguished chefs going back four generations.

Foremost among Mihana's Korean specialties is *Galbi* — marinated Korean Prime Short Ribs. These are offered in three different ways:

- on a sizzling plate, served with rice, vegetables, soup, and salad on the side;
- in a heated stone dish, served with vegetables on a bed of rice (also available with chicken or seafood instead of beef);
- in a lunch box with rice, vegetables, salad, and tempura shrimp.

Also highly recommended are the Crispy Chicken and Crispy Beef, Korean style. Here, they're done just right: delicately crunchy on the outside, tender on the inside, sweet and sour sauce not overstated.

Mihana's Noodles in Soup are sharp, hearty and satisfying.

The sushi selection includes a tantalizing variety of rolls. The Soft Shell Crab with White Tuna and the Tempura Shrimp with Spicy Tuna, both in Mihana's special sauce, are particularly flavourful. Mihana's miso sauce (made from Japanese bean paste) is a welcome enhancement to many of the rolls.

As befits its name, Mihana is a small, intimate place. While it might seem daunting for an establishment of this size to offer two distinctly different kinds of cuisine, James doesn't view it that way. The breadth and scope of his mother's expertise is such that she's really "two chefs in one," he says. It also gives customers an opportunity to sample both types of cuisine in one meal. "Here it is possible to go to a sushi bar and a Korean restaurant under one roof," he chuckles.

At Mihana, this feat is accomplished with delicious results — and without double parking.

Winnipeg Jews remember Argentinian tragedy

By MARTIN ZEILIG
Special to The CJN

WINNIPEG — Remembering the tragic events of seven years ago has become a personal mission for Gustavo Rymberg.

At 9:53 a.m. on Monday, July 18, 1994, a terrorist bomb exploded in the AMIA Jewish Community Centre in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Eighty six individuals were killed and 300 were wounded in the blast.

According to information from B'nai B'rith Canada, the attack is believed to have been carried out by the Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorist group with assistance from Argentine police and security officials.

To date, no one has been brought to justice for that crime or for the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992. That explosion resulted in 29 deaths and 252 injured.

"My personal goal is to help keep the memory (of the AMIA explosion) alive and to make other people aware of this," said Rymberg, 34, a graphic designer at the Asper Jewish Community Campus, who moved to Winnipeg from Buenos Aires with his wife and two children four years ago.

An AMIA commemorative service attended by over 50 people was held at the Asper Campus on July 18 at precisely 9:53 a.m. The event was organized by the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal along with B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs.

Rymberg prepared a photo display, and spliced together from other documentary footage a moving eight-minute video dealing with the aftermath of the destruction. He also read the names of the 86 individuals killed in the blast. The victims ranged in age from five to 73 years.

Shelley Faintuch, a spokesperson for the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, stressed that senseless acts of terrorism can't be allowed to go unpunished forever.

"It's very important to do something as a community to connect us with Jews around the world through keeping this [memory of the explosion] alive. This is an act of solidarity with the Argentine Jewish community," she said, adding that some 20 families have moved to Winnipeg from Argentina over the last six years.

'An act of solidarity'

At the time of the bombing, Rymberg was working in his office several blocks away from the AMIA building.

"Suddenly, you heard the explosion," recalled Rymberg, adding that he knew some of the people, although none were close friends, who were killed in the explosion.

"You expected a bomb because of the previous explosion two years before. It was like a war scene, traffic immediately stopped, other buildings were damaged for blocks around. People who were walking on the street [near the explosion] or sitting in coffee shops across the street were killed too."

The tragedy is also seared into the memory of a Winnipeg woman. Her closest friend Paola, who was just 21, died in the explosion. The 28-year-old woman would only consent to an interview with this reporter if her name was not used.

"Paola was on winter vacation from university," said the woman, who moved here with her husband in September 1997.

"Her mother worked there and had asked her if she could help her with something at the AMIA. A few minutes prior to the explosion she went down to the main level for a coffee. At that moment the explosion happened and she probably died instantly. But we didn't know she was dead until Thursday when they found her body. Her mother survived the bombing. It marks you for life. You're aware of it. The next time it could be you."

Both the woman and Rymberg acknowledged that they immigrated to Canada, in part, because of the bombing.

"After that bomb a lot of things started to change for the Jewish community. There were extra security for Jewish buildings and at synagogues. Children had to show their knapsacks [to security guards]. It was really hard," said Rymberg, adding that three days after the explosion several hundred thousand people participated in a rally in Buenos Aires in support of the Jewish community.

"A lot of people in Argentina are fighting for justice today."

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רעדאגירט פון: אַלעק סילווער

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פון דוד קוניגיס (מאָנטרעאָל)

זונטיק, דעם 3טן יוני, 2001, איז פֿאַרגעקומען די ער־שטע אָרויסטרעטונג אין מאָנטרעאָל פון סאָראָנטער יידישן פֿאָלקס כאָר. דער קאָנצערט איז געווען אָראַנזשירט פון יידישן קולטור־קאָמיטעט בי דער יידישער פֿאָלקס ביבליאָטעק אין מאָנטרעאָל אַן געשטיצט פון דער „יסוֹד פעלדמאַן־בימעל פונדאַציע". די אויסטרע־טונג פון סאָראָנטער יידישן פֿאָלקס כאָר איז אַן אינטע־רֶאַלער טייל פון דער קולטורעלער אַרבעט, וואָס דער יידישער קולטור קאָמיטעט איז פֿאַראַנטוואָרטלעך פֿאַר, ווי לעקציעס, קאָנצערטן, סימפּאָזיומס, אַד־גל.

דער קולטור טוער, דוד קוניגיס, ווי דער פֿאָרזיצער, עפֿנט דעם קאָנצערט מיט באַריכטן דעם יידער פֿיינעם שלום פון אָרום 250 אַן גיט אויבער אינקיק קורצע פֿרטים וועגן יעטע פעלדמאַן־בימעל ד'ל. אין פֿאַרשטעלן דעם כאָר האָט ער אַנגעוויזן, אַז דער כאָר, וועלכער האָט זיך כשר פֿאַרזיכט דעם שם־טוב, עקסיסטירט שוין 75 יאָר אונטער פֿאַרשידענע דירעקטָרן. אויבערהויפּט האָט דער פֿאַרשטאַרבענער עמיל גאָרפֿינקל געשפּילט אַ גאָר וויכטיקע רעלע אין אונטערקלען אין אויפֿהויבן דעם כאָר אויף אַ גאָר הויכן ניוואָ.

אין די לעצטע יאָרן וועט דער כאָר אַנגעפֿירט פון דער יידער באַגאַבטער אסתר גאָרפֿינקל־סטאַן אין די גלעזצנדיקע אָקאַמפּאַניאַטן לינא זמעלמאַן. די אויסגעצייכנטע סאָליסטן זינען געווען מרים עסקין, סאָפֿראַנאָ, אוֹן דאשען באַסטן, טענאָר. דוד אַבראַמאָוויץ איז געווען גאַראַנטיר אין בן טייל פון פֿאַראַנאָם.

דער שרשטער טייל פון פֿאַראַנאָם איז באַשטאַנען פון אַ צאָל יידישע פֿאָלקס לידער, ישׂראל לידער, לידער פון אומקום אוֹן וידערשטאַנד, וי איך זינג שאָפּונגען פון קאַנאַדער אוֹן אמעריק קאָמפּאָזיטאָרן, וי משה ראָז, טשאַרלס דאוידסאָן, דזשאַן וויינצווייג, מילטאָן באַרנעס אוֹן איך סוראָיצקאַעלע מחיה באַזידט איך ווערק פון זשען וויינפּער, י. י. סיגאַל, מאָריס ראָזנפֿעלד אוֹן אַד. דער צווייטער טייל פון פֿאַראַנאָם איז באַשטאַנען פון אברהם גאָלדפֿאַדענס „ראָשי־תיבות מים מאָדלען", אַ מחזה־קאָלישער מאַנטאַזש.

בײַדע סאָליסטן, מרים עסקין, מיט איר שטאַרקער סאָפּראַנאָ שטימע, אוֹן דזשאַן באַסטן, מיט זיין לירישן טענאָר, האָבן געמאַכט אַ גרויסן בײַטראָג צום קאָנצערט. דזשאַן באַסטן, וועלכער איז גיט קיין יִיד, האָט זיך אויס־געצייכנט מיט זיין קלאָרער ווי־קציע אוֹן אויסשפּראַך אוֹן האָט אויסגעוויזן אַ פֿאַרשטאַנד אוֹן סעמפּאַטיזוקייט פון די טעקסטן. דער נאַראַטאָר דוד אַבראַמאָוויץ, מיט זיין סיף באַמאָוור שטימע, האָט באַריכטערט דעם אינהאַלט פון דער נאַראַציע, נעשריבן פון נ. בוכוואַלד, אוֹן גע־מאַכט אַ פּאָזיטיוון בײַטראָג אין יידיש אוֹן אין ענגליש.

דער גאַנצער פֿאַראַנאָם איז געווען זייער שיין דורכ־געפֿירט אוֹן שטאַרק אָפּגעשאַצט פון גרויסן עולם. דער צוויטער טייל איז געווען נאָך אויסערגעוויינלעך אוֹן איז זייער וואַרעם אויפֿגענומען געווארן פון אַלעמען.

דער איינציקער שוואַרצפונקט פון קאָנצערט

אין דעם עלטסטן טייל פון פֿיינעם פֿאַראַנאָם, האָט זיך דער פוס־פּעדאַל פון דער זייער אַלטער פּיאַנאָ פֿלוצים צעבראָכן. די אַנווענדיקע האָבן אויסגעדרוקט זייער צאָרן אויף דעם, וואָס די גרויסע נעמעלשאַפֿטלעכע פֿירערס קענען אויסגעבן איבער 33 מיליאָן דאָלאָר פֿאַר איבערבירן אוֹן פֿאַרגעסערן די געבידעס פון „קאַמיגס" צענטער, אָבער האָבן ניט געקענט איינקויפֿן אַ נייע, זייער ניט־באַדערפֿטיקע פּיאַנאָ. לאָמיר האָפֿן, אַז זי וועלן אין קיין איינזון זייער קורצזיכטיקן טעות אוֹן אויסשאָפֿן אַ נייע פּאַנע פֿאַרן צענטער.

די קולטור־טור פון יִידישן קאָמיטעט בי דער יִידי־שער ביבליאָטעק, קומט אַ יישר כּח אוֹן דאַנק זיך דער־מוטיקט אַנצוניין אוֹן פֿאַרשטאַרקן זייערע קולטורעלע פֿאַראַנאָמען פֿאַר דער יִידישער באַפֿעלקערונג אין מאָנט־רעאָל. דער גרויסער עולם האָט אַרויסגעוויזן זייער ענט־זיאַזם אוֹן באַשטעטיקט די ניטשטעדיקייט פון אַזעלכע יִידיש־קולטורעלע אונטערנעמונגען אין דער צוקונפֿט.

Few Jewish staffers on the Hill

In an effort to present a cautionary note to the Jewish community, your faithful scribe offers an admittedly, politically incorrect observation. Take it in the spirit it is intended.

Once upon a time, the Hill was populated by scores of Jewish staffers. I can remember a time when the traditional staff Christmas parties of more than one caucus would display token Chanukah lights in a nod to their Jewish colleagues. Alas, that seems long ago.

Today, one has to look very carefully to discover a ministerial assistant or MP staffer who identifies actively as a Jew. That should be of some concern to the Jewish community.

Gone are the days when the community could feel reassured that the likes of a Bob Rabinovitch (Pierre Trudeau's chief of staff) or Stanley Hart, Norman Spector and Hughie Seigel (who all held the same position under Brian Mulroney) would ensure some level of access. Of course, that is not to say that such individuals served as toadies for the community; only that they possessed a unique sensitivity to specifically Jewish concerns and could provide a fair hearing.

The Chaviva Hoseks (advisor to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien) and the Mark Resnicks (advisor to John Turner and earnest supporter of Paul Martin) have abandoned the Hill for more attractive pursuits; even legendary Gerry Yanover (who has worked for every Liberal!) is rumoured to be heading off, too.

Worse yet, the few younger Jewish aspirants who have tried to make some mark on the political scene over the last while, fall short of the mark. There's the case of Ezra Levant who was chased out of Manning's office by erstwhile colleagues whom he made uncomfortable. He resurrected himself as a mini-saviour to Stockwell Day only to find himself on the street a short time later.

Take the case of Boris Wajsman, who barrelled back into politics after an inexplicable absence as Irwin Cotler's executive assistant. He then joined the Gagliano team. Now we discover that Gagliano is seriously contemplating a speedy exit and that will leave Wajsman, well, in about the same place as Levant.

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

The complacency within the Jewish community that has resulted in an absence of any real presence within any party is mirrored on the Hill, and it could cost the community dearly.

Not being one to criticize without offering a solution, here's more unsolicited advice.

Get your kids on the Hill. Encourage them to participate in internship programs or create one of your own. And most important of all, face the truth: the indifference of Jewish youth to consider opportunities within the political sector is nothing more than a reflection of the community's apparent disdain for actively participating in the democratic process.

To be sure, the community's interests are compromised by the lack of a visible Jewish presence. But in a very real sense, the whole country is poorer for the absence of a more dynamic Jewish conscience in Ottawa.

Troubling times in Kitchener-Waterloo

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There is a relative calm these days in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., but below the surface, some members of the community are saying that the twin cities are passing through disturbing times.

The Jewish and German communities are definitely divided over the recent treatment of Helmut Oberlander and by MP Andrew Telegdi's position on this issue, said Paul Walman, vice-chair of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region.

After the Federal Court of Canada found that Oberlander failed to disclose his role as an interpreter with a Nazi death squad, Immigration Minister Elinor Caplan promised to recommend to cabinet that Oberlander's citizenship be revoked as a first step towards deportation.

In support of Oberlander, Telegdi stated that Canada's rules on deportation were reminiscent of Hitler and a totalitarian Nazi or Stalinist regime.

CJC called for Telegdi's resignation, and a flurry of letters supporting Telegdi and Oberlander then appeared in the *Kitchener-Waterloo Record*.

"The language in the *Record* has been quite unpleasant," Walman said, "with name calling and personal attacks."

The situation here became very uncomfortable, said Manya Kay, a Holocaust survivor who lost her family in the concentration camp at Birkenau.

"Things are quiet now," Kay said. "Yet only a few months ago, a day didn't pass without unpleasant letters appearing in the newspapers."

Kitchener, a city known as Berlin until World War I, was settled mainly by German-speaking immigrants in the mid-19th century. The city's annual Oktoberfest is a celebration of its Bavarian heritage.

The Jewish community began to settle in Kitchener around the turn of the century.

"In the past, the relationship between the Jewish and German communities was very good," said Ernst Friedel, president of the German Canadian Congress.

Today, however, there is definitely a change in relations between the two communities, Friedel noted.

"Unfortunately, we cannot agree with Canadian Jewish Congress on their position regarding Oberlander," he said.

CJC is asking that Oberlander be deported for misrepresenting his background during the war when applying to immigrate to Canada.

What has happened is that "some people are now blaming the Jewish people for the tension," Friedel said.

"I believe that both sides are saddened by the events and wish it were behind them."

"All of this brings back bad memories, and right now I'm scared... It reminds me of the days I lived through hell," said Kay.

"I love it here in Kitchener," she continued, "but right now I feel that the politicians here are catering only to the wishes of the German community since they represent the majority."

The importance of being Shylock

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cheering the punishment of the selfish... evil father... I actually witnessed one gentleman weeping tears of sorrow."

The letter indicates that Shylock's character is complicated and that it is important for the audience to re-examine all the roles in *The Merchant*, Soles said. One of the important messages in the play is that all that glitters is not gold – things are not as they appear.

Soles credits the support and resources available in Stratford with allowing him to bring his interpretation to Shylock to the stage. In addition, Soles said, "at no time did Richard [Monette], the director of the play, impose any alteration to what I brought to the part.

"I'm hoping that because I brought such honesty to the play, he found little to alter."

With regard to the recent controversy involving the Council on American-Islamic Relations Canada's complaints about the depiction of the Prince of Morocco, Soles said that he feels absolutely comfortable with the negotiations and the subsequent modifications to the play.

"There have been some minor changes [in the character's presentation]. But what has happened is that the community has been responded to in an amicable and respectful way."

There was an open, intelligent and mature dialogue and response to an artistic endeavour in keeping with who we are in 2001, Soles said.

Had members of any other community complained, Soles believes that the issues would have been dealt with in a similar way.

"Shakespeare is full of blows to various ethnicities and if any community rises up, the festival listens and [the complaints] are dealt with."

However, it is important not to compromise the artistic integrity of a production, he added. In some cases, "politically correct arguments are pettier than the attention they deserve."

Despite the controversies, Soles believes the play should never be shelved nor the issues "dumbed down."

"If the audience leaves the play involved in self-analysis, then we've fulfilled all good reasons for a theatre."

Given the complexity and magnificence of the writing, Soles doesn't recommend it to students before Grade 12.

"The play requires good and honest preparation. Otherwise, it wouldn't be fair to the students or to the community at large."

The current production of *The Merchant of Venice*, in Stratford until Nov. 3, is dedicated to Al Waxman, who was scheduled to play Shylock before his sudden death earlier this year.

Given the similarities in our backgrounds, said Soles, who was born and raised in Toronto, "I believe that Al would have also approached the text respectful of the incredible responsibility involved."

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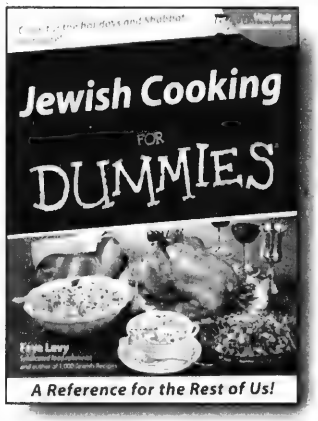
Faye Levy makes Jewish cooking easy

By JUDY BART KANCIGOR
Special to The CJN

Jewish people love to cook for the holidays, says Faye Levy, internationally renowned cooking authority and author of over 20 cookbooks.

"Fortunately we have one every week – Shabbat!"

For those of us wondering what the award-winning author of the encyclopedic *1,000 Jewish Recipes* could possibly come up with next, comes Levy's *Jewish Cooking for Dummies*, a lighthearted, abundantly accessible, information-packed primer on Jewish food, culture and celebration, with tips from her tool belt on everything from handling jalapenos to quartering a whole chicken.



"It's more than an introduction to Jewish cooking, but to Jewish celebrating too," says Levy, who begins with a short history of Jewish food, demystifies the laws of kashrut and explains the customs and foods of the holidays.

"Shabbat is such a joyous holiday," she says. "It's a celebration every week to look forward to. For observant families it is the high point of the week. If you have a new dress, you set it aside for Shabbat. In fact, your whole schedule is directed towards Shabbat."

Instead of overwhelming you with the Thou Shalt Not's of Shabbat observance, The Shabbat chapter (subtitle: A Weekly Excuse to Rejoice) stresses the joy of this weekly celebration, proving in Levy's clear and concise style that with a little planning, even the most intimidated cook can serve a beautiful and festive Shabbat meal.

"Lots of people want to celebrate with Jewish food but don't know how," notes Levy, "converts, non-Jews married to Jews, even those who grew up Jewish but never had the traditional foods."

Take challah, for instance. Did you know you could knead the dough in a food processor or mixer? "If you've ever braided hair, forming a braided challah will be a snap," Levy assures us. And even if you can't braid, she offers a quick loaf pan alternative.

Levy grew up in Washington D.C. in an Orthodox home. "My favourite Shabbat food was my mother's noodle kugel, which sometimes she made sweet with apples and cinnamon and sometimes savoury with well-browned onions and mushrooms," recalls the California author. "I always loved the crunchy part of the noodles sticking up and would go back to the kitchen to pick them out."

For *Jewish Cooking For Dummies* Levy draws on her 30 years of cooking experience, which began when she was a young bride living in Israel. Although she had watched her mother bake her Shabbat cakes ("mainly so I could lick the bowl"), she never paid much attention.

Enter her husband, Yakir. "When I met my future mother-in-law, she told me I couldn't marry her son because he'd go hungry! Here was a woman who could make pita from the age of six. I had to learn fast."

And where better to learn than in Israel, home to so many cultures.

"Israel is not just a melting pot," says Levy, "it's a melting pressure cooker. It's a small, crowded country, and people from widely diverse cultures are always cooking for Shabbat or other holidays and sharing ideas."

This mix of cultures has created a sort of Israeli "Jewish fusion" cooking that is constantly evolving. "But it' not like fusion cooking here where a chef says, 'Now, how can I be creative? Let's put ginger in a French cream sauce.' In Israel it's completely natural. Friends and relatives from different cultures eat at each other's homes and say, That tastes good. What did you put in it?'"

Take the matzah ball, the beloved soup dumpling of Levy's Polish ancestors. Her mother, who has lived in Israel for 30 years, now adds the cumin and cilantro of her Sephardi neighbours.

To meet her mother is to understand where Levy gets her energy and enthusiasm. Pauline Kahn Luria lives in a fourth floor walk-up ("it's 56 steps, but I enjoy it!") loves to dance, and treks each day up a steep hill to downtown Jerusalem to shop or enjoy the sights and smells of Machaneh-Yehudah, the city's colourful open market. And she still bakes her cakes every Shabbat, even if she happens to be dining alone.

"Whenever we're together, whether I'm visiting her in Israel or she is here, we cook the Shabbat meal together, either the traditional Polish favourites I remember from childhood or the Mediterranean dishes we've both learned along the way," says Levy.

On the table, as in the streets of Israel, East meets West, and our Shabbat menu includes Levy's Mediterranean Baked Chicken and Chickpeas. Levy's motto: "Have fun and be confident."

BAKED CHICKEN AND CHICKPEAS IN GARLIC TOMATO SAUCE

This easy dish features Mediterranean flavours, which were originally particular to the Sephardi style. Now, they are universally loved by Jews everywhere.

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 1 hour, 10 minutes

2½ lb. chicken pieces
1 tsp. paprika
2 tbsp. plus 1 or 2 tsp. olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
1 carrot, diced
1 celery stalk, diced
4 large garlic cloves chopped
1 28 oz. can whole tomatoes, drained and chopped
1 bay leaf
¼ tsp. hot red pepper flakes, or cayenne to taste
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
4 tbsp. chopped cilantro or Italian parsley
15 oz. can chickpeas, drained and rinsed.

Preheat oven to 425. Sprinkle chicken with paprika on both sides. Put it in a 13 x 9 in. or other shallow baking dish on one layer. Drizzle chicken lightly with olive oil, using 1 or 2 tsp. Bake uncovered for 10 minutes. Turn pieces over and bake 7 more minutes to brown lightly. Reduce oven temperature to 375.

Meanwhile, heat remaining 2 tbsp. oil in a large skillet. Add onion, carrot, and celery and cook over medium-low heat about 7 minutes, or until onion softens. Stir in garlic, then tomatoes, bay leaf, pepper flakes, salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat, stirring often about 10 minutes or until thick. Discard bay leaf. Add 2 tbsp. cilantro. Yield: 4 servings.

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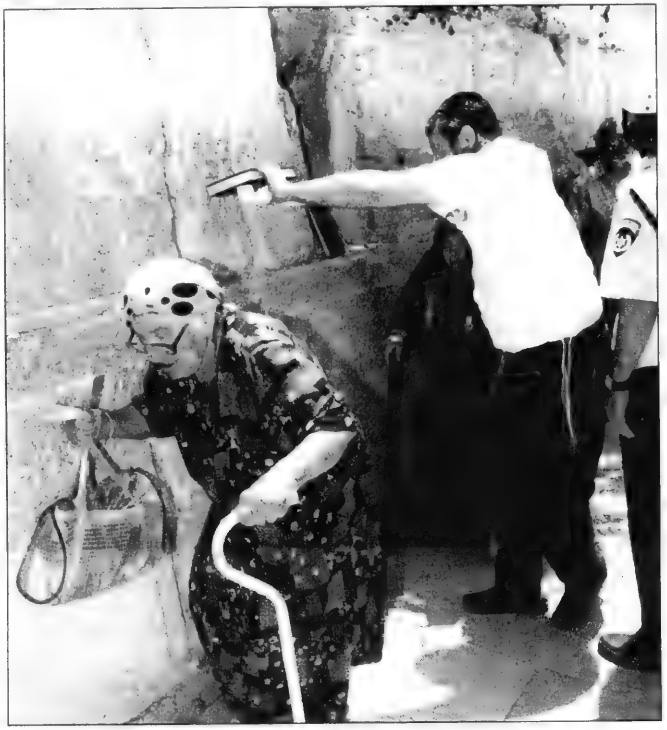

Israel chooses discreet talks on UN video

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel has decided to hold discreet negotiations with the United Nations regarding the videorecording of the scene where Hezbollah abducted three IDF soldiers in Har Dov, senior Israeli officials say. This will end the acrimonious public exchanges in the affair.

The decision was reached Sunday in a meeting between the deputy director of the Defence Ministry, Moshe Kohanovsky, and other senior officials of his ministry and of the foreign ministry.

It was also agreed that direct communications on the matter with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan will be handled by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Currently, the world body is carrying an internal investigation regarding the existence of a videorecording, which soldiers belonging to the Indian battalion of UNIFIL (UN Interim Force in Lebanon) took on October 9, 2000, a day after the Hezbollah attack against an IDF patrol inside Israel. The existence of the tape was kept from the UN representatives in the Middle East, headed by under-secretary Terje Larsen.

Only following repeated claims of the tape's existence did the UN admit that it did exist and that it was in their possession.

In response to an Israeli demand for a copy of the tape, UN officials offered, to both Israeli and Lebanese representatives, to view an edited version of the recording in which the faces of suspected Hezbollah guerrillas were distorted. Israel has so far refused to accept the UN proposal.

Arab states discuss reviving boycott

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper

DAMASCUS — Arab League experts have opened talks on reviving the boycott of Israel, nearly a decade after it was unofficially shelved following the opening of the peace process.

But nine states of the 22-member Arab League were absent from a meeting the Cairo-based league called in support of the 10-month-old intifadah.

Ahmed Khazaa, commissioner general of the Damascus-based Central Office for the Boycott of Israel – an offshoot of the league – urged reviving the boycott as a tool to liberate occupied territories. He said the boycott was a form of peaceful resistance not in contradiction with international law "because it is based on self-defence and freedom to choose an economic partner."

Khazaa said Arabs should use the boycott – which bans direct dealings, or with third-country companies that trade with Israel – "to force Israel to implement United Nations resolutions."

He said that while the Arabs had chosen peace as their strategic option since 1982, "Israel did not abandon its aggressive nature and continued to foil the peace attempts until it led the peace process to a total deadlock."

Mohammed al-Ajami, head of the Syrian team at the talks, said the aim of the meeting was "to impose an economic blockade on the Israeli enemy and all foreign companies or parties which support its entity, economy and war machine. The boycott should continue as long as the enemy continues the occupation of even an inch of Arab land," he said.

Saudi Arabia's representative to the meeting, Fa'iq Bin Othman, called on Arab states to abide by the boycott rules.

"I sincerely hope that all Arab states abide by the Arab League [boycott] decisions and that our meeting will lead to the support of our Palestinian brothers in the sacred land," he said.

Conference sources said the experts started discussing a report on the status of the boycott and how to revive it after the collapse of peace talks between Israel and the Arabs. The absentees included Egypt, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Djibouti and the Comoro Islands.

The boycott office was established in the 1950s to isolate Israel economically. But implementing its rules fell away over the years, especially after Arab-Israeli peace talks opened in Madrid in 1991.

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French Jews try to bring down Holocaust deniers

By ANDREW DIAMOND
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — French student groups and anti-racist organizations are trying to draw attention to a university long known as a breeding ground for Holocaust denial and other far right activities.

If they succeed, student leaders say, they will deliver a severe blow to the far right in France.

The University Jean Moulin is named for a heroic leader of the French Resistance who was tortured and executed during the Nazi occupation. But in an ironic twist, the school, also called Lyon-III, has come to be known among French students as the "fascist university."

That reputation grew out of events dating back to 1981, when a group of scholars with strong ties to far right elements in France and Italy created the Institute for Indo-European Studies at the university.

From the outset, one of the scholars' main goals was to pursue what is known in France as "negationnisme" – Holocaust denial.

For a few years, the products of their labour remained buried in obscure right wing journals.

In 1985, however, the institute found itself mired in controversy when one of its founding members, Jean-Paul Allard, served on a doctoral committee that granted highest distinction to a thesis denying the existence of gas chambers in Polish concentration camps.

The Ministry of Education nullified the dissertation the following year, but Allard, a professor of German at Lyon-III, walked away from the affair unscathed.

Now, as his retirement nears, Allard is again coming under fire. Over the past several months, a series of protests by a coalition of student groups at Lyon-III have managed to focus public attention on Allard and his colleagues.

Last February, members of the National Union of French Students – Independent and Democratic, the Union of Jewish Students of France and a local student organization called Hippocampe drew national attention to the situation at Lyon-III by occupying a research building there.

Carrying banners juxtaposing Moulin and the French Resistance's Gaullist cross with Allard and the Nazi swastika, the organizers denounced Holocaust denial and demanded sanctions against Allard.

The student groups were supported by anti-racist organizations such as the League of Human Rights and SOS Racism. Their actions prompted the university's president, Gilles Guyot, to take action.

Late last month, following a request from Guyot's office, two professors who in 1990 approved with honors a thesis attempting to disprove the Holocaust changed their evaluation of the work to "unacceptable."

The dissertation, completed under the guidance of a Lyon-III history professor, attempted to validate the theories of Paul Rassinier, the father of French Holocaust revisionism.

Guyot subsequently announced that the matter was closed, but student groups did not agree.

They have asked France's Ministry of Education to appoint an independent commission to examine right wing influence at Lyon-III.

The ministry hasn't decided whether to act, but newspaper accounts in Le Monde and Liberation about the situation in Lyon have created the momentum for change.

Earlier this month, a regional commission on higher education summoned Guyot to explain why he approved a check for some $4,000 to the Society for Indo-European Studies.

The society was created by Allard in 1999 after the Institute for Indo-European Studies dissolved itself in the midst of a Ministry of Education inquiry.

As a private organization, the society is not eligible for funding from a public university.

With the Socialist Party holding power in France, observers say it is likely that the student organizations will be granted the more far-reaching investigation they seek.

How far such a commission would be willing or able to go in severing the ties between the university and far right groups is unclear.

Guyot has minimized the involvement of university faculty in right wing activities, claiming that only three professors have clear affiliations with extreme right groups.

But organizers of the student protests disagree. "People who really know the situation can come up with the names of some 20 extreme right members of the faculty," says Philippe Aim, president of the Lyon chapter of the Union of Jewish Students of France.

Other critics of Lyon-III say the school's importance to far right parties – particularly the anti-Semitic and xenophobic National Front – cannot be determined by mere head counts.

Its value, they say, lies more in the theoretical and institutional legitimacy the school lends to Holocaust denial, which in the past has served as a key campaign strategy for the National Front.

Since the mid-1980s, National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen has used Holocaust denial to focus media attention on his party and mobilize right wing voters.

Such tactics proved successful in the first round of the 1988 presidential election when Le Pen's National Front Party gained a shocking 14.4% of the vote.

Although Holocaust denial is on the wane in France, Lyon-III nonetheless provides it with the trappings of legitimacy, student leaders warn.

For Jewish students in particular, the struggle involves another dimension. "For Jews like me born after the war, who have been taught the duty of memory since our early age, it is shocking to see people questioning the existence of concentration camps and diminishing the importance of the Holocaust," Aim says.

"Faced with this situation, one can either feel helpless or fight back."

He is proud to be among those involved in the fight.

Who's David and who's Goliath?

By AMNON RUBINSTEIN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Comment

Hardly a week goes by without some representative of Israel's Arab community coming out with a declaration against the very existence of Israel as a Jewish state. None of these declarations is a demand for equal rights for Israeli Arabs or even a call (justifiably) for recognizing them as an integral part of the Arab nation and the Palestinian people. Instead, each and every one of the declarations is an attack on the existence of Israel as the state of the Jewish people.

The latest attack in this series has been launched by MK Talab A-Sana (United Arab List), who has issued a proclamation that recalls the language of UN General Assembly Resolution 3379 (Nov. 10, 1975), which declared that "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination" and was subsequently revoked in Resolution 46/86 on Dec. 16, 1991. A-Sana has stated that Zionism is "in its very essence racist and colonialist" and that such racism will vanish from the country "just as the Turks and the English disappeared."

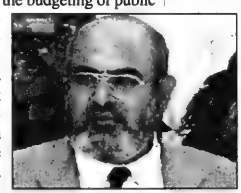
Anyone who is familiar with the characteristic problems of national minorities in other countries – especially in the new democracies that emerged in the wake of the collapse of the Soviet empire – will immediately understand that A-Sana's statement can certainly not be considered the articulation of the aspirations of a national minority.

Such statements would never be made by a representative of the Russian minority in Estonia or the Hungarian minority in Romania or the Czech Republic.

This is the kind of statement that is issued by the representative of a national majority who is addressing a minority group. On various occasions, representatives of Israel's Arab community have actually and explicitly stressed that while the Arabs are a minority in Israel, the State of Israel itself is a minority within a massive Arab-Muslim majority.

These representatives of Israel's Arab population are asserting an undeniable fact: In Israeli society, the Arabs are a minority group that does not yet enjoy substantive, total equality of rights in important areas, such as the budgeting of public services, access to water and land infrastructures and government representation.

From this point of view, Israel's Arabs are truly the other, the different one, who are weak and an "extraordinary case" and whose treatment is a measuring-stick for determining the quality and substance of Israeli society.



Abdul Malek Dahamshe, a United Arab List Knesset member was accused by Israeli police of inciting stone-throwers on the Temple Mount on Sunday. [Isranet]

On the other hand, the Jews of Israel are a small island in an Arab-Muslim ocean. They are the other in the Middle East. The Arab-Muslim ocean does not particularly like islands that are not Arab and Muslim. Christians are in danger everywhere throughout the Arab-Muslim world and their numerical presence in the Middle East is steadily declining.

A war of extermination is being conducted against the non-Muslim minority of southern Sudan, while the Bahais of Iran are suffering persecution. Egypt's Greeks, who constitute a loyal and creative minority group, were the victims of the ethnic cleansing policy pursued by the country's late dictator-president Gamal Abdel Nasser. Meanwhile the Christian state in Lebanon has all but disappeared.

Israel's position is much more difficult than that of these non-Muslim minorities. Unlike the Greeks of Egypt, the Jews of Israel have no other refuge on earth. Unlike the Christians and Bahais of the Middle East, the Jews of Israel are not just a religious minority – their very existence here illustrates the self-determination of a nation that has no other state.

Let us go back to the "prophetic vision" of MK A-Sana: Will Zionism disappear from the Middle East – not like the Turks and English, who had their own respective motherlands, but rather like the Middle East's other non-Muslim minorities that have disappeared or are in the process of disappearing?

The Jewish State of Israel can be destroyed either through war or through the implementation of the Palestinians' demand for the right of return. However, if Israel were to act cautiously and wisely and if it were to forgo non-essential "assets" – such as Jewish settlements in the heart of Arab-Palestinian population centers – in exchange for international backing and domestic solidarity, A-Sana's vision would never materialize. His "prophecy" would thus share the fate of the Arab-Palestinian predictions regarding Israel's collapse in the war that the Palestinians and their Arab brothers and sisters launched against the nascent Jewish state in 1948 – a war in which the results were so tragic for both Arabs and Jews.

A major problem in this context is that the Western world and its media perceive Israel through the prism of its conflict with the Palestinians, a nation that has neither a state nor any political rights. From this particular perspective, Israel looks like Goliath and the Palestinians look like David.

However, if the camera were to be positioned not in front of an Israeli tank, but rather on one of the satellites scanning this region, a different truth altogether would emerge. In the Middle East, Israel is a minority; Israel is David while the Muslim majority is Goliath.

Amnon Rubinstein is an MK and a former Minister of Education in the government of Israel.

Labour Party set to choose new leader

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mideast Analysis

The Labour party will get a new leader in about a month from today. On Sept. 4, the party's central committee will gather at a primary to choose between two candidates: Knesset Speaker Avraham Burg and Defence Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer.

Burg currently leads in the polls, but the outcome is a tossup.

The leadership race was touched off by Ehud Barak's abrupt resignation after losing the Feb. 6 general election to Ariel Sharon, the Likud standard-bearer, by a huge margin.

Barak, who had been leader since the mid-1990s and prime minister since 1999, stepped down after a party revolt last winter.

Barak, who came comparatively close to signing an end-of-conflict agreement with the Palestinians, antagonized some party loyalists, first by calling for the formation of a national unity government with Likud, and then by unilaterally announcing his intention to serve as defence minister under Sharon.

As a result, he was driven from his post, leaving the party effectively leaderless as Labour entered into a national unity government with the Likud, the third since the 1967 Six Day War.

In the wake of these developments, the somewhat left-of-centre Labour party, once Israel's most dominant political force, struggled to regain its footing.

Shortly after Sharon formed his government on March 7, with Labour party stalwarts filling some of its most important positions, Burg and Ben-Eliezer let it be known that they would try to succeed Barak.

They were not the only ones supposedly in the race. Pundits speculated that several of their colleagues – Shimon Peres, Yossi Beilin, Haim Ramon and Shlomo Ben-Ami – would run as well.

Peres, the current foreign minister, has not announced his candidacy, nor is he expected to. At 78, his distinguished career, which stretches back decades, has essentially run its course.

Beilin, the former justice minister and an architect of the 1993 Oslo accords, tried but failed to become acting chair of the Labour party after Barak passed from the scene. His plan was thwarted by its secretary-general, Ra'anan Cohen, a minister in Sharon's government.

Benjamin Ben-Eliezer

Avraham Burg

Ramon withdrew on June 21, candidly admitting that he stood no chance against Burg or Ben-Eliezer, and declined to support either man. Ramon, however, still wants to be prime minister one day. He possesses a wealth of experience, having been health minister in Yitzhak Rabin's post-1992 cabinet and the head of the Histadrut labour federation before that.

Ben-Ami, Barak's last foreign minister, a professor of history and a former ambassador to Spain, pulled out of contention on July 1, sharply criticizing his opponents.

So that leaves Burg and Ben-Eliezer as the sole contenders.

A sabra, Burg is 20 years younger than Ben-Eliezer. Born in 1955, he is the son of the late Yosef Burg, a prime mover of the National Religious Party.

Once a Peace Now activist, Burg was wounded in a grenade attack during a 1983 political demonstration in Jerusalem in which one protester, Emil Grunzweig, was killed.

Elected to the Knesset in 1988, he served on the foreign affairs and defence committee. In 1995, he was elected chair of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization. Two years ago, he was named speaker of the 15th Knesset.

Politically, Burg is something of a dove, and opposed the Labour party's inclusion in the unity government.

Ben-Eliezer, an Iraqi Jew, was an army general and a minister of housing under Rabin.

He is considered relatively hawkish, and urged the Labour party to join Sharon's government.

As defence minister, Ben-Eliezer has taken quite a hard line. Unlike Peres, he has dismissed Arafat as Israel's peace partner and declared that his usefulness has come to an end.

Ben-Eliezer finds himself in a delicate situation. Though a pivotal minister in Sharon's cabinet, Sharon may yet turn out to be his adversary in the next election.

Such are the ironies of politics.

The downplaying – and ignoring – of stories

According to Reports

Are we Canadians getting a sufficiently broad picture of events in the Middle East through the mainstream Western media?

When "the story" of the Middle East is reduced to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as it most often is, other important developments are frequently downplayed or ignored entirely. Some of the major missing stories – such as the status of the Kurds, the Shi'ites in Southern Iraq and the Copts in Egypt, or the Algerians, 100,000 of whom have been killed in a civil war in the last decade – have nothing to do with Israel.

Even broader issues affecting Israel, which have important regional ramifications, such as expanding commercial and military deals with India, the strategic alliance with Turkey, and budding economic ties with the Muslim republics of the former Soviet Union, remain largely ignored. CBC-TV News's fine documentary on the Taliban by Patrick Brown (July 23) was an exception.

Part of the problem is access to the newsmakers, which is easy in Israel, but more difficult in varying degrees in the surrounding regions. Also problematic are the stories that journalists and editors fail to cover. A glaring example is the way various international news outlets mostly ignored July's revelation that despite several months of official denials, the UN finally admitted that it possesses UNIFIL videotaped evidence relating to the Hezbollah kidnapping of three Israeli soldiers last October near the Lebanese border.

Reports of this scandal were big news in Israel, and should have been of interest to the international media, particularly since the reputation of the UN, including its claim of impartiality, was at issue. But *The Economist*, which covers the world comprehensively, mentioned the controversy only in passing; and the *Guardian Weekly*, which provides another major overview of the world, did not mention it at all.

In Canada, only the *National Post* reported on it ("U.S. Puts Squeeze On UN Over Video" by Steven Edwards, July 13), and a couple of Southam newspapers, such as the *Calgary Herald* and *Ottawa Citizen*, commented on it in their editorials. Other major Canadian papers, it appears, were silent.

In the United States, the *New York Times*, the "paper of record," accorded the story only a news digest item on July 7. It was not until July 20 that Clyde Haberman, the *Times*' Jerusalem-based correspondent, incorporated a few paragraphs about the developing scandal in a story concerning the G-8 call for international observers in the territories. These observers might very well belong to the same UN whose forces have proved so ineffective in ensuring compliance with its own terms of peacekeeping in southern Lebanon under Security Council Resolution 425.

Speaking of Lebanon, scant attention has also been paid to growing tensions between that country and Syria, as well as growing tensions between Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Hezbollah.

What will it take to pry open the camera's lens?

July 23

• The media reported that security forces foiled an intended bomb attack Sunday in Haifa. Police said a bomb squad had defused a "very large" device and arrested the Palestinian, a member of the Islamic Jihad, who had planted it near a shopping complex.

July 24

• Uri Gushtzin, 18, from Jerusalem's Pisgat Ze'ev neighbourhood, was murdered by Palestinians. The military wing of Fatah took responsibility for the murder in statements read over loudspeakers during the funeral of a Palestinian youth, Rafat a-Nahal.

• Israel's water commissioner, Shimon Tal, said construction will begin soon on three desalination plants along the coast of the Mediterranean.

July 25

• The Prime Minister's Office has hired a Belgian lawyer to handle a war crimes lawsuit filed against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon over his alleged role in the 1982 Sabra and Shatila massacre in Lebanon.

• The Knesset passed a bill that will open Israel's communications market, including cable and the Internet, to competition.

July 26

• Israeli and Egyptian sources denied a report that Egypt is considering political and economic sanctions against Israel.

• Ronen Landau, 17, of Givat Ze'ev, was killed by Palestinian terrorists who shot at the vehicle he was travelling in with his father and brother near Jerusalem.

July 27

• Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, the leader of over 75 million Anglican Christians worldwide, arrived on a three-day visit to Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

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by Ellene Newman and Hallel Newman

Brothers
a folktale

Arnon surveyed the valley below him, as the full ears of wheat swayed in the breeze. This year's crop had been very successful. The abundance of wheat was far more than he needed. If only there was someone he could share it with. But there was nobody. Arnon had never married. He lived in solitude. A sadness descended on him as he cut the wheat he would never need.

Wait! My brother! My brother Jared on the other side of the mountain has a wife and ten children to feed. Surely he needs wheat! As Arnon bundled the stalks together, he realized he hadn't really spoken with Jared for many years. He counted the sheaves of wheat. There were 267 in all. That night, he silently crossed the mountain.... *Jared would be too proud to accept charity.* Arnon quickly deposited five bundles into Jared's stack, and stealthily returned.

That same day, Jared too was thinking about his brother. *For 20 years Arnon has lived by himself. It's a shame I've never really had much to do with him since I got married. I've devoted so much time to my wife and children that I've ignored him. I wish we could be closer, like we used to be. Maybe I should just approach him, and...no, it's been too long.*

He finished counting his sheaves. There were 489. *That should be more than enough for my family. My family. And what about Arnon? Living a hermit's existence, all alone. He must be so lonely. Maybe I could give him something.* That night, he too crossed the mountain, quietly leaving five bundles behind before he furtively returned.

The next morning Jared put the remaining sheaves into his granary, counting them again just to make sure. *487, 488, 489? That's what I had before I gave Arnon five! Am I making a mistake? Did I really give them to him? Maybe I was dreaming or something. Tonight, I'll bring them over.*

Arnon also was mystified when he recounted his sheaves. *I thought I gave Jared five last night! Maybe I became confused and brought them back or something. I'll bring them back over tonight.*

That night, clouds obscured the moon. In darkness, Arnon carefully crossed the mountain again, gently placing the sheaves in his brother's yard. Unbeknownst to him, Jared was on Arnon's side of the mountain, giving him an identical gift. As the two of them returned to their homes in darkness, neither of them realized he had passed the other.

At dawn the next day, Arnon walked outside...and there were the five sheaves, in front of his house! *This was too much!* He grabbed them and began ascending the mountain for a third time...

Jared, too, was astounded to find his stalks again. He, too, picked them up and began the climb.

As the sun rose, the two brothers met at the top of the mountain. They saw the sheaves in each others' arms and they suddenly understood everything.

"Jared?"

"Arnon?"

They dropped their bundles and embraced. And God looked down at the mountain, Mount Moriah, where in the future the holy city of Jerusalem would be built, and knew this would one day be the site of His Temple.

MATCHING

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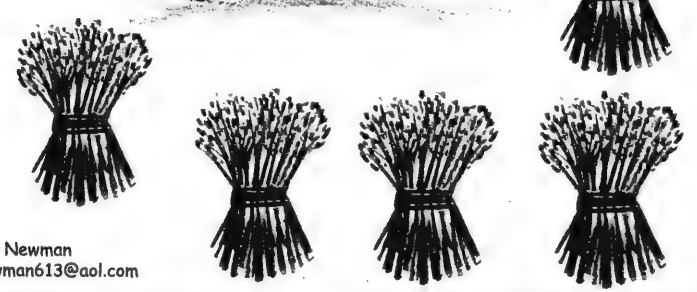

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A Cinderella love story of honour and insight

LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

One interesting thing that you realize when you read a lot of books, especially books for children, is that you see a lot of the same themes repeated over and over.

(A theme is the idea behind the story – what the writer is really trying to say).

The Way Meat Loves Salt, by Nina Jaffe, illustrated by Louise August (Henry Holt, first edition 1998, reprinted) is a combination of Cinderella, where a poor, badly treated girl becomes a princess; *King Lear*, a play by a man named William Shakespeare, about a foolish king who asks his daughters how much they love him; and an old Jewish folk tale.

People in India, Europe and Africa also have versions of the same story.

In *The Way Meat Loves Salt*, a rabbi in a small town in Poland decides that he has a problem. He knows how much he loves his three daughters, especially his youngest one, Mireleh, but he doesn't know how much they love him (we may realize that there are a lot more serious things to worry about, but he must have be very silly man).

When he can't find the answer in the Talmud or other holy books, he decides to ask them.

His oldest daughter, Reyzeleh, says that she loves him as much as diamonds. His second daughter answers as much as gold and silver. Needless to say, he likes those answers.

But when he comes to his youngest daughter, his favorite, she says that she loves him "the way meat loves salt."

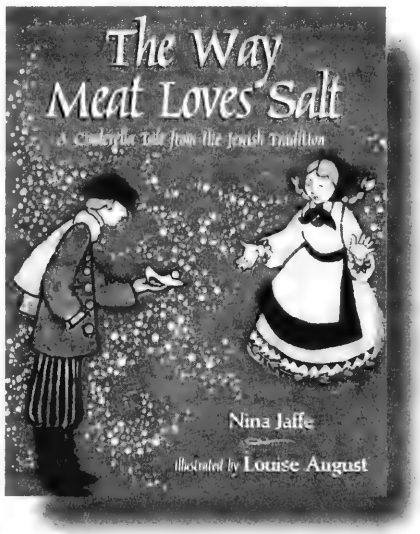
The rabbi becomes furious, and throws her out of the house, telling her never to return.

Poor Mireleh runs away, and cries because she doesn't know what to do. Suddenly, an old man appears, and, because she she has always been a kind child, tells her to go to the home of Rabbi Yitskhok ben Levi, the scholar of Lublin. He also gives her a magic stick.

The rabbi's family, who are very kind, take her in, even though she is crying, dirty and looks like a beggar.

The next day, the family goes to a wedding in Cracow. Mireleh decides she wants to go too, so she taps her magic stick, and asks for a a beautiful dress, flowers for her hair, and satin slippers.

When she gets to the wedding, everyone wonders who the beautiful girl is. The rabbi's son falls in love with her.



Because she won't tell him who she is, and he doesn't recognize her as the beggar girl, he puts tar on the step of the house. Sure enough, when she leaves, one of her shoes gets stuck.

Just like in the Cinderella story, the rabbi's son declares he will only marry the girl whose shoe it is. You can figure out what happens.

But the story goes on in this book. When the family is preparing the wedding, she tells the cooks not to put any salt in the food. Her father comes, and finds the food really awful. He realizes that Mireleh really did love him after all.

In King Lear, the King also realizes that the youngest daughter truly loves him, because when the other sisters abandon him and treat him badly, she takes him in.

It would be interesting to try to find other stories that have the same themes as *The Way Meat Loves Salt* does. You might go to your library, and ask the librarian there.

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Seniors Scene

Rokitno survivors hold reunion after 57 years

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Five people who survived the Holocaust in a makeshift shelter in a Ukrainian forest were reunited recently in Toronto for the first time since they were liberated by the Russians in April 1944.

The five are the only remaining survivors of an original group of ten women and children from Rokitno, a town in the Volhynian district of Ukraine, who lived in the forest for nearly two years. Although several now live in Toronto, they had never all gotten together until last month, to coincide with the visit of one survivor, Chaim Bar Or, a retired Egged bus driver from Haifa.

"If you can picture a group of grown-up people crying like babies, that's what it was like," says Larry Gamulka, a retired English teacher.

Gamulka was seven years old the day the Germans and Ukrainians rounded up the Jews in Rokitno's market square. Instead of counting the Jews as they pretended they would, the soldiers began to slaughter the Jews with machine-guns. Amidst the pandemonium, some people, including Gamulka and his mother, Gitel, managed to run behind some cattle cars from a freight train, and escape into the woods.

Deep within the forest, ten refugees built a lean-to for shelter. Aided by some partisans, they enlarged the lean-to into a crude construction known in Ukrainian as a *kurin*, or "smoker." It is essentially a low dug-out with earthen walls, and a roof made of branches with a hole to allow the smoke from a fire to escape. This became their home for nearly two years.

"In the summer we would pick berries in the woods, which were plentiful. The fall and winter were tough," Gamulka recalls.

"At night, my mother and the older people would go out to the nearest village (five kilometres away) and beg. They would literally knock on doors at the peasants' houses and beg for something to eat. Sometimes they would get a potato, sometimes they would be chased away...Some peasants were very kind – they themselves didn't have much to eat, but they would give a few potatoes once in a while."

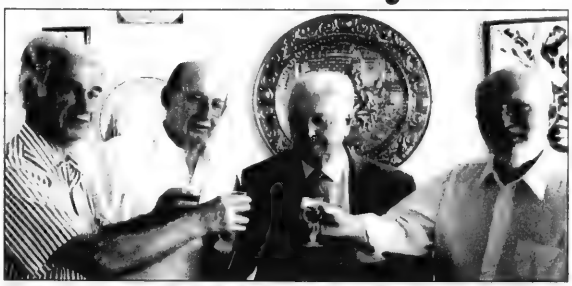
They had no matches, so they had to keep the fire going, day and night, season after season. They had no axe, and had to break the branches off the trees by hand. They had no shoes, and had to go barefoot, even in the snow. They were half-starved, and infested with lice and scabies. Their clothes were rags.

"Sometimes," Gamulka says, "we had visitors – wolves." Then he explains: "The only way to get rid of them was [by] burning pieces of wood. They don't approach you if you have fire in your hand."

Two of their party, Dvoshil Svetchnik and her daughter, Henya, died of dysentery and hunger. "We buried them in the woods. It was an experience that all of us still live with."

After the Russians liberated the surviving members of the group, their paths diverged dramatically. Lave Svetchnik went to Israel, where he took the name Haim Bar Or. Samuel Levin also settled in Israel, while his brother, Alex Levin, became a captain in the Russian army. Both later relocated to Toronto.

Taibele Wasserman, who was three years old in the forest, also went to Israel, where she became Yona Bronberg. She later came to Toronto. Her mother and sister, Rachel and Bluma Wasserman, survived the forest and settled in Israel. Both are now deceased. Niuka Kokel, who was 13 years old at the time, died after the war.



From left: Alexander Levin, Haim Bar Or, Samuel Levinson and Lawrence Gamulka. Absent: Yona Bromberg.

After liberation, Gamulka and his mother went to Bytom, a town in Silesia, and lived briefly in Linz, Austria before coming to Canada in March of 1948 and settling in Montreal. Although he did not speak English upon his arrival, Gamulka eventually attained an MA in English literature, and worked as an English teacher. A husband, father and grandfather, he lost his mother in 1994, and moved to Toronto after his retirement.

Gamulka says that three of the survivors found each other after reading an article about one of them that appeared several years ago in *The Canadian Jewish News*.

"The four men all have memories from the forest, but the little girl (Taibele), who was only three, doesn't have any memories.

"The happy news is that the five of us have made very good lives for ourselves," he says. "We've managed. We enjoy life."

Out of Rokitno's roughly 2,000 Jews, only 200 or so survived the war, Gamulka says. His father, who was in the Russian army, was captured by the Germans and killed because he was Jewish.

Gamulka's wife, Ala, has been helping to translate the yizkorbuch, or memorial book, for Rokitno from Yiddish into English. "It's the most fascinating kind of work you can do," she says.

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Health & Lifestyles

Weizmann scientist helps in 'breakthrough'

TORONTO — The FDA recently approved the revolutionary new anti-cancer drug called Gleevec, and the announcement was greeted with particular satisfaction at the world headquarters of the Israel Research Cancer Fund (ICRF).

One of the scientists who played a key role in the research that led to this breakthrough treatment for chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) and other cancers was Dr. Eli Canaani of Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science. His work has been financially supported for many years by the Israel Cancer Research Fund.

"Final FDA approval of Gleevec, manufactured by the Norvartis Company, although unusually swift, represented the fruits of decades of research on the molecular biology of cancer by many...scientists set on identification and characterization of mutations which cause cancer — an area where Dr. Canaani has been a true pioneer," said Dr. Yashar Hirshaut, president of ICRF.

Canaani, he explained, together with Drs. Robert Gale and Emma Shtivelman, and other researchers including Dr. John Groffen of the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Owen Witte of the UCLA Medical School and Dr. David Baltimore, president of CalTech, discovered the molecular consequences of the formation of the so-called Philadelphia chromosome, a well-known marker for CML.

Working independently, these researchers demonstrated that the Philadelphia chromosome, which results from swapping portions of chromosomes 9 and 11, encodes a novel protein composed of elements of the *abl* and *bcr* proteins derived from chromosomes 9 and 11, respectively. The new protein, which is in essence an uncontrolled form of *abl*, incorporates into the cellular signaling machinery to directly initiate CML.

Gleevec, long known by its chemical compound number, STI-571, effectively binds to and blocks the action of this CML-specific protein. In the clinical trials for the FDA, patients went into remission within weeks. Ninety percent saw their blood counts revert to normal, and 13 percent saw all cancerous cells disappear.

Gleevec is one of the first examples of a whole new class of anti-cancer drugs targeted against specific proteins. In contrast to other types which harm any individual cell, healthy or not, Gleevec appears to kill only the cells producing the dangerous, CML-specific protein. Although Gleevec will initially be used to treat CML and a rare form of stomach tumor, the researchers see great potential for its use against other major cancers.

The Israel Cancer Research Fund is the largest single source of private funds for cancer research in Israel. It is the only voluntary charitable organization in North America solely devoted to supporting innovative cancer research in Israel. Founded in 1975, ICRF has awarded 1,269 grants valued at $23.91 million to fund cancer research at all of Israel's major health research institutions.

For additional information about the Israel Cancer Research Fund, please call the national office at 212-969-9800.

Jewish-themed plays presented at Fringe Festival

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A non-Jewish grandmother who was an Oscar nominee as Mother Superior in *Lillies of the Field* and who, with her Jewish husband, narrowly escaped arrest by the Nazis in Vienna, asked her granddaughter to write a part for her.

Libby Skala fulfilled that request, but not until after her grandmother, Lilia Skala, died in Bayshore, Long Island, at age 98. The 90-minute play, titled *Lila!*, was presented in the Fringe Festival at the Poor Alex Theatre.

Using simple props and a change of facial expression, Libby played both herself and her grandmother in the one-woman drama.

"My director, Gabriel Barre, felt that my first version was reasonable, but too safe, without risk. He wanted to know what made me tick as well as my grandmother. I wrote five new scenes, one in which I have to give up a treasured sweater. It made me and my grandmother both stronger."

The rewriting came after Libby first presented *Lila!* at the Kelowna, B.C., Fringe Festival in 1999 and at the Winnipeg and London, Ont., festivals last year. In fact, the play has been produced more often in Canada than in the United States, where Libby, who lives in New York and spends her holidays in Canada, presented vignettes and scenes from a work in progress.

"At 98, my grandmother was sharp as a tack, sharper than many young people. She used to visit our home near Stamford, Conn., every month and spend an hour each time alone with my sister Emily and me. She encouraged me to become a writer, but my focus right now is on acting."

Libby said her grandmother, a Czech, was an illegitimate child who married a Jewish man. They had to use their wits to escape the Nazis, and at that time, they changed their name to Skala, her grandmother's maiden name.

"At one point, my grandfather, who had seen all kinds of abuses against prisoners in Vienna, said he would head for the border and take a chance, instead of remaining in prison."

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David Chayim Eden, 39, adapted *Life After God*, from a short story by Douglas Coupland, who wrote *Generation X*, although Coupland didn't think his short story was long enough.

"People are welcome to do what they like," Coupland told Eden, who lined up at a book signing at Harbourfront last year.

"He [Coupland] was incredibly generous and didn't want to see my script. He is a very shy man," Eden said.

Eden, who was raised in Dundas near Hamilton, but now lives in Toronto, played all nine characters in *Life After God* at the Fringe Festival, including the main one, Scout, "a man who never really grew up."

The play deals with people who have not had a religious upbringing "and have nothing to fall back on when times get tough." Scout is one such person. He runs off to a tent on Vancouver Island to try to get in touch with his real emotions, instead of experiencing emotions dependent on anti-depression pills.

Eden hasn't made up his mind whether he is more interested in acting, directing or writing, but makes his living doing theatre administration jobs while he works part-time on his MA in drama at University of Toronto.

He directed *The Occupation of Heather Rose* in Victoria and an earlier version of *Life After God* at the London Fringe Festival.

Previously, he wrote *If You Asked Me*, a one-act play about a woman with Alzheimer's disease performed at the Robert Gill Theatre. *Life After God*, directed by Jordan Merkur, is being presented at Fringe festivals in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Victoria and Vancouver later this summer, and Eden hopes Coupland will see it in his hometown of Vancouver.

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Playwright Ron Fromstein, 28, of Toronto was so "overwhelmed" by the Trans-Canada highway, (5,500 kilometres), "the longest road in the world," that he wrote a series of plays about it.

One of them, *B-Sides and Off-Roads*, was presented at the Factory Theatre, and he hopes to remount it later. One of the six characters, who all deliver monologues, is a woman who likes to visit truck stops, intent on finding the trucker who fathered her baby.

Another is a Mountie who is so isolated at his prairie station that he keeps a suspect in custody for company.

Marni Shuster, who sings a welcome to the highway, plays a busker. Another character is a hitchhiker.

Fromstein said the highway is not honoured in art, songs or short stories and is undervalued as a symbol of national unity.

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In a one-woman Fringe play at the Poor Alex, Cayle Chernin, of Toronto, co-author with director Ned Vuckovic of an adaptation of Erica Jong's *Fear of Flying*, uses the words of Jong's well-known feminist novel to act out the sexual freedom of the modern woman.

A native of Glace Bay, N.S., Chernin plays an insecure adventuress in an uninhibited, erotic and funny investigation of female fantasies and realities.

Filmmaker is obsessed with Israel

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Igal Hecht, a young Toronto-based filmmaker, writer, director and producer, has got chutzpah. He's got so much moxy, in fact, that he says Jewish film festivals have refused to accept his latest film, *Camels of Nahor*, because they claim the story line and conclusion are too controversial and offensive to certain Jews.

"The last thing I wanted to do was offend anybody, but by refusing to accept the film, they are are refusing to accept that a problem exists within the Jewish community," says Hecht, whose 45-minute film has been accepted to the 2001 New York International Independent Film and Video festival.

Camels of Nahor is a love story about Aryeh Cohen, a secular Jew who falls in love with Hadasa Green, the daughter of an Orthodox rabbi. When their relationship is discovered a scandal ensues.

The film explores the misconceptions the two communities have about each other, and aims to show that "a narrow frame of mind needs to be averted."

Though *Camels of Nahor* is told from a secular point of view, Hecht says he spoke to many Orthodox Jews to ensure his portrayal of the community would be accurate.

Loosely based on a true story, Hecht says he has strong personal connections to all his films, and that he was drawn to the theme because of the rift that exists between secular and Orthodox Jews.

"In Israel this is a major problem – perhaps the second biggest problem facing Israel next to the Palestinian conflict," says Hecht.

"There are some secular Jews who feel that Orthodox Jews don't exist within the frame of Zionist Israel."

Born in Israel, Hecht moved to Toronto when he was 12 years old. He became involved in film at the age of 14 when he enrolled in the media program at Newtonbrook high school. After attending the Humber film school for a year, he went to Israel where he shot *Voices of Israel*, a short documentary that deals with events from the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin to the current Palestinian conflict.

Returning to Toronto, Hecht attended a two-year radio and television program at the Seneca College School of Communication Art.

Then, last year, Hecht established Chutzpa Productions. *Camels of Nahor* will be put out under that name.

The opportunity to make *Camels of Nahor* arose when a teacher at Seneca allowed everyone in the graduating class to make a 21-minute film.

With a six-member crew and 12 actors, the film was shot in Thornhill and North York in early January. Hecht wrote the script and also acted as producer, director, editor and set designer, but says he can't take all the credit.

"I was blessed with a wonderful crew who endured 30° weather to make the film."

In the immediate future, Hecht, who says that he's "obsessed with Israel" and is only interested in writing and producing films that deal with Judaism and Israel, will be making a documentary about Jewish dating and assimilation. He is also completing his first feature-length script, titled *Canadian Falafel*.

"I can only make films about Jewish contemporary life, the Jewish secular world and Israel – these are the only things that interest me."

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Eye on Arts

By BILL GLADSTONE

SUMMER LITERARY COLUMN, PART I

In 1859 a London literary professor, **David Masson**, made a notable attempt to classify the novel, which was still a relatively young phenomenon, into distinct categories or genres.

Influenced by **Aristotle**, Masson mapped out 13 different categories of novel. As if anticipating the work of **Northrop Frye** a century later, he also presented a unified theory of literary expression.

Although Masson's categorization seems eccentric to us today – his genres included novels about London, novels about Scotland, and fictional travelogue narratives set in more exotic locales – modern readers may better appreciate his observations on the enormity of the burgeoning literary sphere into which he was attempting to inject some order.

By 1860, spurred on by the rise of train travel and cheap serialized editions that were sold in stations, the English novel had attained an unprecedented acceptance and popularity. By Masson's estimate, at least two new novels were appearing in London each week. In an almost Darwinian sense, they competed for commercial survival on bookstalls already overcrowded with travelogues, histories and memoirs.

Masson reasoned that it was impossible for a reader to keep up with new works. The sphere of literary creation was simply too vast. Any serious lover of literature needed, therefore, some schema or map of the type that he was presenting in order to assess what was important to read.

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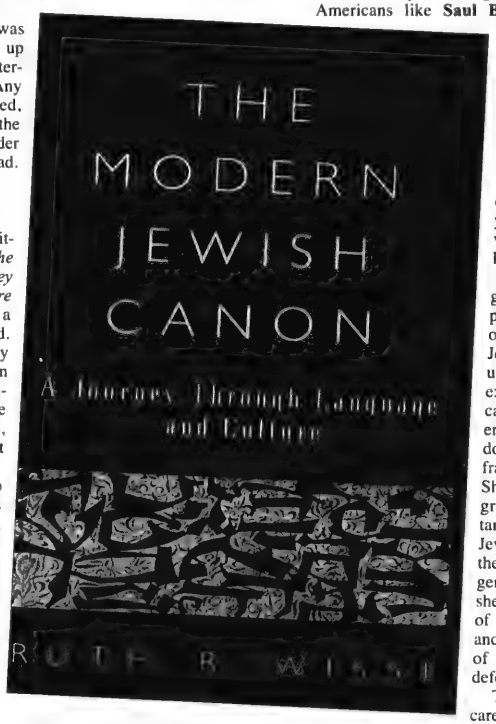
For readers of modern Jewish literature, **Ruth R. Wisse**, in *The Modern Jewish Canon: A Journey Through Language and Culture* (Free Press, 2000) presents such a schema as Masson had envisioned. Paralleling a more recent work by **Harold Bloom** on modern Western literature in general, Wisse's contribution is a welcome and perceptive roadmap that will inspire readers, myself included, to search out neglected titles.

Not surprising, according to Wisse, the Jewish **Shakespeare** is none other than **Sholem Aleichem**, whose comical sufferer Tevye the Dairyman she makes the focus of the first chapter.

Wisse calls the Tevye novels "the most inexhaustible work of modern Jewish fiction" and asserts that Tevye's struggle "anticipates most of modernity's challenges to Jewry, albeit in somewhat milder form ...."

Succeeding chapters focus on pre-Shoah European writers, such as **Franz Kafka**, who wrote in non-Jewish languages; Russian writers like **Isaac Babel** and **Vasily Grossman**, around the time of the Revolution; and the trio from the **Singer** family of Warsaw (**Israel Joshua**, **Isaac Bashevis** and **Hinde-Esther Kreitman**) who concentrated on Poland of the 1930s.



Later chapters deal with **Anne Frank's** and other testimonies that emerged in various languages from the cauldron of the Holocaust; Zionism as it is depicted in English literature, from **George Eliot's** *Daniel Deronda* to **A.M. Klein's** *The Second Scroll*; American immigrant fiction from 1900 to 1950; and post-immigration-generation Americans like **Saul Bellow**, **Cynthia Ozick** and **Philip Roth** who have moved beyond the theme of alienation and being strangers in a strange land. The final chapter examines the young and vibrant field of Israeli literature.

Wisse struggles with the perennial riddle of how to define a Jewish writer, and ultimately excludes from the canon those writers who lack a predominantly Jewish frame of reference. She celebrates the growing importance of English to Jewish literature in the post-Holocaust generation, just as she does the theme of return to Israel and the resumption of Jewish self-defence.

To anyone who cares about Jewish letters, this outline of the contours of a vast body of work is invigorating and refreshing. Wisse's perceptiveness illuminates not only our literature, but ourselves.

More literary musings follow in Part II of this column, next week.

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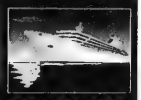

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Jewish life along the River Po

By MYRIAM SHECHTER
Special to The CJN

FERRARA, Italy — Between the mountains of Northern Italy and the enchanting Tuscany region, the River Po makes its way towards the Adriatic Sea, ending up in a majestic delta south of Venice.

Lined up along its meandering course are the "golden towns" of the Po Valley: Cremona, resounding with the sweet sounds of the Stradivarius violins; Parma, the favourite adopted home of Verdi; Mantova, of Rigoletto and Virgil fame; Padova, the site of one of Europe's oldest universities; and finally Ferrara, at one time rivaling mighty Venice herself: a town of art, magnificent palaces, shaded alleys and fair gardens, with a rich history and a bustling cosmopolitan present.

My husband, Robert, a travel photographer, and I arrived in Ferrara on a bright spring day. We proceeded to visit the requisite tourist sites, starting with the imposing 14th century Estense Castle, of the Este family, its red walls dominating Ferrara's medieval city on one side and its Renaissance counterpart on the other, and surrounded by 500-year-old city walls and huge parks and golf courses.

A vibrant and attractive town of about 133,000 people, Ferrara is also the site of one of Italy's most important medieval Jewish communities. As we made our way through the cobblestoned streets, we noticed signs of the town's Jewish past. The elegant 12th century Romanesque Gothic cathedral dedicated to St. George had two discreet Magen Davids on its facade, so discreet, in fact, that even our local tour guide was surprised by my noticing them. Perhaps, we thought, a Jewish artisan had left his secret imprint upon this very Catholic structure. (I have seen similar "signatures" in Spanish cathedrals, left there by converso artisans, most notably in Toledo.)

Just across from the cathedral, we faced the statue of the Duke Borso d'Este, whose column had been built from the tombstones of the two Jewish cemeteries; images of the original Hebrew inscriptions are kept in the archives of the Jewish Museum of Ferrara.

Walking through the Piazza delle Erbe – the medieval herb market – we stepped right into the old Jewish ghetto, within the triangle formed by the current Via Mazzini, Via San Romano and Via Vittoria, a maze of narrow alleys and medieval houses.

From about 1100 CE, the story of Ferrara was closely intertwined with that of its Jewish community. First settling next to the fortified walls, the ever-growing community soon moved into the heart of the medieval town.

For centuries, Ferrara was at the confluence of three Jewish immigration currents: from Rome, from Germany and from Spain; in 1492, Ercole I d'Este invited the Sephardi Jews expelled from Spain, thus acquiring for his city the advantages of the Sephardi culture.

The Jews fared much better in Italy than in the rest of Europe and, accordingly, Jews in the Ferrara community were represented in a wide range of occupations, including such famous individuals as Abramo Usque, who produced the *Ferrara Bible*, and Isacco Lampronti di Ferrara, who wrote the famous talmudic encyclopedia *Pahad Izchak*.

Between 1627 and 1859, the Ferrara Jews were restricted to the ghetto, a self-sufficient small town within the larger one. With a population of about 1,800, the ghetto had its synagogues, schools and old age homes.

In 1848, King Carlo Alberto proclaimed the emancipation of the Italian Jews, granting them equal rights. The gates of the ghettos were opened – Rome being the last one in 1871 – and the Jews assumed their "rightful place" in society. Within the next century, the Ferrara community produced its own luminaries, such as Joseph Bassani who lived in, and wrote about, Ferrara.

Today, the old ghetto area, with its small attractive stores and refurbished colourful houses, is an essential part of the itinerary of all guided tours.

We had the honour of receiving a personal guided tour of the Ferrara synagogue – an unassuming three story building with green shutters and an arched doorway flanked by two large commemorative plaques – from the leader of the Jewish community, Rabbi Luciano Caro. Though we had arrived just as the rabbi was leaving, he invited us in and shared with us – in the common language of Hebrew – its and the community's history.

The synagogue building, which was donated to the community in 1485, included three congregations: Italian, Ashkenazi and Sephardi. The Italian synagogue was destroyed in 1944 by the fascists; once a Beit Knesset Hagadol, it is now used for festivities and special occasions.

The building, or rather the complex of buildings, includes the Jewish Museum, which offers general community information as well as guided tours of the synagogue and the ghetto.

After the war, the building was not deemed worthy of restoring as the community had shrunk considerably. People had left over the years, looking for work elsewhere, and after the Holocaust took its heavy toll, few people returned. Currently, there are about 100 Jews in Ferrara, mostly older people.

Rabbi Caro led us to the building's second floor, where a small synagogue is open for regular services, and also serves as a school for the five or six Jewish children in the town.

He then led us up and down a few flights of stairs to the former Ashkenazi synagogue. Beautifully kept, with polished wooden benches and gleaming brass candelabra, the synagogue is used only for the High Holy Days. An old plaque on the wall, dated 1652, states that the community had to pay the church a certain amount of monies each year, otherwise they would be chased away.

"It was a famous and large community," Rabbi Caro said. A "travelling" rabbi, he is in Ferrara three days a week, from Friday to Sunday, providing religious services on Shabbat, as well as instruction for the young people, and whatever else the community needs. He also conducts services in Parma and Mantova.

The Jewish ghetto in Ferrara. [Robert Shechter photo]

As we said our goodbyes to Rabbi Caro and had a last look at the synagogue, I thought of the two Magen Davids gracing the cathedral. Yes, the Jewish community of Ferrara must have been truly a notable one.

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Business Profile

Frozen yogurt kings bask in their success

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Frozen yogurt hasn't been the same since Michael and Aaron Serruya spotted an opportunity and filled a niche.

Fifteen years ago this month, they introduced Canada to Yogen Früz, the little company that has morphed into a conglomerate.

Starting with one modest store in the Promenade Mall in Thornhill, Ont., the brothers expanded frenetically, and now reportedly control about 85 percent of the frozen yogurt market in Canada.

"I sit back and pinch myself," said Michael Serruya, who originated the concept when he was still a graphic arts student at Toronto's Ryerson University.

"It's a dream come true," he said in a recent interview, speaking on behalf of his brothers.

Now 36, he conceived the idea when he realized that there was an untapped market for frozen yogurt in this country. The product was gaining immense popularity in the United States, and Serruya figured it could also be a hit in Canada.

Yogen Früz is and has been very much of a family affair.

Aaron joined forces with his big brother when he was still in junior high school. Samuel, their father, the proprietor of a computer typesetting business, provided the pivotal loan that enabled the brothers to open their first prototype outlet. There was only one caveat: they would have to join Samuel's company in the event of failure.

As it was, Yogen Früz was a phenomenal success. "The numbers were three, four times greater than we had anticipated," said Serruya. "We were inundated with requests for franchises."

In 1987, the Serruyas opened their first franchised outlet in a shopping mall in London, Ont. Within two years, 100 outlets, nearly all in malls, had sprouted up.

Typically, Yogen Früz locations are built on a turnkey philosophy. The Serruyas build the shop and supply the hardware. The franchisee pays the cost of leasehold improvements and buys the equipment from them.

Today, with 4,900 locations in 82 countries, including Israel and the Arab world and soon to be North Korea, Yogen Früz is a corporate colossus – the world's largest franchisor and licensor of stores serving primarily hardpack frozen yogurt.

Thanks to a rapid expansion program kicked off with the acquisition of Yogurty's in 1991, the company, renamed CoolBrands International Inc. about a year ago, began selling ice cream, smoothies, cakes, pies and hot and cold non-alcoholic beverages.

And as a result of long-term manufacturing, marketing and distribution agreements with companies like Tropicana, Betty Crocker, Trix, Yoplait, Colombo, Lucky Charms, Yoo Hoo, Bresler's, Java Coast Fine Coffees and Swensen's Ice Cream, Cool Brands has become a behemoth in terms of revenues and reach.

Now a public company with a market value of $125 million, CoolBrands is run by a triumvirate.

Michael Serruya is chair of CoolBrands while Aaron Serruya, 33, is president and chief executive officer of Yogen Früz Canada and senior vice-president of international operations. Simon Serruya, 30, who came aboard at a later stage, is CoolBrands' vice-president of operations in Canada.

The Serruyas own roughly 41 percent of the stock.

With its headquarters in Markham, Ont., CoolBrands – expected to generate worldwide revenues of approximately $200 million in 2001 – is proudly Canadian. Yet its three plants are in the United States, which accounts for 92 percent of total sales.

Of CoolBrands' 4,900 Yogen Früz outlets, which registered $1.2 billion in sales in fiscal 2000, some 250 are in Canada, nine in Israel and six in Lebanon. The Serruyas own some 100 outlets, mainly in the United States.

Michael Serruya (centre) and his brothers, Aaron (right) and Simon.

Future plans call for setting up 150 Yogen Früz stores throughout the Middle East, of which Israel would have 20 to 25 and the United Arab Emirates three.

Come September, CoolBrands will penetrate North Korea, the reclusive, rigidly Communist state where few companies dare to venture.

Acutely aware that starvation has devastated North Korea in recent years, the Serruyas have targeted prosperous South Korean tourists who frequent North Korean summer resorts.

That CoolBrands has a virtual monopoly of the Canadian frozen yogurt market is a tribute to the brothers' savvy and drive.

Shortly after Yogen Früz appeared on the scene, American competitors moved into Canada, smarting to take over.

No pushovers, the Serruyas beat them at their own game, scooping up prime coast-to-coast triple-A mall locations before their competitors knew what hit them.

The Serruyas subscribe to the belief that if they stay the course, they can vanquish their foes. "You have to be strong, unwavering and passionate about your dream," explained Serruya. "That's what helped us during difficult times."

When they launched Yogen Früz, their youthfulness was a drawback, landlords being somewhat leery of their lack of experience, but by dint of resourcefulness and punishing 80-hour work weeks, the Serruyas won their confidence.

"We built this business from the ground up," boasted Serruya.

Scions of Moroccan Jews from Tangiers who settled in Canada in 1966, the Serruyas believe they have not reached the limits of their growth.

"There are still tremendous opportunities to grow," said Serruya, the father of three children. His wife Orna is expecting a fourth child in October.

Last year, in what he considers its most important acquisition to date, CoolBrands bought Eskimo Pie, an American icon brand available in 32,000 supermarkets in the United States.

"It is our crown jewel. It has catapulted us into a different stratosphere. It will double our size."

As Serruya tells it, CoolBrands purchased Eskimo Pie after a protracted battle. "They did everything in their power to keep us out, but we overcame the board and management and won over the stockholders."

Having pulled off this coup, the Serruyas are poised to become even bigger global players. Now they are aiming to be the largest ice cream company in North America and, thus, the world. Currently, CoolBrands lags behind Nestle and Unilever, but things could change.

As Serruya put it: "We're well positioned to succeed. We've managed to get this far on limited resources. Today, we're stronger than we have ever been."

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KATZ, Shmuel - on July 4, 2001, late of 6250 Bathurst St.
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REES, Lynette Geraldine - on July 4, 2001, late of 101 Pond Dr.
LEDERER, Vojtech - on July 6, 2001, late of 5785 Yonge St.
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LAZAR, Elizabeth - on July 14, 2001, late of 211 Spring Gate Blvd.
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Grassroots missions to Israel planned

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Palestinians launched an uprising against Israel in the wake of the failed Camp David negotiations last summer.

Committee organizers say they have good reason to believe reducing the cost will entice visitors to Israel. Air Canada, they point out, has occasionally offered return flights to Israel for $650 for those who booked on the Internet. Last May, Kaplan, owner of Israel's The Judaica Centre, travelled on one of those flights – which was full – as did committee member Joy Zigelman. The two bumped into each other in the Geulah neighborhood of Jerusalem and remarked to each other that the normally bustling area was devoid of tourists. Visitors to Yad Vashem, which is usually teeming with tourists, said the place seemed deserted, Zigelman added.

At the time, Kaplan told Zigelman that, "I want to go back and find some creative way to link the State of Israel with the Jewish people."

Back in Toronto, Kaplan met with Friedmann, Zigelman, his long-time friend George Meister and Gabriel Erem. The ISI committee was formed, and about eight weeks ago, it published its first promotional flyer offering an "unprecedented once-in-a-lifetime price and mitzvah" to Israel.

'Designed to send a very clear message to Arafat and the enemies of Israel'

The solidarity mission was "designed to reverse the damaging and demoralizing trend of Israel travel cancellations and send a very clear message to [Palestine Authority President Yasser] Arafat and the enemies of Israel, Never Again," the leaflet stated.

Although neither a price nor a departure date was mentioned, public response to the flyer was immediate and enthusiastic, Meister said.

"People are calling us not for information, but they're asking us to put them on waiting lists right now," he said. Further publicity should raise the program's profile even more so that it becomes "a household discussion," he added.

The program became viable when a philanthropist pledged $1 million towards its cost.

"That opened the door to other philanthropists," Meister said, and now "we're getting strong support from very high profile people in the Jewish community."

Meister was optimistic other substantial donors would come forward, but he declined to identify them or their pledge amounts.

ISI has also partnered with two American organizations – Walk4Israel and the Israel Emergency Solidarity Fund – that are strong supporters of the Jewish state.

The first group on an ISI mission will depart on an El Al jumbo jet. Normally El Al, which is co-operating with the effort, flies 767s with about 200 seats on the Toronto-Tel Aviv route. Putting a jumbo on the route adds some 220 seats.

El Al spokesman Stanley Morais said "we're working in tandem with them. We think it's an excellent idea."

He said that as more people book to go on the missions, El Al will do its best to juggle its fleet to accommodate the added passenger traffic.

The project also has the support of the Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO), which will join ISI in "spreading the word" through a promotional campaign, said Rebecca Gluck, the IGTO's public relations manager. "We're very proud to see this display of support. From our perspective, there's no better way of supporting Israel than by going there."

Although solidarity missions to Israel are a regular feature of Jewish communal life, they are generally sponsored by central organizations like UJA Federation.

Participants in a recent Federation mission were asked to pay $1,795 and pledge $500 to the 2002 campaign.

Howard English, director of marketing and communications for the Federation in Toronto, said "anything the community can do to get more people to Israel is important, within certain financial parameters. We would like to get people to go to Israel who would otherwise not go."

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Canadians back from Maccabiah with 28 medals, countless memories

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — With suicide bombs going off far too regularly, the 16th Maccabiah Games in Israel came within a hair's breadth of not happening at all.

But in the end, a smaller Canadian team returned from a shortened version of the Games with 28 hard-earned medals in hand and all the prouder for having come to Israel when Diaspora support was needed most.

"There was a level of emotionalism we've never seen before," reported Maccabi Canada president and team Chef de Mission Roy Salomon in an interview a couple of days after getting back to Canada.

"Throughout the whole Games, average Israelis on the street would approach our athletes and tell them how proud they were that we were there. Their spirits were really buoyed by it."

Ironically, Salomon himself almost didn't make it to the Games, his sixth: he resigned when an initial, unanimous decision by the Maccabi leadership of 23 participating nations – including the United States and Canada – to postpone the Games for one year was reversed without going through the "consultation process" he said it should have.

Influential world Jewish leaders persuaded the United States to change its mind, but Salomon said other nations were not equally consulted about the Games getting back on track.

"It was never about them changing their minds, it was about a process being violated," he said.

Ten days after quitting, however, he said, "I ultimately decided I wanted to be with the team, and I'm extremely grateful I did, because it was one of the most emotional experiences I've ever had in the Maccabi movement."

In addition to rousing emotions, this year's Maccabiah was a historic event, on several fronts.

The Games, which began July 16, lasted only one week instead of the usual 10 days. They went ahead amidst the tightest security in their history. And instead of the planned 4,500 foreign athletes, there were about 2,100, among them, an Australian contingent returning four years after the bridge disaster at Ramat Gan stadium that killed four of their members and greatly embittered Australian Jewry.

The Canadian team was reduced from a planned 340 to 190, as cancellations flooded in and organizers scrambled to reconfigure teams and change athletes. The vast majority of cancellations were made after the suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that killed 21 young people.

Even Canada's honorary Chefs de Mission – Montreal businessman Ben Weider and Toronto businessman Paul Godfrey – did not attend, Weider because of previous obligations, and Godfrey, because the final decision for Canada to go came too late for him to be available.

As a result of the smaller Canadian team, Salomon said, the calibre of competition suffered slightly, but the medal count became secondary as the spirits of those athletes who did go soared.

Nevertheless, a medal count there was.

In the Open category (for adult athletes), Canada scored a team gold in the men's 100-metre relay track and field event, and another among Junior athletes in girls' basketball.

The team took two silvers, in Junior boys' basketball and in women's squash, with six individual silvers in Open events going to Toronto's Karen Winer for tae kwon do; Toronto's Charles Cosman, for men's gymnastics, vault; Vancouver's Gretchen DuMoulin for women's track and field, 1,500-metre; Montreal's Hersh Schnayer for 10-pin bowling; Calgary's Zeev Berger (partner from Argentina) for mixed doubles tennis; and another in mixed doubles tennis to Thornhill's Oren Belillti (partner from Russia).

Canada also won 18 bronze medals: team bronzes in waterpolo, men's squash, 10-pin bowling (trios) and men's relay swim, and individual bronzes in bowling, to Toronto's Lisa Abush and Winnipeg's Fern Yamron (one in the Open category, another in the Masters), and to Shnayer (Masters).

Other individual bronzes won were: women's track and field, 3,000-metre event, by DuMoulin; men's gymnastics, by Cosman; women's karate, by Toronto's Marion Green; women's squash, by London, Ont.'s Tiffany Foster; men's karate, by Richmond Hill's Brad Cohen; Masters tennis, by Montreal's Bill Novick; men's doubles tennis, by Belillti and Toronto's Jordon Bohnen; mixed doubles tennis, by Belillti (partner from Russia); and in swimming, for the mixed relay event, by Toronto's Amanda MacNeil, and in the junior boys' mixed relay event, by Ottawa's Jordan Krakower.

The Games' other highlights, Salomon said, included the Maccabiah's first-ever opening and closing ceremonies in Jerusalem, at Teddy Kollek Stadium and Sultan's Pool respectively.

As well, special memorial ceremonies were held for the victims of the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, the 85 victims of the 1994 terrorist bombing of the "Amia" Jewish community building in Buenos Aries, and the four Australian team victims of the 1997 Maccabiah bridge disaster.

The Canadian team, led by Toronto's Allen Gerskup, also had its own highlights away from the competition fields. Members visited with victims of the Tel Aviv disco bombing, and Salomon was among several others who won the Maccabi movement's highest honour, the Yakir Award, given for contribution to the Maccabi movement.

Maccabiah athletes Alex Bloomberg (right) and Freeman Poritz, both members of the junior soccer team, with Maccabi Canada officials Nancy Rubin and Roy Salomon.

One Canadian athlete, tae kwon do competitor and coach Corey Mincovitch of Toronto, met his sister for the first time. She had been put up for adoption 10 years before Mincovitch was born and eventually moved to Israel. A friend who met Mincovitch at the airport gave him her phone number; her son, Mincovitch's nephew, was a competitor at the Games.

Ultimately, Salomon was thrilled – and relieved – that the Maccabiah went on without incident.

But he refused, unlike some Israelis, to judge athletes and families who decided not to come, or countries that would have been willing to postpone the Maccabiah, as committing acts tantamount to "giving Yasser Arafat a gold medal."

"Those kinds of statements were very unfair considering that we have throughout the world been among Israel's greatest supporters," he said.

At the closing ceremonies, Maccabi World Union president Jeanne Futeran suggested that despite the real security concerns, it would have been "a much bigger mistake to postpone.

"Can you imagine the celebrations amongst the Palestinians if we didn't come?"

Junior soccer team coaches Yeftach Levy (left) and Dave Rumack (right) are joined by soccer player Steve Haas.

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About Teens

Dear Karilani,

I am a Grade 10 student at a Jewish high school in the double-graduating year, which means that my class and the Grade 11 class will be graduating at the same time. I am worried about my grades and am being told that if my marks don't improve, I won't get into a good university. I like my school, but I feel as though it would be worth leaving and going to a public school in order to pull up my grades. I'm really torn, and I don't know what to do. HELP!

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

The first thing to consider is that whether or not you choose to continue in the Jewish school system is a matter of your own personal religious commitment. No one but you and your family can really assess which is more important to you, continued immersion in Judaic studies or your grades in the secular classes.

However, being in a Jewish school does involve more work due to the double curriculum. The question is whether the double curriculum and the double graduating class will inspire you to greater performance or cause you undue stress.

The pressure to get into university is on, especially in the double-graduating year. At this point, you should ask yourself – how low are your grades? A lot of teenagers are constantly worrying about their grades when there is no real need to worry.

If your grades are adequate and you would simply like to improve them by five to 10 percent, then all you really have to do is spend an extra hour or two each night studying.

It is also important to take into account that if you like your school, it is probably not worth changing. Remember that transition can be very difficult and you probably won't study much if you're having trouble finding your social niche. Worrying about social concerns is the last thing you need if you're looking to improve your grades.

If you really are torn equally in both directions, make a list of pros and cons and consult your parents and the guidance department in your school. Be as critical and objective about both scenarios as you possibly can be. Only then will you be completely satisfied that you have made the right decision.

I wish you the best of luck and I'm sure you'll make the right choice.

Karilani

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The Canadian Jewish news

(Answers to the crossword are on page 38.)

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across

1 With 6-across, founder of a noted clinic in La Jolla, California
6 See 1-across
10 "Always a view, never a ___" (onetime advertising slogan used in Florida)
13 Hill against Thomas
14 False alternative
15 Test, as a version
16 With 10-down, a toast
18 Disappearing Asian sea
19 London area prep school
20 Dull
21 Sea bird
22 A hundred score pounds
23 Noted theater magnate
24 Copies
26 Nervous movements
27 Disraeli's domain
30 It may be deep
33 Socialist Luxemburg
34 Levi's rival
35 Exotic island
36 ___ Ziyyona (town south of Tel Aviv)
37 Erstwhile peasant
38 Part of many Yeshiva e-mail addresses
39 These might clash
41 Carl Sagan book
43 Hammerstein partner
45 Actor Andrew of "Melrose Place"
46 Western necktie
47 ERA for Koufax, e.g.
48 15-down has none, when properly made
51 Office Specter aspired to
53 Ziegfeld's employee
55 Robert Fish co-wrote his autobiography
56 Money for Primo Levi
57 Asher Lev's chronicler
59 Actor Arkin
60 Shofar, e.g.
61 Draw ___ in the sand
62 Be a yente
63 Singer Redding
64 "Fiddler" role

Down

1 Cabinet colleague of Dan and William
2 "Pick a number from ___..."
3 Kissinger's boss
4 Business envelope inits.
5 For example
6 Gawks
7 1972 Economics Nobelist Kenneth
8 San ___ Obispo
9 Mombasa residents
10 See 16-across
11 List-ending letters
12 Wailing ___
15 '80s-'90s American phenomenon
17 Historical time
23 Jewish ___ (college course name)
25 Links org.
26 Greek consonant
27 Dawn goddess
28 Fiddler...but not on the roof
29 Dictionary entries, for short
30 Turn-of-the-century warrior
31 Noted watchmaker
32 Israel's tenth
33 Legal matter
36 Parental replies, sometimes
37 Tel Aviv-to-Ramla dir.
39 Slippery one
40 "A Day at the Races" star
41 Bette Midler quality
42 Like Barney Frank
44 Heights of Israel
45 Ben and Gertrude
47 Lamb Chop puppeteer Lewis
48 Stinking
49 Solo
50 Part of the biblical handwriting on the wall
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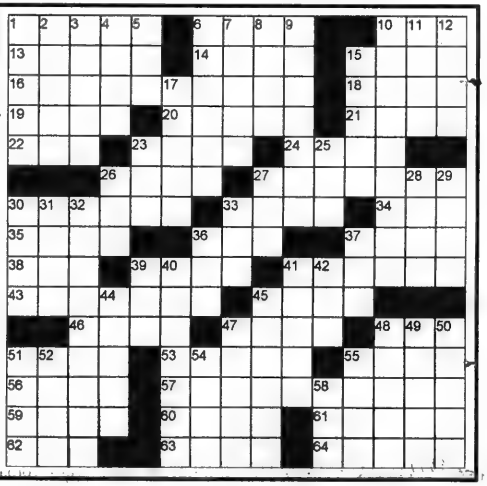

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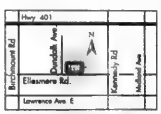

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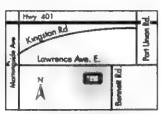

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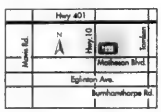

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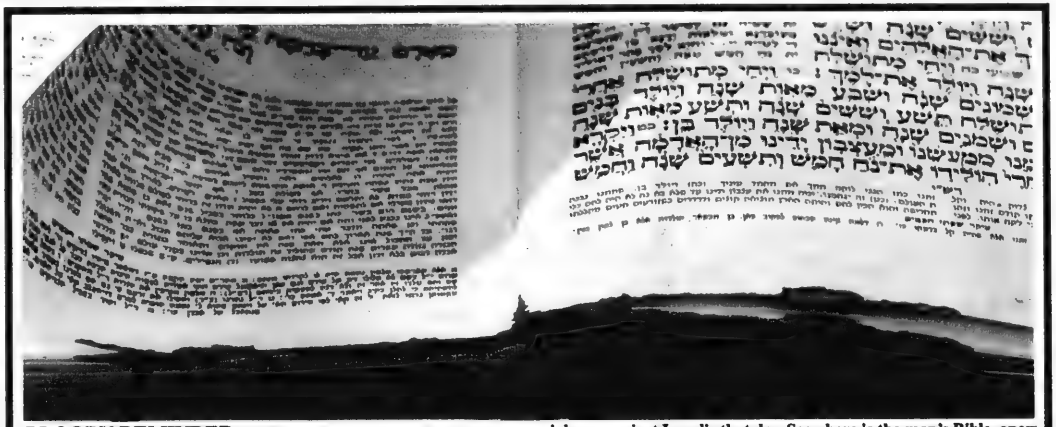

BLOODY REMINDER: A 30-year-old Israeli man was stabbed last Monday by a terrorist in the Old City near the Damascus Gate. He survived the attack which was part of a spate of similar acts of violence against Israelis that day. Seen here is the man's Bible, open at the page he was reading when he collapsed from his wounds, with traces of his blood on the pages. *[RNS/Reuters photo]*

Anglican newspaper slammed for biased report

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Embassy of Israel and Canadian Jewish Congress are angry at a front-page *Anglican Journal* article on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict that ignored Israeli viewpoints and repeated unsubstantiated Palestinian allegations that Israel was sanctioning a "second holocaust."

The editor of the *Anglican Journal* has acknowledged that his story on the Arab-Israeli conflict is unbalanced and presented only the Palestinian side of the dispute, but he said he was constrained by the agenda set by the group with whom he was travelling.

Vianney Carriere said that in May he accompanied a delegation of Canadian church leaders on a five-day visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories. He said his reporting focused largely on what he saw and heard in their meetings with Palestinians.

"I didn't set the agenda or itinerary for the places they went to and who they saw," Carriere said. "They did not meet many Israeli people. It is one-sided because they met with one side."

The group included representatives of the Anglican, United and Evangelical Lutheran churches.

Repeats allegation of 'second holocaust'

The article, which can be found on the paper's Web site (www.anglicanjournal.com), places the blame for the violence squarely on Israeli shoulders. It accuses Israel of subjecting Palestinians to random attacks and it repeats unnamed Palestinians' allegations that Israel is planning a "bloodbath that has the potential of turning an appalling situation into something unthinkable." The article also refers to other unsupported accusations from Palestinians, who "likened [the situation] to Rwanda, to South Africa in its darkest hour, and to a second holocaust."

The only Israeli cited in the article is a woman "who works for the rights of Palestinians" and who suggested Israel is "hiding behind the memory of the Holocaust."

Carriere said the references to Rwanda and a bloodbath were made on several occasions by various Palestinians speakers, but "I have no comment on the quality of the statement." Comparisons of Israel to South Africa were repeated so often it became "a theme of the people we met," he said.

Congress and the Israeli embassy have complained about the tone of the article, as well as about specific allegations contained in it.

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Jews Courted

WINNIPEG — Members of six Argentinian Jewish families were in Winnipeg recently on "exploratory visits" to determine whether they will join 21 other Argentine families who have moved to the prairie city since the mid-1990s. Their visits came after Winnipeg Jewish community leaders returned from Buenos Aires, where they briefed 49 families interested in immigrating to Canada.

Israel

UN Official Targeted

JERUSALEM — Forensic evidence released last week proved that shots fired in November at a convoy carrying the UN high commissioner for human rights, Mary Robinson, came from a rifle used by Palestinian forces and from an area under Palestinian control. Palestinian officials claimed at the time that Israeli settlers had fired at her, and her silence in the face of the accusations generally was seen as an indication that Robinson agreed with the Palestinian view.

Leopard Spotted

JERUSALEM — A male leopard was spotted recently in Israel's Judean Desert, confirming that the animals native to that area are not extinct. The leopard was seen near the Dead Sea, where it approached residential areas and attacked some domestic animals.

Bereaved Mother

JERUSALEM — The mother of Shalhevet Pass, the 10-month-old Israeli infant killed by Palestinian sniper fire in Hebron four months ago, has given birth to a girl.

World

Papon Sympathizers

PARIS — The umbrella group representing France's 750,000 Jews expressed outrage at a petition signed by two former prime ministers and other senior figures calling for the early release of a jailed Nazi-era war criminal. Former premiers Pierre Messmer and Raymond Barre were among signatories to a petition sent to President Jacques Chirac last week urging that 90-year-old Maurice Papon, serving a 10-year sentence for helping deport 1,500 Jews to death camps, be released due to his age and frail condition.

Official presses Arabs

ZURICH — Mary Robinson, the top UN human rights official called on Arab states to drop attempts to attack Israel at an upcoming international conference against racism. Robinson said delegates preparing for the conference in Durban, South Africa, should drop wording from a draft document seeking to equate Zionism with racism.

Judge OKs Lawsuit

WASHINGTON — A U.S. judge ruled that a $250-million lawsuit brought by relatives of a Jewish couple killed in a 1996 terrorist attack could be brought under the federal Anti-Terrorism Act against Palestinian officials.

Arsonists Target Shul

MOSCOW — Arsonists attempted to burn down a synagogue in the Russian city of Kostroma, according to the Union of Councils for Jews in the former Soviet Union. Unidentified arsonists placed wooden planks against the side of the synagogue and set them ablaze, but synagogue employees noticed the fire and helped bring it under control.

Scotland Seeks Gecas

LONDON — Officials in Scotland issued an arrest warrant for suspected Nazi war criminal Antonas Gecas. He is alleged to have killed Jews and other civilians when he was head of a special Nazi police unit in a part of Lithuania now in the former Soviet republic of Belarus. Lithuania requested his extradition in February.

Racist Pamphlet

MOSCOW — A monastery in Ukraine considered an important centre of the Russian Orthodox Church recently published a brochure accusing Jews of being devil worshippers. One passage in the brochure, published by Kiev's Monastery of the Caves, reads: "Russian Orthodoxy is called upon to preserve the wholeness of the Church's teachings, as opposed to the kike religion of Satan."

Oberlander Loses Citizenship

OTTAWA — The federal cabinet has stripped former Nazi killing squad interpreter Helmut Oberlander of his citizenship, but it could be a long time before he is deported from Canada.

Oberlander's lawyer Eric Hafemann has promised to appeal the cabinet decision to the Federal Court, and perhaps as far as the Supreme Court of Canada. Following that series of judicial reviews – and if the courts uphold the cabinet decision – Oberlander must still go before the Immigration and Refugee Board for a deportation order.

The retired Kitchener developer could remain in Canada for years as the string of legal manoeuvres plays out.

Meanwhile, Canadian Jewish Congress applauded the cabinet decision to remove Oberlander's citizenship.

"Helmut Oberlander served for 18 months with Einsatzkommando 10a, a unit that was responsible for the cold-blooded murder of more than 90,000 Jewish men, women and children," said Irving Abella, chair of the Congress national war crimes committee. "His deportation brings a measure of closure to a very long and sad story and a measure of justice to the victims of the Holocaust."

In February 2000, the Federal Court of Canada ruled that Oberlander had lied about his wartime activities as a member of a Nazi mobile killing unit, in order to gain entry to Canada.

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Israel Now consortium 'transcends differences'

First rally planned for September 23

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If Diaspora Jews can't be physically present in Israel to offer their support, they have to be present in different ways.

That is the raison d'être behind a new initiative of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, a community mobilization consortium that brings together more than 40 Jewish organizations representing a range of denominational and political ideology.

Underscoring the unity theme, Rabbis Moshe Shulman, Baruch Frydman-Kohl and John Moscowitz each spoke at the inaugural meeting in early July as members of the consortium steering committee. The three rabbis are the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform spiritual leaders respectively of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Beth Tzedec Congregation and Holy Blossom Temple.

This is the second time in recent years Toronto's Jewish community has mobilized on such a large scale. The other occasion was the celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary in 1998, although at that time there were no rabbis taking as prominent a role.

The new consortium was formed in response to a growing concern and frustration over a lack of preparedness for dealing with media bias and political and historical untruths, Julia Koschitzky, consortium chair, told *The CJN*. Jewish students on campus, in particular, were "totally unprepared," she added.

Having the three rabbis on board, "sends a very strong message that we can transcend all differences when it comes to Israel," said Koschitzky.

The new entity will focus on vehicles like educational seminars, missions to Israel and rallies to achieve its goals. The first rally is planned for Sept. 23 to coincide with support rallies for Israel in New York and other North American cities. Rallies will also take place in Winnipeg and Montreal, and all federated communities in Ontario will participate either locally or by joining the Toronto rally.

After some discussion, organizers settled on the name Israel Now for the consortium. There is a sense of urgency now, not only because of the ongoing intifadah in Israel, said Koschitzky, but because of "rhetoric" over the past few years indicating that Israel did not need Diaspora Jewry to the extent it had in the past.

"It's not business as usual," she said. "Israel's existential life is in danger."

Israel now needs us in a different way, she added. "It's different than it was a year ago or three years ago. Israel needs the support of Diaspora Jewry."

Arie Shevy-Shibi, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, confirmed the importance of that support. "These are difficult days for Israel," he said. "The recent crisis has been devastating to Israeli tourism Hotels have closed down, about 50,000 employees have been laid off and over 2 billion dollars (US) have been lost."

The existence of the consortium will not hinder or restrict anything any individual organization wants to do for Israel, Koschitzky clarified. "We encourage all organizations to do their own missions," she said. "We're there to reinforce them and help them."

To the best of her knowledge, Toronto's consortium is unique. Such advocacy initiatives are typically federation projects; the Toronto consortium differs in that it is considered more of a "grassroots" effort.

"We hope it could be a model for other communities to follow," said Koschitzky.

From left, Rabbi John Moscowitz, Rabbi Moshe Shulman, Israel Now consortium chair Julia Koschitzky and Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl all spoke at the consortium's inaugural meeting. [Dan Horowitz photo]

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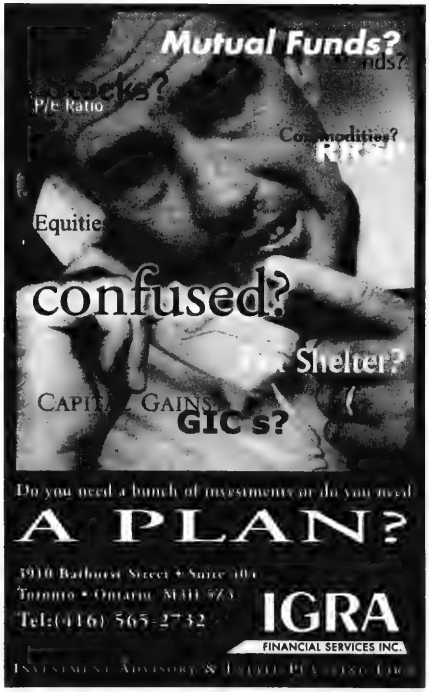

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How would Canada act?

Most feeling and sentient human beings would be appalled and saddened by the deaths of helpless children caught in the controlled chaos of military actions.

And thus were we too appalled and saddened when news broke of the two young Palestinian children killed by errant shrapnel in the aftermath of a military strike by the IDF against Hamas headquarters in Nablus.

From the editor's desk

The Office of the Prime Minister of Israel was also similarly affected. It issued a statement of profound regret over the deaths of the two children.

Of course, the expression of regret cannot make amends for the terrible loss of life, but it does show the state of mind and heart of the Jewish State as it tries to prevent fresh acts of terror against its own people.

The elimination of the six Hamas leaders in the Nablus apartment was a pinpoint operation designed to minimize the risk to civilians. Alas, the calculation of that risk was not foolproof. It did not adequately consider the foreseeability of the flying shrapnel and the nearby children.

Israel was criticized by most countries and the action condemned as excessive, yet another extra-territorial assassination that is beyond the law.

But the criticisms and condemnations by fellow democracies are hypocritical; by neighbouring Arab countries or the Palestinian Authority, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah or Hamas, absurd and farcical.

In truth, the Palestinian children were the latest horrible victims of the war that Palestinian leaders, including the six key Hamas operatives who lost their lives when the helicopter missile struck the apartment, launched against Israel some 10 months ago.

Israel is in a quandary faced by no other democracy on earth. It is important that at least the readers of *The CJN* understand this.

The majority of its people want to find a way to make peace with the Palestinians, but they are increasingly becoming resigned to the gloomy truth that peace in the foreseeable future is not likely. Nevertheless, most Israelis still cling to the hope that some sort of disentanglement, if not a full peace between the two peoples, is feasible.

Palestinian leaders such as Yasser Arafat, however, have refused to accommodate any arrangement of peace or disentanglement with Israel unless Israel first agrees to dismantle itself as a Jewish State and disavows any claim to the Old City of Jerusalem and the site of the Jewish Temple in particular. Arafat's position has led most Israelis to conclude that he is interested in peace merely as a pretence.

But there is not even a pretence with the extremist, fundamentalist, Islamic Palestinians, of which there are three distinct groups. They openly, publicly, refuse to abide the mere idea of a Jewish State in the Middle East.

Thus with the Arafat-led grouping of Palestinian leaders, negotiations might be feasible, even if only over a pretence.

With the fundamentalists, however, no negotiations are possible. Their aims are quite plainly and shamelessly the murder of Jews, the destruction of Israel and the replacement of Israel by a devout, theocratic Palestinian state.

As we have seen with bitter, searing tears since last September, the preferred tactic of the fundamentalists is to sow terror among the people of Israel, to wreak maximum havoc on the streets of Israel and to deliberately kill or maim as many young innocent Israeli children as possible.

Since last September, Hamas and its allies have sent more than 20 suicide bombers into Israel. Since the signing of the Oslo accords in September 1993, more than 80 suicide bombers have been dispatched into Israel. Indeed, an alert, courageous Egged bus driver, last Thursday near Beit She'an, thwarted a suicide bomber clutching his heavily laden bag, from succeeding on his intended bloody passageway to Paradise.

Israel's quandary is this: How can it best protect its people from the usually hapless, exploited terrorist for whom death is not a deterrent but part of the glory of the mission? Must Israel wait until after the terrorist strikes before it metes out justice? And then upon whom would the sword of justice fall when the terror claims also the terrorist? If not Israel, who among the Palestinian leaders would mete out justice?

Like every other country on earth, Israel has the right, indeed the obligation, to defend its citizens from any attempt to harm them. Like every other country on earth, Israel need not wait until after its people have been struck down before it strikes at the hands that killed or the minds that planned the killing.

Israel was acting on the advice of its intelligence services that Hamas was planning to strike again into the heart of Israel. The six Hamas leaders who were killed in the Nablus apartment were among Hamas' top minds.

Sheikh Jamal Mansour and Sheikh Jamal Selim Damoni, two who died in the Nablus attack, openly supported suicide attacks in Israel's cities. *Ha'aretz* wrote of them: "In public they lauded the attacks and encouraged their execution, while in secret they planned and prepared further attacks."

In all honesty, in all decency, would any democracy on earth, behave other than the way Israel is behaving in its valiant effort to prevent the murder of its citizens? How would we want the government of Canada to act in our defence?

—MBD

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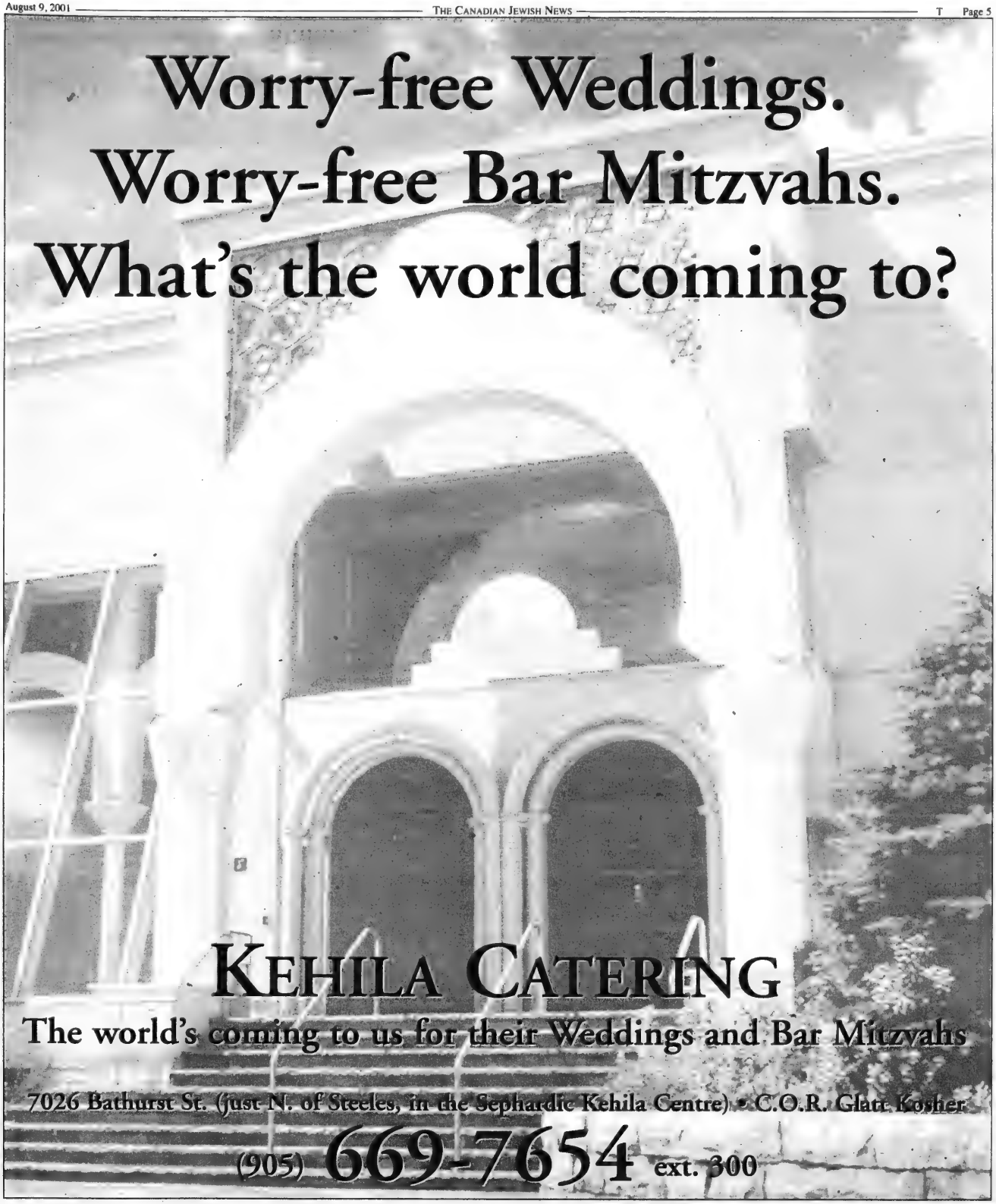
RABBI HONOURED:

Rabbi Lawrence Pinsker of Darchei Noam Congregation was granted an honorary doctorate of divinity by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College at the 2001 graduation, in honour of his 25 years of distinguished service. From left: RRC president David Teutsch; Rabbi Pinsker; Donald Shapiro, chair of the college's board of governors.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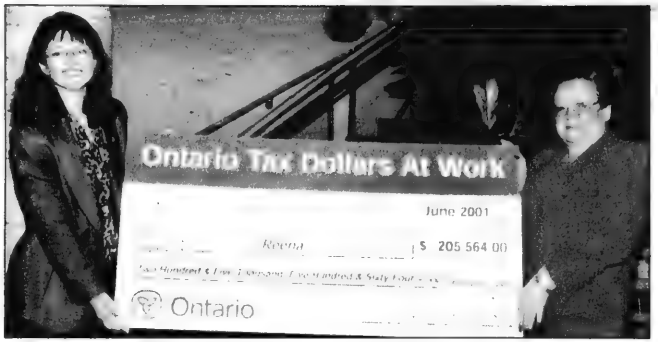


HELP FOR REENA: Thornhill Tory MPP Tina Molinari (left) recently presented a cheque for $205,564 to Sandy Keshen, executive director of Reena. The annual amount will help Reena increase its out-of-home respite capacity for high-needs autistic children in York Region. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Despite ongoing violence, conflict can end: Mitchell Report author

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Despite ongoing violence in the Middle East, Senator George Mitchell believes the conflict can be brought to an end.

The U.S. statesman, whose report on ending the violence in the Middle East was released in May, will speak about conflict resolution at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's campaign launch on Aug. 22 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

The former chair of peace negotiations in Northern Ireland, Mitchell – who retired from the Senate in the mid-1990s – will discuss his experiences dealing with both conflicts, the similarities and differences between them, and some of the principles that apply to conflict in general.

"I believe there's no such thing as a conflict that can't be ended," said Mitchell in a phone interview last week from his office in Portland, Me. "Conflicts are created and sustained by human beings, and can be ended by human beings."

Among the recommendations of the Mitchell Report, upon which current negotations are based, were reduction of violence on both sides and confidence-building measures.

Despite a lack of implementation of the recommendations, Mitchell remains optimistic. "It's easy to become discouraged," he said.

Recalling his two-year stint as chair of the peace negotiations in Northern Ireland, Mitchell said he was asked almost daily what the point was of continuing the negotiations. The answer, he stated, was that the alternative is unconscionable. In that case, there was virtually no progress until the last couple of weeks before an accord was reached, he pointed out.

Although he admits to having become discouraged "often, regularly" over the situation in Northern Ireland, he never felt the situation was hopeless, he said. "And I don't feel it's hopeless in the Middle East."

The current violence adds to the urgency of the recommendations, said Mitchell.

He believes there are a number of reasons for lack of progress. "The conflict is very longstanding," he said. "There is a lot of pain, sorrow, death and destruction. Emotions are running high. Obviously it's a difficult situation."

The evolution of the peace process over the past decade indicates that progress is possible, he added.

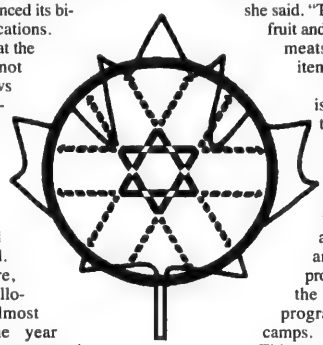
The question of whether Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon are capable of bringing about peace is irrelevant, Mitchell feels. "They are the people chosen to lead their people ... They're the people with whom we must deal."

He believes both sides want a way out of the current situation. The challenge, he said, is to immediately and unconditionally end the violence, rebuild shattered confidence through security measures, and resume negotiations.

Spring allocations down at Mazon Canada

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In the past, there was always a good news/bad news scenario when Mazon Canada announced its bi-annual round of allocations. The bad news was that the need for food was not abating; the good news was that the organization was usually in a position to announce an increase in the funds it was distributing.



This year, there's not as much good news to go around. The need is still there, but the spring 2001 allocations are down almost $120,000 from the year before, reversing a two-year trend of increasing distributions to hunger relief agencies.

Mazon Canada distributed $207,250 in the spring, down from $325,402 the year before. Future allocations will likely also be less than had become the norm in the last two years, said Mazon executive-director Jacqueline Kott-Wolle.

Three years ago, Mazon received a $200,000 bequest from a donor who wished to remain anonymous. "That put us in a very good position for a few years. Then reality set in. It's hard," said Kott-Wolle.

Over the past two years, Mazon has completely distributed the $200,000 bequest. As a result, the 1999 and 2000 allocation were the highest since the organization was founded in 1987. It distributed $674,132 in 2000 and $534,600 in 1999. The next best year was $388,392 in 1998.

Mazon knew tougher times were ahead in 2001 and warned its beneficiary agencies not to expect as much in this year and beyond.

Nevertheless, "a lot of groups became dependent on that level of funding. It was hard" to tell them to expect less this year, Kott-Wolle said.

Even when the one-time bequest is factored out, Mazon's allocations were down from previous years. Kott-Wolle suggested the stock market downturn and the economic slowdown are limiting the contributions Mazon is receiving.

Still, "times are just as bad as they've ever been" for people short of food, she said.

"It seems more and more families and individuals are in great need. This year, we have funded our traditional programs including food banks which use our funds for the purchase of items which are not normally donated to them through food drives," she said. "These items include fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, bread, meats and other healthy items."

Kott-Wolle said Mazon is also funding community garden projects, in which people raise their own food crops, summer gleaning programs, in which people are bused to farms where they are allowed to pick berries and fruit, street relief programs to deliver food to the homeless and food programs at various summer camps.

This year, Mazon expects to publish a list of organizations in major centres across Canada that accept and distribute kosher and non-kosher food donations from the public.

In addition to its funding programs, Mazon is busy raising its profile in the community, with a special focus on youngsters, Kott-Wolle said.

Mazon asks parents who are planning bar/bat mitzvahs, parties, and other social events to donate three percent of their food bill to Mazon. In addition, Mazon is introducing a kids' birthday program in which Mazon provides parents with (empty) loot bags labelled with the Mazon logo and an explanation that people experiencing hunger will benefit from their party.

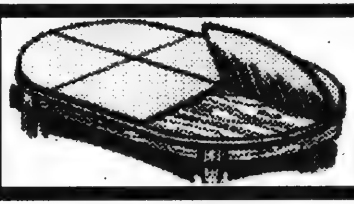
Parents also have the option, in lieu of a loot bag, of choosing special cards that can be handed out to guests, explaining the Mazon contribution.

In addition to the tithing element, Mazon raises money through the sale of greeting cards, place cards and from charitable contributions.

Its two largest fund-raising events are the Food Fest in Montreal and the Kosher Gourmet Gala in Toronto. Last year, the Food Fest raised more than $200,000 while the Gala grossed $85,000.

Mazon, which bills itself as "a Jewish response to hunger," allocates its funds to grassroots organizations that help feed Canadians in need.

In the spring round of allocations, 134 organizations across Canada will receive grants ranging from $500 to $4,500.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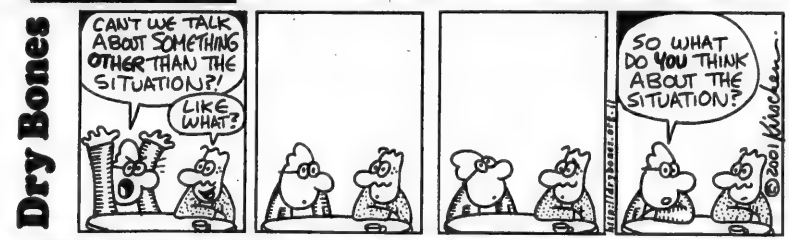
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Seeking 'champions' for Canada

The first ministers' meeting last week in Victoria ended last week with more than the usual theatre and feigned sense of achievement. The final communique was clearly a quickly cobbled together comity for the cameras. Its purported message was one of agreement among the provinces and territories aimed at the federal government, demanding, as always, more money.

But the inter-provincial bickering could not really be masked. It had dominated the news for nearly a month prior to the conference. And except for the miraculous emergence of a unanimous joint statement at the close of the meeting, it had also dominated the proceedings themselves. And yet it was still overshadowed by the predictable squabbling between some of the provinces and Ottawa.

There is no denying that, in this day and age, policy-making and governing are complicated and difficult. Our lives and problems are interconnected on grids and axes that span diverse boundaries – personal, familial, communal, national, economic, political and geographic – and that even reach heavenward through mysterious technology into the remarkable majesty of the stars.

Yet the search by our leaders for solutions seems outdated, mediocre.

As confirmed last week in the *Globe and Mail* by Fred Cutler and Matthew Mendelsohn, two political scientists at UBC, we need more from our leaders and from our political institutions. "The preliminary findings…: suggest that most people blame both orders of government for the failure of our federal system and hope for some process that would force governments to work together." The professors suggest that we want our leaders "to push our institutions… toward the more collaborative model… with formal intergovernmental institutions for decision-making."

We urge the first ministers and the prime minister to turn their attention to the professors' research and collaborate on Canada's behalf.

Finding one in basketball

It was against this backdrop of the first ministers' meeting that basketball superstar Vince Carter signed a long-term commitment with the Toronto Raptors. The money involved, it is true, is beyond comprehension. But it was not a factor in Carter's decision, for he would have received the same maximum amount from any number of teams. In effect, Carter signed a long commitment with Canada, a refreshing departure from the norm these days, when professional athletes and others seem eager to leave Canada, and our politicians seem incapable of truly championing it.

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How we live in Israel

On a recent visit to Montreal I was shocked to learn how most members of the Jewish community regard the current situation in Israel. This letter should provide useful insight into how we really live our lives there today.

Motza'ei Shabbat I was bored, so I went out for a walk. I found muself among crowds of Israelis – religious, non-religious, young, old strolling about along Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall. Couples with baby strollers and laughing teenagers enjoyed the cool Jerusalem night air. I had cold lemonade and watched the noisy crowds and then walked down Jaffa Road to the Old City, its majestic walls calling out to me on this second day of the Hebrew month of Av. I walked past the Armenian Quarter and into the Jewish quarter, which was filled with people. The sounds of prayer echoed over the courtyard and up to the wall. I stood in silent prayer for several minutes.

My fellow Israelis and I are not afraid. We are not staying in our homes. We are not living in fear. Our city is not under siege and neither is our beloved land. Our children are still laughing, singing and dancing like normal children. We are still coming to the Kotel in large numbers. Our lives are tense; at times, the sound of a bomb in the distance or the shattering of glass shakes our resolve. Nevertheless, we continue and will continue to live in our homeland. God commanded Moses, our prophet and teacher, to tell Israel that this land is ours forever. We are starting to believe it is possible. We have a long way to go, but living in Jerusalem, it is easy to believe that our people have returned to Zion.

Daniel Ashkenazy
Jerusalem

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An Answer to Dry Bones

I cannot resist making this comment. It seems to me that the answer to Dry Bones' gentle rabbi's question on the absence of Jewish holidays in August (*CJN*, July 26) should be mere chance.

You see, the last major festival to take place in August was Rosh Hashanah 4634, which coincided with the Gregorian date, Thursday, August 31, 873 CE.

Today, Rosh Hashanah cannot be any earlier than the Gregorian date September 5, and this will happen Thursday, September 5, 2013, inaugurating the Hebrew year 5774.

Now, if Dry Bones' gentle rabbi can wait patiently just a little bit longer, then he will be granted the pleasure of celebrating Shavuot 16, 766 (according to the Hebrew calendar) on Friday, August 1, 13,006 CE and no longer have to face this question.

Remy Landau
Toronto

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Canada's Moroccan Jews I

I immigrated to Toronto from Morocco in 1957, became a board member of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service (JIAS) in 1962 and joined the organization as a staff person in 1964. In my professional capacity, I received literally thousands of immigrants over the years. I am therefore well-placed to flesh out the interesting but minimally anecdotal record on Moroccan Jewish immigration to Canada, presented in Rabbi Yehiel Benayon's Through a Sephardi Window column, "Diefenbaker, Moroccan Jewry" (*CJN*, July 26).

It was JIAS, working closely with the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and the U.S.-based Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), which made Moroccan Jewish immigration to Canada possible. What opened Canada's doors was a successful joint representation by JIAS-CJC to the government in 1950, whereby JIAS (through (UJA funding) accepted full responsibility for the integration of the new arrivals and undertook that they would not be a public charge for five years.

A HIAS office dealt with the requests directly in Morocco and made the appropriate representation to the Canadian Embassy in Paris. On two occasions (1963 and 1965), the Canadian government itself sent missions to Rabat to expedite the process. JIAS in Montreal received the completed applications and arranged to settle the immigrants, mainly, but not exclusively, in Montreal and Toronto. Moroccan Jews went on to build vibrant communities that have enriched all of Canadian Jewry.

Maurice Benzacar
Toronto

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Canada's Moroccan Jews II

I would like to correct a mistake that appeared in the column Through a Sephardi Window (*CJN*, August 2) by Rabbi Yehiel Benayon.

Prior to their exodus, the Jews lived in North Africa, or Maghreb, for at least 3,000 years. The oldest Hebrew inscription outside Israel was found in Volubilis, today Oualili, in Morocco. When Dido, the Phoenician empress, chose Carthage, in today's Tunisia, as the site of the capital of her empire, the builders uncovered gravestones written in Hebrew. The year was 813 BCE.

It took the Arabs 50 years to defeat the Berbers and conquer North Africa. Toward the end of this long war, the Berbers were led by a woman, The Kahena, or Dahyia, of the Djerawas, a Judaized Berber tribe. Her victory over the Arab general, Hassan ibn Numan, made her Queen of the Maghreb. She was eventually defeated in 698.

Sarah Taieb-Carlen
Toronto

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Perspectives

Why Israel is losing the media war

The following is the first of two articles. Part 2 will be published next week.

By DAVID MARGOLIS

In mid-April, a bomb factory "work accident" that Palestinian spokesmen falsely described as an Israeli rocket attack ripped through the Ramallah Force-17 headquarters. As newspeople descended on the scene and got to work, Palestinian Authority security personnel roughly confiscated film from photographers and TV cameramen.

"They made it quite clear," says Mark Lavie of the Associated Press, that anyone who resisted "would not have a happy day."

As a result, photos of the blast did not appear on TV screens. Some news services did not even bother to report the film confiscation. But the false accusation of an Israeli rocket attack lingered in media reports for the next day or two.

In a sea of details, do such omissions and shadings accumulate to resemble systematic media bias against Israel? Do individual media outlets purposely slant the news to favour the Palestinian side? Or is anti-Israel media bias a myth, with reporters, under constant pressure to be first with breaking news, doing their best to explain fast-moving and highly emotional events?

A three-month investigation of the foreign press in Israel reveals that some foreign correspondents do impose their personal sympathies on the news they report. More ominous for accurate reporting, however, is the success of the Palestinian Authority (PA), through intimidation of journalists and manipulation of the journalistic process, in making sure that its version of events dominates the West's television screens and newspapers. Meanwhile, Israel's own efforts to deliver its message – ineffective, as even Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's media chief acknowledges – add yet another reason that Israel seems to be losing the media war.

Obstruction And Intimidation

During the Oct. 12 lynching of two Israeli soldiers in Ramallah, Palestinian police as well as demonstrators, eager to keep the event from the world, punched, kicked and even threatened journalists with knives in order to confiscate their film, according to eyewitnesses. A local photographer for a major American daily was kept by PA police from recording the crowd's celebratory dancing after the murders. Like many journalists interviewed for this article, she asked to remain anonymous, saying it "would jeopardize my security to be quoted by name."

After the lynching, when an Italian news crew's video was broadcast worldwide, Italian journalist Ricardo Cristiano – apparently concerned that he would be associated with the crew – wrote a letter of apology to the official PA newspaper *Al Hayat*, promising to "respect" the PA's "rules" for journalists.

In March, in an atmosphere hot with suspicion and hostility, Marwan Barghouti, leader of the PA's Tanzim militia, warned outright that any Israeli journalist entering PA areas would be killed. Since then, most Israeli journalists either stay home or make sure to be accompanied by well-connected Palestinians.

Barghouti also threatened harm to any Palestinian who co-operated with Israeli newspeople, ratcheting up the danger for Palestinian journalists, who have long been under implied or explicit threat if their coverage displeases a high official or is labelled harmful to the Palestinian "cause."

In short, the Palestinian campaign to control the news by force or threat, while not new, has become pandemic. Since it is largely restricted to local journalists, foreign correspondents generally fail to see it. With the media battle less a war of words than of pictures, foreign print journalists are, in fact, the group least likely to feel the pressure. And if on occasion they do see it, they generally shrug it off as insignificant.

That doesn't mean, however, that Palestinian intimidation is merely a local issue. It is not. Because the process of gathering and disseminating news to Western media now depends so much on Palestinian journalists, their allegiances and the pressures on them have a crucial effect on how news from Israel is reported worldwide.

Familiar scenes of Palestinian violence during these past 10 months. [RNS/Reuters photos]

According to the Committee for the Protection of Journalists (CPJ), for years the PA has "muzzled local press critics via arbitrary arrests, threats, physical abuse, and the closure of media outlets," thereby frightening most Palestinian journalists into self-censorship.

"It's a Mafia situation," corroborates a Palestinian journalist, citing journalists as being "threatened, beaten and made the targets of death threats, even from high officials such as [West Bank Preventive Security Service commander Jibril] Rajoub and Barghouti. And they do not report it," he adds, either to professional organizations, because any complaint would only increase their danger while, if it interfered with their access to officials, would put their jobs at risk.

The 220-member Foreign Press Association (FPA) has neither investigated nor undertaken action against Palestinian intimidation of journalists. "The FPA doesn't want to piss off the PA," snorts one foreign correspondent.

New York Times correspondent Bill Orme, the member of the FPA board of directors who monitors problems of press freedom and press access – "not press bias," he is quick to say – acknowledges that the FPA has not "gotten into" the subject of intimidation.

"We're a member organization, we respond to complaints," he explains. Having received no complaints about intimidation, the FPA ignores it.

Violence against journalists does not only originate from the Palestinian side, however. Nearly two dozen journalists, mostly Palestinians, have been shot by Israeli soldiers (including CNN's Ben Wedeman, wounded in the back by live fire in Gaza). Some have suffered very serious wounds. In only one or two cases has the IDF's investigation resulted in identifying or punishing the perpetrator.

Ranaan Gissin, foreign press and public affairs adviser to Sharon, says the problem is that journalists "want to be where the action is – they want to see the bullet come out of the barrel."

Because they work in the line of fire, it is difficult, he says, for soldiers to distinguish them from demonstrators. However, according to the CPJ, Israeli security forces and Jewish settlers have beaten journalists covering the political violence, in some cases with Israeli soldiers looking on.

The BBC's Paul Adams recounts that his camera crew was manhandled and had its car tires slashed by Jews in Elon Moreh, a West Bank settlement. (Adams was also roughed up by a Palestinian crowd in Bethlehem and forced to flee with his camera crew. The Elon Moreh event became part of a BBC report; the Bethlehem incident did not.)

While maintaining its silence on Palestinian intimidation of journalists, the FPA has firmly protested Israeli violence against journalists with letters to high government officials. No journalists interviewed believe, however, that shootings by Israeli soldiers represent Israeli government policy or that soldiers are targeting them specifically as journalists, let alone as individuals.

Nor do Israeli officials threaten journalists, take sanctions against those whose reporting displeases them or try to control what journalists write. But those are exactly the techniques that have helped the PA determine a lot of what Americans and Europeans see and read in the "news from Israel."

Making News

As the Palestinian uprising grinds on, the words and especially the pictures that record it are molded mostly by Palestinians. How did such an extraordinary situation develop?

Israeli journalists who still go into Palestinian areas make certain to be accompanied by Palestinians whose connections with the security services can protect them, but that access also has a downside.

"If you're accompanied in this way, you're also restricted in what you see and are able to report," says Khaled Abu Toameh, a Palestinian reporter for Israeli, American and Arab outlets. "It's a little like the way foreign journalists in Syria or Iraq are followed by security people all the time."

Foreign journalists – many of whom also don't go out into the field – commonly rely on Palestinian stringers for information. "The Palestinian stringers feed the foreign press with material that is acceptable to the Palestinian authorities," says Abu Toameh. A journalist, he adds, is "totally in their hands."

Foreign journalists also rely on Palestinian assistants, called "fixers," who know the language, can ensure easy access to officials and events, and will arrange anything a reporter needs, from a driver to a translator. These fixers are not professional journalists and are often affiliated with a political or security group – part of their job is to impose their point of view.

As for pictures, 80 percent of camera operators now working in PA areas are Palestinians, estimates a journalist for a Dutch agency, "so the pictures, with all their pathos and drama, come from the Palestinian side." Her estimate may be low. Veteran Israeli commentator Ehud Ya'ari judges that over 95 percent of the pictures shipped to foreign and Israeli channels are supplied by Palestinian film crews.

In a recent article in the *Jerusalem Report*, Ya'ari wrote that Palestinians now "have effectively taken control of the reporting on the intifadah. The vast majority of information of every type coming out of the area has been filtered through Palestinian eyes, or often, has actually been composed in the first place by Palestinians."

In short, news from Israel is generated by people loyal to, and afraid of, the Palestinian authorities. "They simply don't dare film anything that could embarrass the PA," Ya'ari says. "So the cameras are angled to show a tainted view of the Israeli army's actions, never focus on the Palestinian gunmen and diligently produce a very specific kind of close-up of the situation on the ground."

Ya'ari himself does not go into Palestinian areas. Abu Toameh, who does, calls Ya'ari's analysis "200 percent correct." But are the foreign correspondents, journalists who have reached the top of their professions, so lazy or easily fooled as to accept propaganda for truth?

No doubt some are, but Fiamma Nirenstein, correspondent for the Italian daily *La Stampa*, offers a different theory as to why news reports are so often unsympathetic to Israel. The journalists, she hypothesizes, are the victims of their own nearly uniform "predilections" to see events within a left-wing, pro-Palestinian and often unrealistically romanticized framework.

That is, many correspondents accept what comes to them from Palestinian sources because they are already predisposed to mould events into a similar form.

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A 200-Year Anniversary

A few weeks ago, I spent five days in Germany, attending a very special conference.

The celebration I travelled to join was the 200th anniversary of the beginnings of Reform Judaism. Back in 1801, a lay person by the name of Israel Jacobsohn, born in the little central German town of Halberstadt, decided to do something that had not been done before. Looking around his community, he noted that poor boys and girls were not properly looked after. With his own money, he established a free school for them in Seesen, a small town in Westphalia, instructing the children of both sexes together, something that was then (and in some communities still is) strictly taboo.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

His critics accused him of introducing his wards to un-Jewish practices, though his teaching was quite traditional. He did not intend to establish a new movement, quite on the contrary: the practices of the Jewish people were important to him, and the innovations he introduced were meant to make Jews of his day more loyal to their faith. However, the wrath of the rabbinate came down upon him. This only encouraged him to stick by his guns.

Now, in Halberstadt, the 200th anniversary of this modest beginning was being observed by representatives from all over the world. Halberstadt has no commercial airport and, in order to reach it from Berlin, one has to change trains in Magdeburg or drive two to three hours by car. I did the latter and, on arrival, found myself in the kind of environment in which I was born: a small Jewish community with a sense of tradition, which makes for a pleasant and homey environment.

Going back to Germany no longer elicits the kinds of sentiments it once did. The Nazi regime is now long past, and a new generation finds its way into the future very much the way we do in North America. Do anti-Semites still exist over there? Of course they do, but they are held to a small and ineffectual minimum of influence by a combination of provincial and federal governments, as well as by public opinion, which has embraced democracy. And not to forget: the nation is Israel's most sturdy supporter.

Germany's lifestyle is not much different from ours, and the Jews, despite their small numbers, try to invest the religion with as much meaning as possible. Because we here are many, we have it quite a bit easier, though we have not made the most of it. Our advantage in numbers and environment is enormous, but our success in making our lives truly Jewish and giving it a special relevance is still falling short of its potential.

Trying to make sense of Israeli life

No matter how long an immigrant lives in his/her adopted country, various things about the place remain forever a mystery. That's certainly true in my case. After close to 11 years in Israel, many aspects about life here still leave me baffled.

Long-time readers of this space may recall that I devoted two columns to this subject in the past. Given that a few years have since elapsed, that it's summertime and that I wanted to take a break from the conflict with the Palestinians, it seemed fair game to present a new selection of enigmas of Israeli reality.

Robert Sarner in Jerusalem

The following examples, some obviously of greater consequence than others, are in no particular order. They show that I still have a lot to learn.

Aryeh Deri's magic continues – He may be in the slammer for massive corruption (and still facing more charges) but the former interior minister has lost little of his huge political influence on Knesset members, power brokers and, of course, fervent supporters of Shas.

No ticket to ride – If there is one place in this world where an effficent train connection is needed, it's between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Sure, there's always lots of talk of building a new line for this route (some day) but it defies logic that there's no train service between the country's two largest cities.

What a mess – Israelis have never been known for keeping public areas clean. All the more reason it's hard to understand why there are so few garbage cans in most local and national parks.

Bring your own flashlight – Try reading a newspaper or a book in public buses in Israel after the sun goes down and you'll need glasses in no time. This thanks to the stinginess of transit authorities in providing decent light for passengers who want to read while they travel.

Stand by me – Why are Israelis so incapable of waiting in an orderly line when need be?

This way out – When waiting for an elevator, why are Israelis so incapable of letting people get out first before barging in?

Sign language – If Arabic is supposed to be Israel's official second language, why is it used so sparingly and inconsistently in public areas, and why don't the country's Arab citizens seem to mind?

Get lost – Try asking directions to find a specific street and strangely few of the locals seem to know where it is – although that won't stop them from telling you which way to go.

Real money – There's no escaping the US dollar in Israel, even if nobody is quite sure why prices in so many sectors are quoted in dollars.

Tailpipe blues – Despite the excessive price of gas and the already polluted air, most Israelis have yet to learn the value of turning off their cars and trucks while waiting in their vehicles.

Good morning – It seems imported breakfast cereal is worth its weight in gold. Why is it twice the price that people pay in Canada for the same thing? Equally inexplicable, why do they still sell well? Even the price of local brands is a major rip-off.

No storage here – Most Israeli homes and apartments – even the more luxurious ones – are built without walk-in cupboards or closets. No one seems to mind.

Count me out – It's bad enough that almost all haredim males are draft dodgers, but why don't the vast majority do at least some form of National Service such as working in hospitals, helping with the environment or working with the elderly – and why is there not any public outcry?

Liquid waste – Amid the worst water crisis in decades, public authorities resist rationing and local municipalities still water public parks in the middle of the day.

All talk, no action – Why in a land of widespread rip-offs, price gouging and poor post-sales service, are Israelis so incapable of flexing their consumer muscles and mounting boycotts?

The list is endless but I've run of space. I invite readers to send me their Israeli enigmas for use in a future column. Please send them to rsarner@netvision.net.il.

The great 'occupied territory' hoax

The term "Palestinian occupied territory" is one of the greatest hoaxes of all time. Daily terrorists attacks are justified in the name of this territory and its "liberation." And yet, there has never been any such place, except in the political mythology that dominates discussion of the Middle East. At no time in history did a sovereign entity known as Palestine exist, and at no time did the ancestors of the Palestinian Arabs have a state in any of this land.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

In reality, there are two definitions of the "Palestinian occupied territories." Among themselves, the Arabs use this term to refer to the area between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River, including Israel. However, when talking to naïve Western journalists and diplomats, the term "occupied Palestine" is used to refer to the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

These areas have convoluted and complex histories. From the times of Joshua following the Exodus from Egypt, only the Jewish people had sovereignty of this land. For the last two thousand years, since the Roman conquest of Israel, the territory was under foreign occupation, including the British, who, in 1917, pledged to re-establish the Jewish National Home in this land. The initial area of the Mandate was divided in the 1920s, when Transjordan was given to the Hashemites. The remaining land was left for division between Jews and Arabs, and in 1947, the United Nations proposed the partition into two separate states.

While the Jewish leadership accepted partition and proclaimed the State of Israel, no claim was made for the creation of a "State of Palestine." Instead, the Arab states spearheaded an invasion to destroy the Jewish State. Israel survived, but the British-led Jordanian Army captured the areas between the Jordan River and Jerusalem (including the Old City), and this area became known as the West Bank. The Jordanians annexed this area, and ruled for 19 years, until the 1967 war.

Between the 1948 and 1967 wars, the Gaza Strip was controlled by Egypt, and, as in the case of the West Bank, served as a base for terrorist attacks against Israel. In Gaza, there was also was no suggestion of independent Palestinian control.

Control over both areas changed hands in 1967, when the territory was captured by Israel in a defensive war following Egyptian president Gamal Abdul Nasser's expulsion of United Nations buffer troops from the Sinai and other preparations for war. Israel struck first, and when the Jordanian army opened fire in the area of Jerusalem, the Israeli forces responded and captured the West Bank. This territory was not annexed (except for the parts of ancient Jerusalem that contained the ancient Jewish sacred sites) and continues to be disputed land, under international law.

After Arab leaders declared that they would never negotiate a peace treaty with Israel, state-owned lands that Jordan inherited from the British in 1948 and that Israel captured from Jordan in 1967 were opened for Jewish settlement. Throughout this period, there was no mention of Palestinian "territory" or the concept of a Palestinian state. The term "Palestinian" first appeared in the mid-1960s, and gained currency in the decade following the 1967 war.

As this brief history demonstrates, the claims that settlements are illegal, and the entire concept of "Palestinian occupied territory" are based on a political agenda. The pro-Arab majority in the UN repeated the mythology at every opportunity, and like other well-publicized and financed advertising campaigns, the slogan gained popularity and acceptance, even in Israel.

The campaign culminated in the 1993 Oslo agreement, which created the foundations for a Palestinian state as the cornerstone of a settlement of the conflict. Had this been Arafat's goal, he would achieved it during last year's Camp David summit. However, Arafat's blanket rejection of the Israeli proposals, and the effort to flood Israel with Arab "refugees" demonstrated that his goal continues to be the destruction of Israel, and not the creation of an independent state. Nevertheless, the myths are repeated around the world, allowing the terrorism in the name of Palestine to continue.

The Kirshner File

French Canadian scholar studies Quebec Jews

By any measure, Pierre Anctil is a pathbreaker, surveying and assessing terrain that is terra incognita to many of his fellow French Canadians. Anctil, who turned 49 last month, is a member of a small but growing band of French Canadian scholars who specialize in Quebec Jewish studies.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

"Pierre has succeeded in directing the attention of scholars, both Jewish and non-Jewish, to the great treasures of the Jewish community of Montreal's past that are 'buried' in Yiddish," explained his colleague, Ira Robinson, a professor of Judaic Studies at Concordia University in Montreal. "He has not merely translated a good deal of the material himself, he has also inspired translation of this material into English as well."

Anctil, said Seymour Mayne of the University of Ottawa, is one of the leading scholars of Yiddish culture in Canada.

Like an intrepid explorer, Anctil has taken it upon himself to study the cultural and historical riches of Quebec's Jews. Along with such notable figures as Jacques Langlais (*Juifs et Quebecois francais, 200 ans d'histoire commune*) and Esther Delisle (*The Traitor and the Jews*), he has trod where precious few French Canadians have ever ventured.

"Very modestly, I would say that I was among the first to recognize the importance of Jewish Montreal history in the general field of Quebec history," said Anctil. "It has become difficult today for Quebec historians not to study seriously the presence and contribution of the Montreal Jewish community to our society. I was also the first to translate Yiddish language memoirs and poetry into French and to reveal the existence of this literature to a larger francophone public."

In recognition of his achievements, the Canadian Jewish Congress honoured him with the 1998 Ezekiel Hart Prize, given every three years to a non-Jewish person who has made an outstanding contribution to inter-cultural relations in Quebec.

A social anthropologist whose command of Yiddish surprises and even flummoxes Jews, Anctil's interests range far and wide, from French-Jewish relations in Quebec and Yiddish literature in Montreal to the massive migration of Eastern European Jews to Canada from 1905 to 1914. In pursuit of these grand themes, Anctil, the former president of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association, has translated several Yiddish works into French, with introductions and historical annotations.

Four years ago, he translated *Le Montreal juif d'autrefois* from the original 1947 *Montreal fun Nekhtn* by Israel Mendres. Earlier this year, Mendres' granddaughter, Vivian Felsen, translated it into English under the title of *Montreal of Yesterday* (Vehicule Press).

In 1999, Anctil published *Le mouvement ouvrier juif au Canada, 1904-1920*, Simon Belkin's 1956 account of the Jewish labour movement in Canada (*Di Poale Zion Bavegung in Kanade*).

Last year, it was *Un demisiecle de vie yiddish a Montreal* – taken from Hirsch Mendres' 1946 work, *Mayn Lebns Rayze* (*A Half Century of Yiddish Life in Montreal*) – and, in collaboration with Ira Robinson and Gerard Bouchard, *Juifs et Canadiens francais dans la societe quebecoise* (*Jews and French Canadians in Quebec Society*).

Currently, Anctil is working on two projects. He is completing a French translation of the second volume of Medres' memoirs, *Tsvishn Velt Milkhomes*, which, in French, has been rendered into *Le Montreal juif entre les deux guerres*. It will be published in the autumn. He is also finishing translations by David Rome of texts published in the early Montreal Yiddish press from 1907 to 1916. Until his death, Rome was director of the Jewish Public Library.

In addition, he is organizing two exhibits at the Montreal Museum of Archeology and History. The first, set for the summer of 2002, will focus on the history of Boulevard Saint-Laurent (The Main), a magnet for new immigrants, including Jews, since the late 1600s. The second, *From King David to the Dead Sea Scrolls, A Thousand Years of Jewish History*, is scheduled for the summer of 2003, and is based on the Israel Museum's archeological collection.

A graduate of Laval Unversity and the New School for Social Research, he was born in Quebec City on July 28, 1952. His father, Jean-Louis, was a civil servant in the ministry of defence. His mother, Constance Barry, was a housewife.

As a child, Anctil never met a Jew. "That happened only when I started travelling and studying at the university level."

Still, as he recalled, his family maintained friendly ties with a Jewish neighbour from a long-established Jewish family. "This man, Edward Joseph, was my grandfather's age. Relations between the Josephs and my family were good, but as far as I can remember, they rarely met on social occasions."

Curiously enough, the Anctil family tree has at least one Jewish bough. "My grandfather's cousin married a member of another branch of the Joseph family, but one who descended from a Jew who had converted to Catholicism in the middle of the 19th century. When I met this woman for the first time about 20 years ago, I soon saw that she knew very little about Judaism and truly belonged to the French Canadian cultural sphere."

A guest researcher at the Universite du Quebec, he was drawn to Jewish studies about 25 years ago. "It all began when I enrolled at the New School for Social Research in New York City to do a PhD in anthropology," said Anctil, who directed the French Canada Studies program at McGill University from 1988 to 1991.

Pierre Anctil

"I was interested in studying in a left-wing environment and chose the New School for that reason. I soon learned that it had been founded in 1933 by German Jews fleeing Hitler. That milieu left quite a mark on me. When I decided to settle in Montreal in 1978, I had already developed a sensitivity to Jewish issues. It was then a small step for me to become interested in the Montreal Jewish community."

From 1980 to 1988, he was a researcher at the Institut quebecois de recherche sur la culture, where he studied ethno-culture relations in Quebec, Montreal's Jewish community and francophone minorities in the United States.

In 1981, he met Rome, striking up a friendship with him. "He soon sensed that I had an interest in (Jewish studies), and pushed me in that direction. I soon realized that very few Francophones had approached the field of Canadian Jewish studies. I was intrigued by this fact. This was a domain that seemed quite innovative and likely to yield new historical and cultural information."

Anctil discovered that the field of Jewish-francophone relations in Quebec had not been well explored. "Many Jewish authors who dealt with the subject did so only superficially, and few consulted seriously francophone historical sources. Here was a chance to bridge the gap by bringing to the field a systematic knowledge of French Quebec that was clearly lacking. Any discipline is enriched when people from different backgrounds approach it. Jewish history is no exception. That francophones have become interested in Canadian Jewish history is a healthy sign."

He began studying Yiddish in 1984 at McGill. "I felt that a thorough examination of Montreal Jewish history could not be done without a mastery of it. So much material had been published in Yiddish in Montreal. I realized I could not remain indifferent to it. David Rome was also an important influence in my decision to learn Yiddish."

In fact, Anctil learned Hebrew before Yiddish. "Learning the Hebrew alphabet and certain religious terms helped me tremendously when I began studying Yiddish."

Like his father, Anctil is also a civil servant, being director of the department of inter-cultural relations in Quebec's ministry of citizenship and immigration. The job consists of formulating policy for inter-cultural relations and coordinating the struggle against discrimination and racism.

Anctil is reluctant to discuss Quebec's separatist movement, but says it has "very few truly Jewish angles." As he put it: "Almost nobody will vote for secession out of spite against the Jews of Montreal, or in an attempt to hurt them."

In his view, the vast majority of Jews will remain in Quebec should it secede. "I do not feel Jews should be scared of Quebec nationalism. As long as the process of independence rests on democratic principles, remains non-violent and Jewish voters have their say, it is difficult to find major faults with the sovereignty movement in that sense.

"One can always oppose an idea... but once the majority decides what the dominant current will be, there is no recourse but to let democracy lead the way. Should there be manifestations of anti-Semitism, then all Quebecois of all origins would, I hope, oppose them radically."

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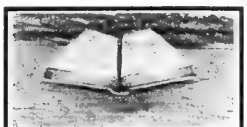
Jewish Life

The ethical issues in charity

By RABBI CHAIM STEINMETZ

Many people were embarrassed last year by the Jewish community's involvement in the Marc Rich pardon. In an op-ed article, former president Bill Clinton claimed that pressure from Israeli politicians and Jewish leaders led him to pardon Rich. Many thought the reason why these Jewish leaders campaigned for the pardon was because Rich had donated money to their organizations.



Rabbinic Reflections

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of Reform Judaism's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, wrote in an op-ed piece in the New York-based *Jewish Week*: "I am in no position to judge Rich's legal claims, but neither are the many Jewish leaders and luminaries who contacted President Clinton in support of the pardon... Why their interest in a man who appears to have traded illegally not only with Iran but with Iraq and Libya, rogue states devoted to Israel's destruction? The answer is simple: They were bought... Rich contributed generously to Jewish causes and charities around the world, and then, in a carefully orchestrated campaign, called in favours to put pressure on the president."

While the facts in this case are complicated, if Yoffie's portrayal of this affair is correct, a serious breach of ethics has occurred.

How does one evaluate the Rich case from a halachic standpoint? Two key questions are: May one accept charity from a disreputable figure, and, can one accept charity that is given with ulterior motives?

Accepting Charity from Disreputable Figures

It is clear that stolen items cannot be used for ritual purposes or accepted by charities as gifts. The prophet Isaiah (61:8) writes, "for I the Lord love justice, and hate robbery with burnt offerings." The Talmud (Sukkah 30a) states that sacrifices and other ritual objects such as lulav and etrog are disqualified if they are stolen.

The Torah also makes it clear that objects acquired in a disreputable fashion (such as an object bartered for prostitution) carry a taint that makes them unacceptable for sacred use, such as writing a Torah (Deuteronomy 23:19; Shulchan Aruch OH 153:21). However, cash or any fungible asset that is earned from such disreputable activities could be used to acquire ritual objects.

There is another issue: accepting money from a *mumar*, a habitual sinner. The Talmud states that we do not accept sacrifices from a mumar (Hullin 5b). (Some say the term "mumar" refers to fundamentally immoral people who reject any sort of moral authority, while others say it includes any habitual sinner. See Yabiah Omer 1:YD 11.) It may be that the mumar is excluded from giving a sacrifice because we assume he is making it for ulterior motives (see Orchot Chaim II page 442) or because we view a mumar's money to be tainted (see Sefer Chasidim no. 938; cf. no. 687). Some apply this rule to include all types of charity, and say that we must always refuse a mumar's money (Rama, OH 154:1; YD 254:2). Others distinguish between ritual objects, such as items used in a synagogue, which because of their inherent holiness cannot be donated by a mumar, and charity that is distributed to the poor, which *can* be donated by a mumar (see Chatam Sofer, comment to Magen Avraham OH 154:18). Others limit this rule to sacrifices, and allow a mumar to give any type of charity (Shach YD 254:5; Magen Avraham OH 154:18). Indeed, some argue that charity should be accepted from all types of people, because it is important to encourage sinners to do good deeds (see Yabiah Omer 7: OH 22).

This debate has important implications for who should be accepted as a donor. A majority would accept charity from disreputable characters, not only because it might improve their behaviour, but also because of the practical value it would have. An important minority would reject charity from them, because the donation is tainted.

Another element in receiving charity from disreputable characters is the desecration of God's name (chillul Hashem). Any action that will diminish the reputation of a religious institution, and as a consequence, desecrate God's name, is absolutely forbidden (see Rambam Yesodei Hatorah 5:11). I would suggest that because of this concern, disreputable characters should be barred from giving "naming gifts," where a specific room or lecture is named after a donor.

Charity With Ulterior Motives

A similar question that arises out of the Rich case has to do with the motives with which he gave charity. One could argue that his motivation was not altruistic, and that he gave it primarily to clear his name, enlisting the help of Jewish leaders in his campaign for a pardon. Were Rich's donations, which were given for ulterior motives, allowed to be accepted by charitable organizations?

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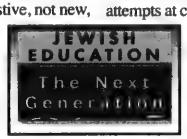
Jewish summer reading

By ELLIOTT MALAMET

For those wishing to catch up on their Jewish reading, I offer some summer samples. The selections are completely random, by no means exhaustive, not new, not easy reading, and come in no particular order (the list is therefore the very antithesis of the classic "summer reading" reviews that are printed every June in magazines and newspapers). I do not know if these make appropriate beach companions.



The Jew in the Lotus, by Rodger Kamenetz: This is Kamenetz's fluid and often insightful account of a meeting between the Dalai Lama and several Jewish leaders, which took place in October 1990.

The book has much to teach about Buddhism's attraction for Jews who have become alienated from their own tradition, and thus offers a window onto the current spiritual malaise of much of Jewry. As Kamenetz notes, "the materialism of much of Jewish life today, the lack of spirituality in our synagogue life, and the failure to communicate Judaism as a spiritual path have led, and will lead, many Jews to look elsewhere."

Genesis: The Beginning of Desire, by Aviva Zornberg: One of the more inspired attempts at creative analysis of ancient material to come along in many a day. Zornberg puts her Cambridge PhD in English into high gear and swirls a heady cocktail together of Midrash, Wallace Stevens, D.W. Winnicot and Rashi (among others) and shows the reader just what the myriad possibilities are for reading texts. I think this book puts to shame much of what passes for interesting Torah these days.

Nine Talmudic Readings, by Emmanuel Levinas: Also an example of inspired textual analysis, although Levinas is a bit "hit and miss" when it comes to getting it right with the Gemarah. Still, there are moments when this book is actually moving and even shocking in its ability to wring new life out of time-worn and seemingly abstruse passages.

On Repentance, by Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik: A book that bears not simply reading, but as is the fate of the best books, constant rereading. In its plainer moments, it can help illuminate the Jewish tradition's view on repentance and the process of Yom Kippur to create atonement. In its more elevated reaches, this book can change how one thinks and acts, and inspire the crucial process of forgiveness of self and other.

Better Living, by Mark Kingwell. Here I break the above pattern, as this book is not about Judaism, nor written by a Jew. The author teaches philosophy at the University of Toronto, and the book helps to clarify and often critique the cultural processes that are so endemic to the West at this point in time. From prozac to the Simpsons to the manipulation of advertising to the cult of "cool," Kingwell shows just how tenacious are the forces that are working on us all. This has implications for all Jews – and especially young people – who are attempting that ever so tricky balance between Judaism and secular culture. As Kingwell cautions, "easy solutions to hard questions are only easy at first glance; worse, they are not really solutions."

As the culture of reading is slowly overtaken by screens of one ilk or another, I applaud all those who still trouble over the printed word and care for its future.

Jewish Life

On the power of prayer and Torah

The Way Into Jewish Prayer **by Lawrence A. Hoffman Jewish Lights Publishing ; *The Way Into Torah* by Norman J. Cohen Jewish Lights Publishing.**

Books
Bernard Baskin

According to a bit of humour that is making the rounds, when you pray these days, you're apt to get voice mail: "Thank you for calling heaven, please select one of the following options. Press 1 for requests. Press 2 for thanksgiving. Press 3 for complaints. Press 4 for all other inquiries."

But prayer isn't a laughing matter. A Chassidic master taught, "Do not laugh at one who moves his body, even violently, during prayer. If a man is drowning in a river, he makes all kinds of motions to try to save himself. This is not a time for others to laugh."

Rabbi Hoffman's book is an informative and inspiring exploration of three thousand years of Jewish worship. He asks: Why, where, how – and to whom - do Jews pray? His answers make up the core and heart of his search for meaning.

Prayer is often regarded as a form of begging or petition. But Jewish prayer includes thanksgiving, remorse, affirmation, expiation and aspiration. Properly understood prayer is more quest than request. It is, at its highest, a striving for moral improvement and the creation of a more righteous and perfect society.

The author writes eloquently about the power of prayer. "We can live in homes with nothing that is sacred, true and noble, or we can fill our lives with prayer and blessing at every turn. We can mark time only in secular birthday parties, wishing we were not getting any older, or we can repeat at each and every occasion, 'Blessed are You, [HaShem] our God, ruler of the universe, who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this season'."

Does God answer prayer? The author confesses that he doesn't know. But, in any case, he insists that prayer lets us "glimpse a world enhanced by the tiny acts of goodness that we are capable of, day in and day out. God may or may not answer prayer; but prayer is clearly a response to God. Prayer is the first step in the process by which we learn to matter."

Judaism provides prayers for all of life's experiences. When S. Y. Agnon went to Copenhagen to receive the Nobel Prize for literature, he spoke privately to the King. When questioned as to what he had said, Agnon explained, "I am a Jew. I have inherited many blessings from my ancestors, including one to be said in the presence of royalty. But I have never stood before a king or queen before. Finally, I got to say a blessing that has eluded me all these years: 'Blessed is God who shares divine glory with rulers of flesh and blood.'"

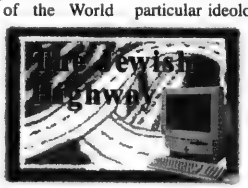
For Abraham Joshua Heschel, prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living.

In *The Way Into Torah*, Rabbi Cohen discusses the origin and development of the Hebrew Scriptures as well as rabbinic literature and indicates how they should be studied and understood. Filled with midrashic insights and practical instruction, this volume is a valuable and helpful guide.

Both authors are professors at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, and their books are part of a commendable publishing project concerned with Jewish faith, people and history that will eventually reach 14 volumes.

Racism conference

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ



Will it be 1975 all over again? That was when the UN passed the infamous "Zionism is racism" resolution. Now the question is being debated once again on the eve of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance **[http://www.un.org/WCAR/]**. The conference is scheduled to begin at the end of the month in Durban, South Africa, but concerns over a new "Zionism is racism" clause, and the use of the word "Holocaust" in the conference declaration have thrown the meeting's effectiveness into question.

Today, background about this controversy and a look at the original "Zionism is racism" resolution.

Last month, in preparation for the conference, a draft declaration was released that has offended not only Israel but the United States, its European allies and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. The Bush administration said it would boycott the meeting if Zionism language remains **[http://www.gsnonweb.com/gsnlib_a/gsn2001/2001_07/20010730/104953.html]**. To view excerpts from the conference's draft resolution, visit **[http://www.racism.gov.za/substance/confdoc/decldraft189b.ht m]**.

Non-governmental organizations are also concerned about the resolution's wording. In a recent statement, Amnesty International said that the conference's important work might be derailed due to the controversy over Zionism. Amnesty says that it would be more productive if the conference recalled "the international obligations of states rather than address[ed] any particular ideology." As for the use of the word "Holocaust," the organization says that all genocides are equally reprehensible, but since the term "is widely understood to mean the racist genocide of the Jews during World War II, the controversy over this issue is insensitive to the feelings of survivors." Click on Racism-Media Briefing at their site to find this document **[http://www.amnesty.org/]**.

Of course, this isn't the first time that Jewish and Israeli groups have faced opposition at the UN. Bonnie Lipton, national president of Hadassah, explains the difficulty – and ultimate success – her organization had being officially recognized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council **[http://www.jewishaz.com/jewishnews/010518/zionism.shtml]**. Since the UN's inception, Israel has been denied membership in the "Asian Regional Group," where it belongs geographically. Membership in a group is critical for countries to be nominated for important posts such as the Security Council. Israel's status changed last year when it was admitted as a member of the Western European and Others Group **[http://www.jpost.com/Editions/2000/06/04/Opinion/Editorial.7739.html]**.

The UN and Israel have a relationship that pre-dates the country's birth. For source documents, visit the Jewish Virtual Library, which has the complete text of over 400 hundred Middle East-related resolutions adopted by the General Assembly since 1947 **[http://www.usisrael.org/jsource/UN/gatoc.html]**. UNISPAL, the United Nations Information System on the Question of Palestine, is a database with over 3,000 documents, including all related General Assembly and Security resolutions **[http://www.un.org/Depts/dpa/qpal/UNISPAL.htm]**.

The 1975 Resolution 3379, which stated that "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination" **[http://www.usisrael.org/jsource/UN/unga3379.html]**, was not overturned until 1991, when former U.S. president George Bush pressured the General Assembly to do so. The vote was 111-25, with 13 abstentions **[http://www.aei.org/ct/ctbolton3.htm]**.

Before that crucial vote, however, Israel's ambassador to the UN, the late Chaim Herzog, addressed the UN **[http://www.herzog.org.il/speech2.htm]**: "For us, the Jewish people, this is but a passing episode in a rich and event filled history. We put our trust in our Providence, in our faith and beliefs, in our time-hallowed tradition, in our striving for social advance and human values, and in our people, wherever they may be. For us, the Jewish people, this resolution based on hatred, falsehood and arrogance, is devoid of any moral or legal value."

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Web site lists Orthodox services worldwide

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — You want to take a holiday in Hawaii, but you have yahrzeit. Your boss sends you to Gothenburg, Sweden, even though you are saying kaddish. Or you want to visit your relatives in Australia, and you need to know where you can find Shabbat services.

Since May of this year, help has been out there, thanks to a new Web site, GoDaven.com. It lists shuls and other places Orthodox services are held, including addresses and phone numbers, times of services, both weekdays and weekends, whether the davening is Ashkenazi, Sephardi, or chassidic and even the rabbi or other contact person if it is available.

Information can be accessed by postal code, city (or part of a city, for instance Willowdale) or name.

There are also links to articles discussing the laws of davening and techniques to improve concentration, a discussion forum which allows site visitors to ask for minyan information, a bookstore and a form to submit information about their own minyan or ones that the user has discovered on his own.

GoDaven.com was created by Joseph (Yosi) Fishkin, chief resident of ophthalmology at New York University and the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. He began the Web site when he realized that while Far Rockaway, New York, where he lives, has a great many minyanim, he had a hard time remembering which minyan started at what time. He began to keep a record on his Palm Pilot, but soon realized that others would like the information too.

"After searching the Internet, I was shocked to find that no truly comprehensive minyan database already existed. There are some that cover certain subgroups within Orthodoxy, some that cover certain geographic areas and some that provide only addresses, but no davening times."

Fishkin said that he made it user modifiable, so that people worldwide could easily submit the details of their own minyanim.

Considering where Fishkin himself lives, and also considering the huge Jewish population in New York, it is not surprising that the list is top-heavy with local entries, particularly in Brooklyn.

His hope is that as time goes on, there will be many more entries, so that "at some time in the forseeable future, if the site continues its current rate of growth, it will contain information about 99% of the world's [Orthodox] minyanim."

Entries range from Singapore to Australia to the United States, Israel, Canada, Argentina, Belarus, France, England and Mexico.

He said he would like to make the database search function more flexible, "so, for example, you can search for all nusach X minyanim located in City Y that have shacharit at Z o'clock."

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Pop goes teens' Web site

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Adam Gonshor and Michael Levine receive between 600 and 800 visitors a day.

The two Westmount Collegiate students are co-founders of www.andPOP.net, a pop music Web site featuring daily updated news, biographies, interviews, trivia, pictures and contests.

Gonshor, 18, and Levine, 17, who have been friends since kindergarten, started the site about one year ago because they wanted to combine their passion for music with Gonshor's interest in journalism and Levine's ability to design Web sites.

"It was a natural fit. We put up the site and started calling record companies and asking for interviews. Before we knew it, it was a going concern," says Gonshor.

When they first started up, he says, there were no updated music sites. "We obtain breaking news from various sites and link it to a central site."

So far, he says, they have interviewed such musicians as O-Town – their first major interview – soulDecision, Ricky J, Eden's Crush, Sugar Jones from the Canadian Pop Stars, and Chris Kirkpatrick from 'NSync.

"We find out a musician is coming and we call the record company, and ask about availability. About half the time we are able to secure an interview. Kirkpatrick was in town to promote a clothing line and he gave us a few minutes. We also covered the last Juno Awards in Hamilton."

Despite their age, says Gonshor, "we are taken seriously. We're not star struck. We look at it like a job. Sometimes we even ask them how our interview is going. We are always treated with respect."

Adam Gonshor and Michael Levine.

They carry articles by other teens as well. "If someone wants to contribute, we usually take the article. We put it up and give them full credit. They are not getting paid but they are getting experience and exposure."

They have not made a lot of money, says Gonshor, but "we have a company that sells ads for us and we have begun to make a profit.

"We're really not in it for the money, so anything we get is a bonus. We're happy to be meeting celebrities and to be doing what we do.

"We're looking forward to interviewing both the Backstreet Boys and Boyz 2 Men one day. If we could get any interview we want, I think it would be Michael Jackson. Just being able to get the interview would be newsworthy."

Ethical issues in charity

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It is acceptable to give charity in order to enlist God's favour (Pesachim 8a), but there are medieval sources who strongly condemn the giving of charity for the sake of fame and glory (Beit Yoseph YD 247, in the name of the Semag). According to this view, charity that leads to arrogance is a sin.

Because of this injunction, one could argue that publicizing the identities of donors and the size of their gifts (a component of most fundraising campaigns) should be forbidden. In fact, this argument was made in 1867 by Elazer Dov Ettenzesser, who, concerned with this common practice of the time, wrote to several prominent German rabbis asking for it to be stopped. Rabbi Ezriel Hildesheimer (YD I: 219), however, defended the practice, arguing that giving charity with the hope of publicity does not necessarily mean that one is looking for glory, and that it is impossible to be certain what the motives of a donor are. In addition, he was willing to accept the imperfect system for the sake of increasing charitable revenue. His view – that an organization is allowed to accept charity whatever the motive – is the current custom.

The Rich case underlines the complexity of receiving charity from less than reputable individuals. While there is a solid halachic basis for organizations to accept such gifts, there is an additional imperative that such donations must be carefully assessed to make certain they do not corrupt or taint those organizations. They also should have an impartial outsider review their actions, because one's moral vision is easily distorted by a large donation.

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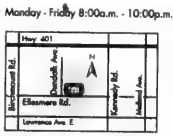

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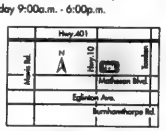

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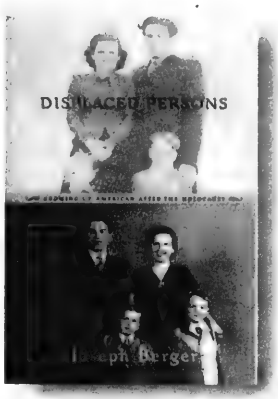
Displaced Persons – Berger's way

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter



In *Displaced Persons*, a young family arrives in New York from Berlin on Purim 1950 and begins their journey into the American mainstream.

But Joseph Berger's engrossing story really begins with his father and mother in prewar Galicia and Otwock, Poland.

Towards the beginning of his novel, Berger tells us that his mother, Rachel, "was shaped in large part by the years before the war." The harshness of those years in Otwock, a shtetl just a short distance from Warsaw, is described through interviews and a memoir that Rachel gives her son.

Dutiful and severe relationships in poor family surroundings form Rachel's character. She becomes a woman whose drive and intelligence direct her toward survival in Warsaw, through the war years in Russia, and then toward success in the United States.

The more difficult challenge for Berger is in telling the story of his father, Marcus. We know that he was born a peasant in a farming family in Galicia, where Poland, Slovakia, the Ukraine, Hungary and Romania all meet.

Very little other than that is told, yet Marcus's unassuming and devoted nature comes through clearly in the simple descriptions of his presence around the family.

Throughout the novel, we are also aware of Marcus's overwhelming loneliness.

The ambiguity in Berger's relationship with his father is continued in *Displaced Persons* with the descriptions of the interactions between his parents. At one point, they are eating their Sunday morning ritual feast of rye bread, slices of egg, herring, radish and onion.

"Somehow," Berger writes, "as they devoured their sandwiches... my parents seemed friendlier to each other, funnier, their ribbing less biting."

On another occasion, Berger tells us his father chose America over Israel because of an uncle who had occasionally sent money to his family in Europe. Rachel had preferred Israel over America.

Marcus's tragic disappointment, upon his discovery that his only American relative is in fact dead, is described with the reminder that Rachel would "surely remind him how foolish he had been."

With just a few anecdotes, it seems apparent that his parents' relationship was defined by coldness and quarrels. But of this, again, not much is told.

Berger notes that he often compared his arrival in America from the displaced persons camp in Germany with the deliverance of the Jews from the tyranny of Haman in Persia. However, the novel describes much more than a journey away from Eastern-European anti-Semitism. It also explores Berger's personal struggle in blending into American culture while feeling embarrassed by, as he puts it, "the Yiddish on his parents' lips."

Everyone has their own story, their own prism through which they see their world. Berger's view of the world is through the eyes of a refugee defined by survivor parents. His story, which he tells with detail and ease, is filled with real and sympathetic characters. We are left with an unforgettable sense of time and place. Yet it leaves us wanting more.

While at a staff meeting at the *New York Times*, Berger found himself drawn back to his childhood by a seeded roll which he has brought for breakfast. He tells us that like Swann in Proust's novel, *À la recherche du temps perdu*, a memory draws him back to his youth.

But unlike Proust, whose eight-volume work leaves little unsaid, the depth of some of Berger's characters remain unexplored.

It is fitting that a young boy who arrives in New York on Purim only partially removes his mask, not quite revealing his inner self.

As a student, Berger worked at his university newspaper. He tells us that when he looks back at those years, he realizes that "there were limits, after all, to what I could say about my family."

That was a mistake, Berger says, because "it turned out that several of my campus friends... were children of refugees... We might have given us something more meaningful to chew over [and] drawn even closer."

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אך את העיקר שכחו: עמיחי חציע את גנזיו לגופים שונים במדינת ישראל, אך לא נמצא מי שירצה לקנות. ועמיחי, שחי כל חייו בצניעות מכניבה וחוראת, תשאיר אחריו אשה ובת צעירה, שוכחנו להתקיים בכבוד. אבל שיישאר בינינו.

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טוב, יישכת האמא בטקס חחכתרה בשורה ראשונה ואומרת לראש הסנאט שישב לידה: "אתה רואה את האשה הזאת על חבמה, שמה את היד שלה על חתנ"ך? האח שלה הוא דוקטור!"

Beth Tzedec embarks on new 'STAR Tech'

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum's participation in a pilot program involving synagogue transformation through technology has nothing to do with any computer expertise on his part, nor does it reflect any advanced technological standing on the part of Beth Tzedec Congregation (although the synagogue does have a Web site).

On the contrary, the rabbi explained in a recent interview. The project was initiated because of a feeling that "synagogues are woefully lacking. They're trying to assist us to catch up."

The STAR Tech project, a one-year pilot program, is an initiative of STAR (Synagogue Transformation and Renewal), the partnership formed in December 1999 by philanthropists Edgar Bronfman, Michael Steinhardt and the late Charles Schusterman.

Rabbi Tanenbaum is the only Canadian among a group of 20 rabbis participating in the project as rabbinic consultants. The others are from the United States.

He is also involved in STAR through Beth Tzedec's new Jewish Personal Trainer program, which matches lay people as mentors and trainees in a variety of areas of Jewish knowledge and practice. The program, a brainchild of Rabbi Tanenbaum's, received a STAR grant earlier this year.

The 20 congregational rabbis in the technology project were chosen from more than 200 applicants and represent a range of denominational affiliations. They have received online business training and met three months ago for the first of three in-person sessions.

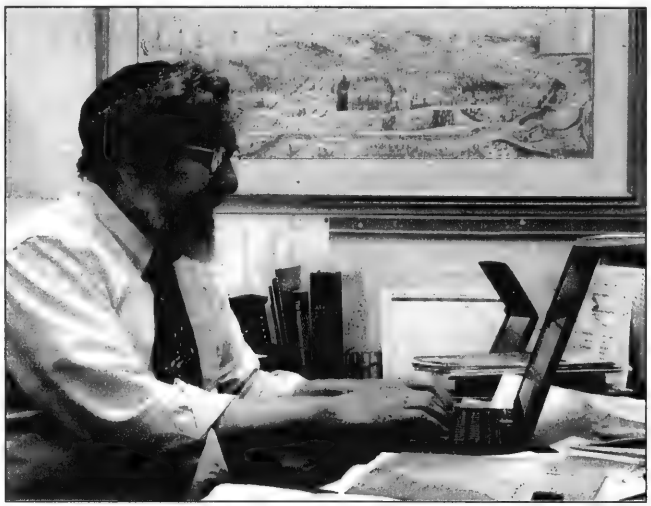
Most of their contact, however, will be via technology. The program has provided each rabbi with some $4,000 worth of equipment including a Dell Inspiron laptop computer with "all the bells and whistles" and a hand-held device with capacity for sound recording and instant messaging (although the latter technology is not currently available in Toronto).

"This laptop has more power than those mainframe computers that used to fill a whole room," Rabbi Tanenbaum said animatedly, recalling his days as a rabbinical student in the 1960s when he co-wrote a language transliteration program enabling computers to print Hebrew without first having to be shut down and rebooted.

"We hope these advanced technological tools will do much more than simply enable the members of our advisory team to participate in our project," said STAR president Lynn Schusterman (Charles Schusterman's widow), in a news release. "We want the technology to stimulate the rabbis to begin thinking about innovative ways to renew themselves, to transform their congregations and to reach out to the unaffiliated Jews in the communities they serve."

STAR has brought the role of the synagogue to the forefront, reflecting a growing realization, Rabbi Tanenbaum explained, of the importance of the synagogue in offering Jewish core values, a sense of cohesiveness and continuity.

Among the proposals Rabbi Tanenbaum is working on, that originated with STAR, is the concept of educating via the Internet. Although there are "wonderful" Jewish sites online, the rabbi said, there is a lack of the sense of community one would find in a local synagogue.



Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum

"How can we learn to deliver to our own congregants the same quality education that we're able to deliver in a lecture that can't necessarily be attended [and at the same time] have that sense that this is Beth Tzedec and this is Toronto and this is our community?

"One of the things Beth Tzedec might perhaps be able to do is discuss how we might go about achieving that."

Through streaming video, the synagogue would be able to provide lectures over the Internet to be viewed live, or later, at a more convenient time.

Other implications of STAR Tech, for Beth Tzedec, include the probable revamping of some synagogue programs as a result of the online courses. An integrated, interactive Web site is also an exciting prospect, Rabbi Tanenbaum said.

"STAR has introduced us to resources I didn't know existed."

Other technology-oriented programs in the works at STAR include the creation of an online synagogue "supersite" as a resource for Jewish institutions.

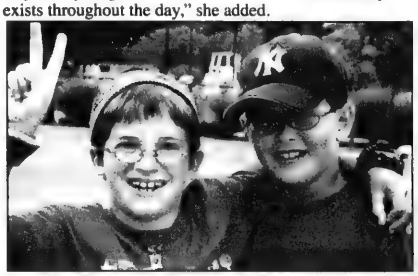
Centre Camp's full of spirit

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Kids in braids, pigtails, kippot and baseball caps gather at the flagpole with their blue backpacks every morning.

"Camp spirit begins at Centre Camp first thing in the morning," said Janis Roth, director of community and family services at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre (BJCC).

"Since many of the councillors were campers here when they were younger, there is an incredible sense of family that exists throughout the day," she added.



Zvi and Stefan.

The camp, located at the BJCC, draws children from the entire community, said camp director, Jeff Krupski.

Roth noted that while some of the kids have an extensive Jewish background, for others it is their first time learning Jewish traditions – from making challah covers in arts and crafts to learning Hebrew songs and celebrating oneg Shabbats.

The camp integrates children from all parts of our community, Krupski said – there are Russian, Israeli, South American, Sephardi and Ashkenazi kids.

"The camp is a full integration camp and we've met the needs of disabled children with great success," Roth added.

Known as Mr. K. during the school year at Bialik Hebrew Day School where he teaches, Krupski is called Jeff at Centre Camp. He began Centre Camp's sports specialty program in 1997 and has watched the camp grow over the years – in numbers, as well as in facilities.

"One of the camp's most well-known secrets is that the campgrounds have been renovated," Roth said. There is a baseball diamond, beach volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, soccer field, an in-line skating rink and low ropes course. There are also two swimming pools – indoor and outdoor.

"And now we're expanding trails into the back for extreme hiking," Roth said.

Nicole, Daniel and Michelle (counsellor).

Centre Camp also offers a performing arts specialty camp for kids between grades 2 to 6.

Beginning as early as 2½, kids can stay until they're 15 years old, when they do councillor-in-training programs. There are full fee kids, as well as limited places for campers on subsidies.

"In many ways, camp is a great equalizer," Roth said. "Everyone here is treated the same."

"The camp now has over 850 campers registered for the summer," Roth said. "However, our success lies not only in our growth, "but in the fact that the kids keep coming back."

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A New Solution To The Homecare Problem

Finally... Employers Can Watch Video Interviews On The Internet

Ontario's homecare system is in crisis warned a PriceWaterhouseCoopers report commissioned by the health ministry and published in July.

In Ontario, 30,000 are currently on waiting lists for homecare. In Toronto there are 8000 people waiting for placement in a nursing home. Ontario's long-term healthcare facilities recently ranked last in an international comparison.

Critical shortage of healthcare professionals

Many Canadian families are now turning to private homecare as the only viable alternative. However, the critical shortage of healthcare and childcare professionals means that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find Canadian nannies, nurses and caregivers willing to work on a live-in basis. Those that do often charge high fees.

Clearly, what is urgently needed is a source of reliable and affordable homecare.

A cost-effective, long-term solution : foreign live-in caregivers

Caregivers.ca, an innovative online homecare agency, has developed a cost-effective, long-term solution to this problem: foreign live-in caregivers. The government's Live-In Caregiver Program allows Caregivers.ca to find many qualified nurses, nannies, therapists and even doctors from overseas to come to Canada to work as live-in caregivers with Canadian families.

Caregivers.ca finds caregivers abroad and uses cutting-edge internet technology to match them with Canadian families.

Unique searchable database of caregiver resumes and video interviews

The Caregivers.ca web site(www.caregivers.ca) has a unique, searchable online database of thousands of caregiver resumes and instantly viewable video interviews.

Once employers have found their prospective candidates online, Caregivers.ca can then set up telephone interviews. This is a revolution in the employment recruiting industry. Videos let employers see who caregivers really are.

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Employers can save thousands of dollars a year by hiring a full-time foreign live-in caregiver *and* get better care – an affordable alternative to expensive hospitals, care facilities and Canadian caregivers. For employers who need immediate help, Caregivers.ca can provide temporary Canadian caregivers until foreign caregivers arrive.

Rosenblatt Associates, one of Canada's largest immigration law firms, established Caregivers.ca. Together, they have 80 + offices worldwide (including many throughout the Philippines, the most popular source country for foreign caregivers), and provide full-service international employment recruiting, including background checks.

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Tuesday, Aug. 14

RABBI BLUMENKRANTZ

Renowned author/lecturer **Rabbi Avrohom Blumenkrantz** of Far Rockaway, N.Y., lecture, On Getting Your House in Order: Teshuva and Shalom Bayis, 8:30 p.m. (Minchah 8 p.m.) at Beth Jacob V'Anshei Drildz Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Pl. Ruth Rybak Memorial Lecture. **Betsheva Asbell** 416-789-5426.

And What Else Is New

WAGAR HIGH SCHOOL

A Sept. 1 reunion of the 1971 graduating class of Wagar High School of Cote St. Luc, Quebec, is taking place at Toronto's Design Centre, 234 Bay St. Organizer and alumnus **Lawrence Greenspon,** now living in Ottawa, is anxious to hear from other alumni of the formerly all-Jewish high school. Hotel overnight special arrangements are being made through **Ruthi (Nebel) Silver** at 905-475-3667. Greenspon can be reached at 613-232-4546.

HEBREW LANGUAGE

Enrich your conversational and Hebrew language skills. Hebrew Culture Organization of Canada Fall 2001 Hebrew Language Studies with **Channa Sargon**. Registration is now open for day/evening classes beginning Sept. 5. Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced (Chug Ivri) levels. Classes are held at 3995 Bathurst St., Suite 300. Information/registration, Canadian Zionist Federation 416-633-3988.

ADATH SHOLOM TRIPS

Adath Sholom Sisterhood is going on a fun-filled trip to Casino Rama on Monday, Aug. 27. Bus leaves Adath Sholom, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. at 9 a.m. Buffet lunch. To reserve and pre-pay, call 416-635-0131

Adath Sholom Sisterhood is also arranging a trip to Atlantic City Monday, Nov. 5 to Thursday, Nov. 8. Cost of $298 Cdn includes taxes, 3 breakfasts and 1 dinner. Contact **Bunnie** 416-633-9691.

SUMMER CLOSET SALE

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brand new items and classic used items for the whole family. Also shoes, books, toys, household items and more. 4700 Bathurst St. 416-633-5100.

HEBREW SCHOOL

Ateret Shalom Hebrew School offers kindergarten to Grade 7 and a bar/bat mitzvah program which includes individual tutoring. Once or twice weekly (Sunday and Wednesday) at Yorkhill Elementary School in Thornhill. Kids love music, arts and crafts, Israel folk-dancing, Hebrew, holiday prayers, Israel, Bible, history, holiday celebrations and more. Remedial and advanced programs too. Free Hebrew reading classes for parents.

Ateret Shalom Hebrew School is affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. Help with carpool available. 905-886-1457.

TALMUD-GEMARAH CLASS

The weekly Talmud-Gemarah class resumes meeting on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue starting Sept. 5. The group is studying Tractate Sanhedrin. Newcomers are welcome. Class is conducted in English. Leading the class is **Aaron Nussbaum.** For further information, 416-633-8097.

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FOR SENIORS

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Aug. 9, bingo; Aug. 16, Israeli video *Salach Shabaty*; Aug. 23, supper out at Mandarin Restaurant; Tuesday, Aug. 28, trip on Lake Simcoe; Aug. 30, lecture. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

LZA Seniors Club: Dance classes every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets still available for the *Sound of Music* on Oct. 4 in Stratford, call **Libby** 416-782-2059 or the office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the boardroom.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Trip to Memphre Inn, Quebec, Aug. 14-17; free concert Aug. 19, 2 p.m., Earl Bales Park; Cookstone Factory Aug. 30, bus leaves 9 a.m. members $7, non-members $8; Casino Niagara Sept. 6. Casino Rama every Wednesday in August. Membership available $12. 416-395-7881.

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Israeli Festival, Thursday, Aug. 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Movie about Israel, entertainment by **Effi Zohar,** Israeli dancing demonstration by **Marco Ben Shimon**. Free admission.

Healthy Cooking with dietitian/nutritionist **Andrea Sturk** Monday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m.

Blood Pressure Clinic, Monday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to noon.

Thornhill Community Band open rehearsal with conductor **Bobby Herriot** of "Big Band" fame, music of Broadway, marches, pop classics. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Lifelong Learning Institute and Israeli Club Etrog. No charge.

Parkinson's Support Group meets Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1:15 p.m. **Samantha David** from Medic Alert speaks about Improving Personal Safety. **Ruth** ext. 105.

Hearing Aid Checkup with **Barry Katz** Tuesday, Aug. 14, 12:15 p.m.

Wellness lecture, How to Improve Senior Pedestrian Safety and Awareness with **Joanne Banfield,** manager, Trauma Injury Prevention, Sunnybrook & Women's College Health Sciences Centre, Thursday, Aug. 16, 1:15 p.m.

Movie, *Mission Impossible,* Sunday, Aug. 12, 2:30 p.m.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speaking persons meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnics. Aug. 14, political lecture; Aug. 21, trip to Edwards Gardens (register in advance); Aug. 28, sing-along with **Yitzack Argeman**. For information, call **Anna** ext. 110.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre. 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211.

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WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT: Canadian Seaway branch (CSB) of Women's League for Conservative Judaism recently honoured its Women of Achievement selected by their own Conservative sisterhoods at the annual Torah Fund event celebrated this year at Adath Israel Synagogue. Rivy Blass, president of CSB, is seen back row, left.

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Community kitchen on the agenda in Vancouver to help fight poverty

By MARLANE PRESS
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — A coalition of Vancouver organizations has identified the need for a Jewish community kitchen where individuals can meet regularly to cook healthy, nutritious and economical meals.

Hand in Hand: A Coalition on Poverty in the Jewish Community sprang from a poverty forum held in January. Its first event – a community picnic held recently at Or Shalom Synagogue – gave participants the opportunity to have a say in the start-up of a community kitchen and also help prepare food and leave with some homemade, vegetarian dishes.

"The bottom line is that it's all about community building and strengthening roots," said David Berson, Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver's director of community planning. "It's a real, live story about people coming together and making the community more accessible and more affordable."

A combined effort of about 18 local organizations, the coalition has several goals, explained Berson. The first is to get a dialogue between different sectors of the population to deal with the denial of poverty within the Jewish community.

Other objectives include reaching lower income people who may or may not be involved in the community and enlisting synagogues to provide a certain portion of free seats for High Holy Day services and free tickets to community events for those in need.

"The actual picnic itself was meant to be a consumer input forum where people can come and express their interests, needs and concerns in terms of participating in a Jewish community kitchen.

"We had about 50 to 60 people, so there's quite a good sense of interest," he said. "We hope that, within six months to a year, we have a couple of kitchens in place."

A remarkable community response and several initiatives have resulted from the whole poverty forum initiative, he added.

"For example, the council of presidents of Jewish organizations said that organizations holding non-fundraising events would make free tickets available – something like five to eight percent for those under low incomes, and a community garden has been started."

Lani Levine, the coalition's chair, emphasized the importance of reaching out to people who are not necessarily involved with the community at the moment.

She also added that the group is not attempting to provide programming, which is being handled by Jewish Family Services, but rather to identify areas of need and co-ordinate in an organized fashion so that each different organization involved with the coalition knows what the other is doing.

"We're trying to find the holes and fit the pieces," Levine said. "We're not trying to take on the programming, but work hand-in-hand with the agencies who do what they do and know what they're doing best."

At the picnic, participants had an opportunity to cook at one of four stations – making either hummus, Israeli salad, carrot salad or vegetarian chili. They also heard about the concept of a community kitchen and were able to express ideas as to what they felt would work best for the community.

"We've always taken the approach that this shouldn't be a talk-down initiative," Levine said. "We need to involve people who need the services in designing the services. We don't want to tell people what they need. We want them to tell us what they need."

Berson said it was evident that participants felt empowered throughout the afternoon's event. "They weren't just having things given to them – they were hands-on cooking and being asked for their input."

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Those interested in serving on the committee should contact Romy Ritter, community relations co-ordinator, by phone at 604-257-5101, or email pacific@istar.ca.

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A group of Vancouver Jewish organizations have formed a coalition to combat poverty and are seeking volunteers for various working groups. Participants will help prepare food, provide input in starting a community kitchen, and discover new and delicious recipes. (Food provided.)

Please call David Berson, Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver's director of community planning, at 604-257-5105.

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The Canadian Friends of Hebrew University in Vancouver is seeking volunteers to act as hosts and hostesses and to help out with registration during its upcoming Stretch Your Mind seminar, September 8 and 9.

Please contact executive director Dvori Balshine at 604-257-5133. (Balshine is always glad to have extra volunteers on hand and requires assistance at most levels, including committee, young leadership, special projects and general help around the office.)

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Ozarow cemetery being restored in Poland

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Ozarow cemetery, one of the few remaining Jewish cemeteries in Poland and dating back almost 400 years, is being restored after years of neglect through a group called the Ozarow Cemetery Restoration Project (OCRP), which was formed this past May.

Scenes of Ozarow cemetery.

With some 100 monuments still standing, the cemetery is a solemn testimony to Ozarow's once thriving Jewish community. Ozarow is located in southeastern Poland, near Ostrowiec and 80 km from Kielce.

In 1939, 4,284 Jews lived there. At the time of the ghetto's liquidation in 1942, the Jewish population totaled approximately 8,000. Today, there are no Jews left.

The cemetery, in which such famous rabbis as the disciples of the 16th-century kabbalist, Rabbi Yitzhak Luria, and the third rebbe of Ozarow, Rabbi Leibush Epstein, are interred, was almost completely destroyed during World War II. Many of its monuments were taken by the Germans to fortify the Wistula River about 15 km from the Polish city. (People from the neighbourhood, however, did not steal the stones because, according to legend, they were cursed.)

OCRP project co-ordinators are Rabbi Tanchum Becker of Israel, Norman Weinberg and Mark Milgrom of the United States, Marek Lipsztajn of Canada and Stefan Andrzej Omasta of Poland. Recently, Omasta found aerial photographs of the cemetery walls taken before World War II. He also found in Sandomierz, not far from Krakow, documentation written in 1978 in Polish by a well-known Polish historian, Adam Penkalla. The 130-page manuscript, which contains the history and architecture of the cemetery, as well as other relevant information, will be translated and made available to the OCRP.

Hartley Garshowitz of Toronto, whose maternal grandparents, Joseph and Rose Mandel, were from Ozarow and came to Canada in 1926, says that the renovation includes cleaning the cemetery, building a wall which incorporates all the remains of the old wall, erecting a commemorative monument and placing a descriptive plaque at the gate in three languages – English, Polish and Hebrew.

The plaque at the entrance will describe the history of the site and acknowledge the contribution of those who have supported the project, including the mayor of Ozarow, Marcin Majcher; the local Catholic priest, Father Stanislaw Szczerek; the Ozarower Rebbe Tanchum Becker, who now lives in Israel; and members of Polish Jewish groups, including the Ozarowers and Descendants and the Jewish Historical Institute Association in Warsaw.

A dedication ceremony will take place in Ozarow on Oct. 15, 2001. As well, a group tour has been arranged from Sunday, Oct. 14 to Sunday, Oct 21. A tour bus and guide have been arranged to take the group from Warsaw to Ozarow, and then continue for a further week of sightseeing in various towns of Jewish interest including Krakow and Sandomierz.

Garshowitz is hoping to reach not only Ozarowers, but also many Canadians whose families came from the Polish city. He also expects government dignitaries from Poland and abroad, rabbis, priests, Polish media and a filming crew to attend the event.

For more information or to register for the tour, contact Weinberg (phone or fax: 716-688-5272; e-mail: tourinfo@ozarow.org), or Garshowitz (phone: 905-731-9268 or e-mail: hushyg@home.com). You can also visit the Ozarow Web site at www.ozarow.org.

CORRECTION

In the headline of the article about Gary Polonsky (*CJN*, Aug. 20), we inadvertently misspelled Polonsky's name. *The CJN* regrets the error.

Keren Hayesod chair reaches out to 'forgotten Jews'

BY JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

Harvey Wolfe

MONTREAL — In June, Harvey Wolfe led an eight-member Canadian delegation to Russia's remote far east, seeing first-hand the bleak living conditions of the area's Jews, who have largely been forgotten by the West.

The itinerary included Khabarovsk, Kamchatka, Vladivostok and Birobidzhan, which Stalin established as a Jewish autonomous republic. Many of the Jews there are poor, lacking such basics as adequate housing and med-icine.

They continue to live in the spiritual void created by communism; the Jewish religious revival evident in the large cities of the western part of the former Soviet Union, has not reached this region. Not one synagogue is functioning.

Yet Wolfe found a determination among them to rediscover their Jewish roots and rebuild a community.

Wolfe, as the new chair of Keren Hayesod's world board of trustees, expects to spend much of his two-year mandate searching out Jews in distress wherever they live and reminding them that Israel is ready to welcome them at anytime.

Since its founding in 1920, Keren Hayesod (also known as United Israel Appeal) has been the fund-raising arm of the Zionist movement's social development of the Jewish homeland.

Working in partnership with the Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod has brought 2.3 million immigrants to Israel and eased their integration. It has sponsored Jewish education and the basic necessities for many thousands more who live in areas of oppression or war or economic deprivation. It is also on the scene after natural disasters, like the recent earthquake in Turkey or flood in Venezuela.

In the Russian far east, the Jewish Agency had been working there only six years. With the Joint Distribution Committee, they have established Hebrew classes and encouraged aliyah, as well as opening soup kitchens.

One idea to come out of the Canadian delegation's trip is to set up summer camps for children to teach them the basics of Judaism.

Today, 90 campaigns in 50 countries on five continents are affiliated with Keren Hayesod. Only the United States, which by far raises the most money (60 percent of the worldwide total), remains separate from Keren Hayesod as the United Jewish Communities.

Among Keren Hayesod countries, Canada raises the most money, and that explains the fact that three of the last five of its world chairs have been Canadians – Julie Koschitzky and Phil Granovsky, both of Toronto, came before Wolfe.

Wolfe has a long history of Jewish community and Zionist activity. He was president of FEDERATION CJA from 1991-91 and general chair of the 1995 Combined Jewish Appeal.

The following year, he became president of UIA Canada, overseeing its merger with the Council of Jewish Federations into UIA Federations Canada in 1998, and served as the new organization's first president. He also is a member of the Jewish Agency board of governors, and chairs its budget and finance committee for the former Soviet Union.

He may serve as Keren Hayesod world chair for up to four years.

Wolfe, an architect, sees his biggest challenge as getting through to Diaspora Jews that Israel is in a "crisis" because of the intifadah and terrorism that continue within its borders.

An increasing percentage of Israel's budget is being diverted for security and it is up to the Diaspora to ensure that the humanitarian work of the Jewish Agency is carried on, he said. "Not one penny" raised by UIA goes to the Israeli government, he added.

In addition to aliyah and klitah, Keren Hayesod improves the quality of life in the peripheral regions, the Galilee and Negev, and brings young people to Israel for visits.

"In Canada today, only about 21-22 percent of the money raised in the local campaigns goes to Israel. At one time, it was 50 percent. In many other Keren Hayesod countries, all the money raised goes to Israel," he said.

Wolfe "lays no blame" for communities increasing their local spending during a period when Israel was enjoying relative prosperity and peace. He hopes that they will now recognize those times are over, and Israel must again be the priority.

Almost every community around the free world is expected to take part in "solidarity" rallies with Israel on Sept. 23, he said, and "parallel" campaigns for Israel's urgent needs will be held in conjunction with the regular appeal this fall.

Diaspora Jews can also help Israel by simply going there at this time. It will boost the suffering tourism industry and the morale of besieged Israelis, Wolfe said.

"Four or five years ago, you might have felt just like another tourist in Israel. Today, Israelis will thank you for coming," he said.

Orthodox object to empty mezuzot at Y

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The YM-YWHA is in hot water with Jewish religious authorities for affixing mezuzot throughout its newly renovated premises that have no parchment inside and are therefore *passul*, or invalid.

The presence of these empty casings appears to have come to light only after a complaint was made to *The CJN* by a user of the Y, who said he had found a few in this condition on interior doorposts.

Y executive director Joe Rabinovitch acknowledged, when asked by *The CJN*, that this was true, but explained that it was "a temporary situation."

Rabinovitch said the Y's associate executive director Jacob Haimovici is currently on vacation in Israel and is buying the parchments there. "All the parchments will be [installed] in a couple of weeks," he said.

He noted that Haimovici is Orthodox and said he has "confidence in what he is doing."

Rabinovitch admitted he did not know that installing empty mezuzot was a serious violation of Halachah.

The reason the casings were put up without the parchments, Rabinovitch said, was that a workman was available on a particular day to do the job, which requires some skill. In some cases, they had to be screwed into concrete or brick. "If we didn't do it that day, who knows when we could get someone to do it?"

Rabinovitch said there was "no intent" to deceive anyone.

Over the past three years, the Y has been undergoing an $18-million renovation and expansion, but has remained open throughout.

Asked whether it was not a breach of trust for a Jewish institution to install non-kosher mezuzot, Rabinovitch said, "I don't know anything about that." Mezuzot are touched or kissed by some people as they pass through a door to show reverence for the Torah passages they believe are encased within.

The hot dog-days of summer

Scene in Ottawa
By G.K. SIMCOE

It's funny how every year, as we approach the dog-days of summer, things on the political front heat up. Already, the various parties (and wannabe parties) are jockeying for position in anticipation of a contentious session in the House come September. Don Boudria has warned that there will be no easy ride for the once-Reform-then-Alliance-now-Limbo-rebels.

The "Strahl Strategy," to form a recognized caucus in the House and enjoy the privileges that recognition confers, seems to be floundering. In fact, for a clever bunch of individuals, it seems that the "rebels with a cause" are in deep trouble. Support back home is lower for them than it is for the Alliance (which is to say, it's pretty low!) and there seems to be general media weariness with covering the story (the rebels' strongest suit in their attempt to oust Stockwell Day). It can be pretty much summed up by the hilarious image of rebel MP Jim Pankiw's defence of the call to give them party status.

Pankiw is the MP who tabled a private member's bill in the House (before he bolted the Alliance) to raise the party status threshold to a minimum of 30 seats. This was done in a bid to address the danger of "fringe" parties like the Tories and NDP who, with 12 seats, represent only a tiny fraction of the country (four percent). Now that he is on the other side of the issue, Pankiw is vague about how he can reconcile the two seemingly contradictory positions. Good luck, Jim!

But the rebels are not the only ones feeling the heat of summer. As we have had occasion to observe in the past, every statement and move by a Liberal leadership aspirant has to be seen through the prism of the all-consuming "race-that-isn't."

Hence, Alan Rock came to the immediate defence of have-not Atlantic provinces who had been lambasted by Ontario Premier Mike Harris for always wanting more and more in equalization payments. This helped Rock consolidate his lead in Atlantic Canada – much to the chagrin of Brian Tobin, who is doing some floundering of his own. Not to be outdone on the national scene, however, the front-runner Paul Martin took his own shots at Harris regarding Harris' demand that Ottawa pony up 50 percent of the cost of all new health care expenditures. Poor Mike seems to be getting it from all sides.

But Harris may have the last laugh. As of this writing, the first ministers conference in B.C. promises to be quite an affair, and Harris is the clear leader of a combative bunch of premiers. Next week, we'll look at some of the winners and losers as well as some possible implications for the Jewish community, so stayed tuned!

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EU presses Israel to be more flexible on intifadah

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

BRUSSELS — The European Union is pressing Israel to drop its insistence on a total halt to Palestinian violence before the two sides begin steps to resume peace talks, EU officials said last week.

EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana sought to convince the Israelis and the United States in intensive telephone diplomacy last week that a threadbare ceasefire could otherwise collapse, raising the danger of a wider Middle East conflict.

The officials said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell seemed amenable to a more flexible interpretation of the so-called Mitchell Commission proposals for a phased return to the negotiating table. But Prime Minister Ariel Sharon remained inflexible in demanding a one-week cessation in all Palestinian attacks and insisting Israel would be sole judge of when conditions were right to move to a cooling-off period.

A panel headed by former U.S. senator George Mitchell, and including Solana, called in May for a ceasefire, followed by an extended cooling-off period, confidence-building measures and the resumption of peace talks. But an EU official close to Solana said: "To insist on zero violence before the cooling-off period is absurd. It means you have to be in the freezer before you can enter the cooler."

"You have to accept some level of violence, otherwise you give the key to extremists who can cut off the process at any time," the official said.

Another EU diplomat said Sharon's stance suggested he meant to delay or evade implementing the Mitchell report's other recommendations, notably a complete freeze on Israeli settlement building in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

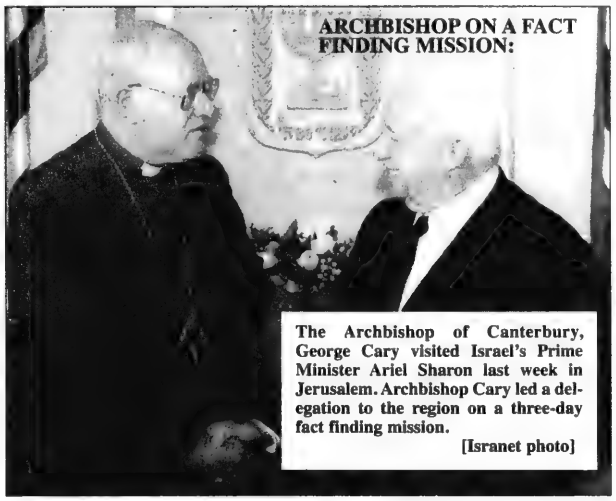
International efforts to salvage the ceasefire intensified after an Israeli missile attack on an office of the militant Islamic movement Hamas in the West Bank city of Nablus last Tuesday killed eight people, including two senior Hamas political leaders.

U.S. Central Intelligence Agency director George Tenet brokered a cease-fire agreement in June but it has been breached repeatedly by both sides.

"It's crazy when the Israelis claim that their assassinations don't violate the ceasefire but the Palestinian street violence they provoke does," the EU diplomat said.

Some EU diplomats said recent Israeli actions raised the question of whether Sharon actually wanted a cease-fire or sought to goad the Palestinians into a reaction that would justify a massive Israeli strike against the Palestinian Authority. In an apparent bid to head off revenge attacks, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat called last week for a halt to all violence in the Middle East and appealed again for international observers, which Israel has rejected.

The EU, long suspected by Israel of pro-Palestinian bias, has increasingly taken a role alongside the United States in Middle East diplomacy, especially since President George W. Bush has scaled back Washington's active involvement.



ARCHBISHOP ON A FACT FINDING MISSION:

The Archbishop of Canterbury, George Cary visited Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon last week in Jerusalem. Archbishop Cary led a delegation to the region on a three-day fact finding mission.

[Isranet photo]

Sharon: New approach needed for reaching agreement with PA

By AMOS HAREL
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Israel will need to try a new approach in order to reach agreements with the Palestinians, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said last week.

The current situation, he said, "requires a different approach than the one we have tried until now in contacts with the Palestinians. This [new] approach is based on a process of gradual progress on the basis of long-term interim agreements for non-belligerency."

Speaking to graduates of the National Security College in Glilot, Sharon said, "Our relationship with our neighbours will be based on a combination of mutual dependence, deterrence and national economic interests, through which it will be possible to examine the development of the relationship."

Regarding the current conflict, Sharon said he is certain "we can look forward with optimism," and that Israel "can survive this battle and win."

"I remember more difficult situations," he said, "situations in which everyone had lost hope, situations which some described as the destruction of the Third Temple."

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U.S. senators launch campaign for kidnapped soldiers

By NATAN GUTTMAN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

WASHINGTON — With U.S. senators John McCain and Joseph Biden at his side, along with relatives of four Israelis held by the Hezbollah since last October, Knesset speaker Avrum Burg last week launched an international campaign for parliaments to sign a treaty that calls on Hezbollah to treat its four hostages according to the rule of international law, allow them visits and provide information about their condition.

McCain, who ran for the Republican nomination for president last year and was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for five years, told the relatives of the kidnapped soldiers that the hardest thing for him while in captivity was the thought of what his family was going through.

McCain and Biden promised they would seek a congressional declaration calling for the kidnapped soldiers to be treated according to international law.

Burg said this was the first step in the international parliamentary campaign.

On Sunday, a Knesset delegation went to Latin America to visit 30 parliaments seeking similar declarations. This is to be followed by a swing through European parliaments.

The campaign will also include lobbying to prevent Syria from becoming a member of the UN Security Council because of Damascus' patronage of the Hezbollah.

Haim Avraham, father of Benny, one of the captured soldiers, said the main thing the families want is to get information about their children.

Opinion

Israel on diplomatic defensive

By JESSICA STEINBERG
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With Prime Minister Ariel Sharon facing a potential war crimes lawsuit in Belgium, and Denmark calling for the arrest of Israel's ambassador-designate, Israel is beginning to feel like the most unpopular kid on the block.

After years of improved international standing following the signing of the Oslo peace accord with the PLO in 1993, the Jewish State finds itself on the diplomatic defensive once again as the peace process unravels.

In addition to the charges against Sharon and the uproar in Denmark, Israel's Foreign Ministry is preparing a list of countries where Israeli officials could be put on trial for their roles in defending the country, and the international conference on racism that is to begin Aug. 31 may become a forum for some of the most intensely anti-Israel resolutions in years.

The lawsuit in Belgium was filed in June by several Palestinian survivors of the 1982 Sabra and Shatila massacre in Lebanon. The massacre was carried out by Lebanese Christian militiamen who were allies of the Israeli army during the Lebanon War.

An Israeli commission of inquiry found Sharon indirectly responsible for Sabra and Shatila because, as defence minister overseeing the Israeli invasion, he failed to foresee and prevent the massacre. Sharon was forced to resign from the Defence Ministry, though he stayed in the cabinet as a minister without portfolio and served in various posts in subsequent Likud governments.

The lawsuit was brought in Belgium because it has a 1993 law on "universal jurisdiction" – the authority to prosecute foreigners for crimes against humanity, torture or war crimes, even if committed elsewhere.

The charges against Sharon are now being investigated by a Belgian court, which will decide whether to press formal charges. In the meantime, the Israeli government has hired a Belgian lawyer for him.

In Denmark, Israel's appointment of Carmi Gillon – a former head of the Shin Bet domestic security service, as well as the Peres Centre for Peace – as ambassador has created a diplomatic storm.

The Danish justice minister, Frank Jensen, recently threatened to arrest Gillon if he sets foot in Denmark.

Israel's nomination of Gillon sparked outrage in Denmark because he has admitted authorizing the torture of Palestinian suspects when he led Israel's Shin Bet domestic security service between 1994 and 1996. Gillon later went on to become president of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' Tel Aviv peace centre, which fosters co-operation between Jews and Arabs.

Despite the threat, Israel said it would send Gillon to Denmark.

Jensen later backtracked, saying Gillon could not be arrested because he would have diplomatic immunity in Denmark.

Now, most Danish political parties are calling for Gillon's resignation. That includes two Danish politicians – one of them Arne Melchior, a relative of Israel's deputy foreign minister, Michael Melchior. The two politicians are considered Israel's most loyal supporters in Scandinavia.

It was an Israeli human rights organization, B'Tselem, that appealed initially to the Israeli and Danish foreign ministries to cancel Gillon's appointment.

As Sharon and Gillon deal with their respective troubles, Israel's Foreign Ministry is drawing up a list of countries that have universal jurisdiction laws on their books.

"The concept of universal jurisdiction is a very noble, honorable concept," said Alan Baker, a legal adviser to the Foreign Ministry. "The danger is in the fact that Arabs have decided to abuse the concept and utilize them perhaps naivete of European countries."

According to Foreign Ministry officials, Arab interests may lead to more lawsuits against Israeli officials.

As the 10-month-old Palestinian uprising continues, Arab nations are trying to delegitimize Israel and "carry out its warfare in a different field," attempting to gain favour among European nations, Baker said.

"We support universal jurisdiction," he said. "But this whole thing has been blown out of proportion." The challenges in Belgium and Denmark – along with the upcoming World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa – have made government officials and Israel supporters extremely uncomfortable.

There has been widespread concern in government circles about the conference, whose tentative agenda includes discussion of "racist Zionist practices" and equates the Holocaust with "ethnic cleansing of the Arab population in historic Palestine."

Arab delegates to the conference were the source of the anti-Israel moves. Mary Robinson, the UN high commissioner for human rights, said recently that they should drop wording from a draft document seeking to equate Zionism with racism. The United States has threatened to boycott the conference over the issue.

The Foreign Ministry is preparing for the conference with a human rights lawyer in Geneva drafting a statement that will "hopefully get rid of all the offensive language," Baker said.

While Israel is feeling the heat, several countries are coming out against the potential witch hunt, Baker said, citing Germany, Canada and the United States.

The ministry hopes these nations will have enough influence with the Arabs to block future anti-Israel moves.

In the meantime, Baker and his staff are asking officials in various Israeli embassies to obtain copies of their host countries' legislation in order to be prepared for potential lawsuits.

"Our job as advisors to the government is to be prepared," Baker said. "We don't want anyone to ever say, 'You didn't warn us.'"

Here's to you, Mrs. Robinson

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

On Nov. 12 of last year, when the Palestinian intifadah was already in full swing, Mary Robinson, the United Nations high commissioner for human rights, came on an official visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories.

Robinson was known as the former president of the Republic of Ireland. Whether because of her position in the UN or for other reasons, she had a reputation for being anti-Israel. This did not interfere with her visit because her hosts in Israel decided to afford her respect, but something extraordinary happened that day.

While she was visiting the area of Hebron and Kiryat Arba, those who were accompanying her proposed that she visit Tel Rumeida. Her bodyguards were provided by the local UN force, known as TIPH – Temporary International Presence in Hebron. As the convoy was travelling to the town, shots were fired at it. One tracer bullet hit the vehicle accompanying that of Robinson.

Immediately, the accusation was that those who had opened fire were Israelis, apparently Jewish settlers who were trying to hit the important guest. When Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat greeted the guest, he offered her the armoured car in which he usually travels, for protection against the Israelis. With her silence, the guest seemed to accept the accusations against Israel.

The remnants of the bullet were extracted from the UN vehicle and sent for ballistics tests that were performed by the ballistics department of the Danish police. Recently, the UN report on the tests was published, and the findings show that the bullet that hit the vehicle had been fired from a Kalashnikov AK-47 rifle.

This is a weapon with which Palestinians, including members of the security forces, are armed. IDF personnel and the Jewish settlers do not have such weapons.

To the credit of the TIPH, they did not confine themselves only to ballistic tests. Their personnel in the area, together with the Danish experts, carried out a reconstruction at the site of the shooting.

The report notes that the reconstruction "clearly designated the origin of the shot: a house in the H1 area, north of Bal al-Zawiya."

H1 is the area under Palestinian control in Hebron. From all this, it should have been concluded that those who fired at Robinson's convoy were Palestinians.

This ended the affair, but there has been no statement from Robinson. More precisely, there has been no apology for the blame cast on Israel. And this has not been forthcoming.

It is to be hoped that she conducts international affairs in the field of human rights with more objectivity. Courage and honesty are not what she has displayed in the case before us.

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July 30

• *Ha'aretz* reported that a delegation of Israeli defence officials met last week with retired senior officers from Arab countries for a first-time seminar organized by the Pentagon and the University of California at Los Angeles. Convening in Garmisch, Germany, the group included retired Arab officers from Lebanon, Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and the commander of the Palestinian police in Gaza.

July 31

• IDF chief of staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz said Palestinian security services, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatah party and various Islamic terrorist groups are working in tandem trying to build up a store of weapons in preparation for a drawn-out conflict with Israel.

Aug. 1

• A PA court sentenced three Palestinian men to death after a 10-minute hearing, for collaborating with Israel over the killing in December of a senior Fatah official, *Ha'aretz* reported.

• The Women's Corps of the IDF was incorporated into the General Staff and ceased being an independent unit.

Aug. 2

• An Egged bus driver and Israeli soldiers foiled a Palestinian suicide bomb attack on a crowded bus near Beit She'an. A 16-year-old Palestinian carrying a large, heavy bag tried to board a bus full of soldiers travelling from Jerusalem to Kiryat Shmona.

Aug. 3

• A terror attack was averted at the Central Bus Station in Tel Aviv when a 23-year-old mother of two from Nablus was stopped by police. She was carrying a four-kilogram explosive packed with nails and metal shards.

Files from JTA and Ha'aretz

French Jews no longer afraid to speak out

By JOSHUA SCHUSTER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Analysis

For French Jews, the past 10 months of Israeli-Palestinian violence have had one positive side effect: The French Jewish community has found its voice.

Within the last month, more than 7,000 members of the community gathered to protest the visit of Syrian President Bashar Assad to Paris, and a series of meetings was later held with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Finally, French Jews launched a pro-Israel assault on the French media and publicly protested Europe's often unbalanced impact – in favour of the Arabs – on the Middle East peace process.

All of this prompted Sharon to describe France's Jewish community as the "most militant" in Europe.

Standing in dramatic contrast to their reputation a generation ago of being fractured and timid, the description "most militant" is one French Jews are proud to claim.

"We are now the best organized and most activist" of Jewish communities in Europe, said Jean Kahn, president of the Consistoire, the umbrella group of religious French Jewish organizations. "This has given the French Jewish community another dimension."

The French community's response to misinformation and boycotting threats in Europe since Israeli-Palestinian violence began last fall has marked the end of the community's timidity, a reticence going back to World War II or even earlier, when French Jews didn't dare speak out for fear of appearing disloyal to the government.

The French Jewish community has been organized for centuries, having established the Consistoire during the days of Napoleon. But it is only now beginning to show its promise.

"We are much better situated now than just a few decades ago," said Haim Musicant, director of CRIF, the umbrella group of secular French Jewish organizations.

Though CRIF deals with political matters and the Consistoire deals with religious issues, the two groups often work in tandem.

Musicant traces the community's modernization to the wave of Sephardi immigration from North Africa that began in the 1960s; the majority left their homeland due to anti-Israel animus.

Before that, the French Jewish community numbered about 300,000. Today it numbers at least 600,000, the largest Diaspora community after those in the United States and the former Soviet Union.

But Musicant noted that the demographic change needed a generation to be fully felt. The immigrants' most pressing initial concerns were economic, as many arrived in France after being stripped of nearly all their possessions – a mandatory requirement for "permission" to leave their country.

However, after generations as second-class citizens in the Muslim world, the Sephardi communities that arrived in France were eager to display their Judaism openly.

They first got the chance in 1967, when the Six Day War erupted. Some 100,000 Jews rallied in support of Israel in the heart of Paris, still the largest Jewish demonstration ever held in Europe.

It also marked the first time France's Jewish community challenged its government – though it turned out to be something of an isolated event. Then-president Charles de Gaulle had already shown French support for the Arab league against Israel, a policy that many French Jews feel exerts a strong influence on the government even today.

"It was the beginning of our conscious political development," Musicant said. "From then on, we were able to affirm [our] devotion to Israel even when it went against the policies of France."

In addition, Kahn said, the French government has also had something of a change of heart, and he now finds himself called upon by President Jacques Chirac to speak out in forums where Jews are maligned.

Chirac has asked Kahn – on behalf of France, not just the Jewish community – to attend next month's UN conference on racism in South Africa that is expected to harshly criticize Israel.

Musicant also acknowledges that the Jewish community has finally reached a privileged status in its relations with many French politicians.

A few decades ago, the community was considered of little more than a marginal political interest to French leaders. But "now I can call Chirac, set up a rendezvous, and it's no problem," Musicant said.

The most significant change in the community's relationship with the government came when Chirac went before the community in 1995 to recognize, for the first time, France's Holocaust guilt.

It was a seminal event that Jewish leaders recount to visitors as well as among themselves, as if to confirm that the apology, so long in coming, was actually made.

As French Jewish political identity solidifies, the organizational infrastructure of the community is coming under pressure to perform well. So far it seems to be holding up, despite the fact that the community's financial means and membership pale in comparison to even a medium-sized American Jewish community. The Jewish communities of many mid-sized American cities have bigger budgets and more staff than the entire French community has.

"When we compare the power, the membership and the budget of our institutions with our counterparts in America, it is crazy. We are not even close to a comparison," Musicant said.

The community has seen an explosion of construction – a Jewish museum, a central community centre and the Foundation for the Shoah were built in the past two years – but many feel the new operations are understaffed, with meagre budgets and the barest of public relations departments.

Indeed, most French Jewish institutions are just learning to court the media. Even so, the fledgling efforts with the media represent a dramatic shift for the community.

Musicant notes that as recently as the early 1980s, CRIF waited three days to denounce a violent attack on a Parisian synagogue, fearing the media attention.

"Now we would denounce it in two minutes," he said.

Not everyone agrees that the Jewish community has made enough strides toward organizing itself.

"Twenty years ago, there was more of a possibility to express ourselves," said Serge Benattar, editor-in-chief of the weekly newspaper *Actualité Juive*.

It's true we can mobilize much quicker, but we probably don't mobilize as we should," Benattar said. "Everyone does his own action, but we don't have any grand organization. There are so many little events that the people become tired. The community itself is in pieces."

Musicant also acknowledges that the community faces several challenges if it is to develop to its greatest potential. Most importantly, it "needs more leaders, more members and more money," he said.

It's a tall order but not an impossible one, community leaders insist. While fund-raising in the community comes primarily from a few legendary families such as the Rothschilds, the United Jewish Appeal in France succeeded a few years ago with a campaign to help poor Jewish families and unemployed members of the community.

Still, Musicant concedes that "the average Jewish family hardly gives at all to the general community."

Among the first projects on CRIF's wish list is to sponsor trips to Israel for non-Jewish journalists, in the hope of helping diminish what many see as the French media's anti-Israel bias.

Other plans include a major reunion with French-speaking Jews in Belgium, whom Musicant says he meets only once or twice a year.

Finally, he wants to set up projects linking Jewish communities in France and the United States. Jewish tourists to Paris generally visit only the historic quarters of the community, which French Jews themselves rarely frequent, since most of the community live and work outside of these quarters.

"The community is in the midst of expansion, but at the same time it needs to reflect on itself," Musicant said. "It needs a vision of what all these things – the CRIF, the Consistoire, the radio station, the museums, the community centre, etc. – should transmit to our children.

"For a while, everything turned around Israel," he said. "The communities now need to speak among themselves to find out where they are going."

Deadline nears for Swiss bank claims

BY FREDY ROM
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ZURICH — Holocaust survivors or their heirs who believe they have a valid claim on a dormant Swiss bank account dating back to the Holocaust era have little time left to file claims.

In February, Swiss banks published the names on 21,000 accounts that may have belonged to Holocaust victims. At the time, they imposed a six-month deadline to claim those accounts.

The Claims Resolution Tribunal, which is overseeing the claims process, says it has processed 10,000 claims and approved payments to Holocaust survivors totalling $40 million.

The total number of names published in February was far lower than what some U.S. banking officials had expected, and, in fact, the tribunal has already received some 25,000 claims.

Jewish groups representing survivors were also surprised that more names weren't published. They argued that the process of returning survivors' assets necessitates full access to bank records.

Swiss banking officials refused to disclose such information, but said claimants who have a reasonable case could request a full database search.

Survivors have long complained about delays in the restitution process. Given the survivors' advanced age, every delay means that some survivors will not live long enough to get their money.

Advocates for survivors estimate that some 1,000 survivors around the world die each month.

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Anglican newspaper lines up on Palestinian side

Continued from page 1

Last week, Congress president Keith Landy and Rabbi Reuven Bulka, chair of Congress' religious and interreligious affairs committee, wrote to Rev. Michael Peers, Primate of the Anglican church of Canada, expressing "deep disappointment and dismay" over the article. The *Anglican Journal* is the national newspaper of the Anglican Church of Canada, which itself has been accused of cultural genocide for its role in the residential school scandal.

"The anti-Israel tenor of the article is palpable," the letter states. They challenged the article's "outrageous and inflammatory statements" and stated the author "views the complex Israeli-Palestinian situation through large blinders and with an unwillingness to contextualize the conflict and hold the Palestinians accountable for their actions."

About a month ago, the Israeli Embassy sent a letter to Rev. Peers expressing its "frustration" at the article, but it has yet to hear back, said Amir Maimon, counsellor at the embassy.

Maimon said, "We don't have any problem being criticized, but when it comes to one-sided criticism and we're not given the opportunity to tell our side of the story, it raises many questions."

Congress has raised concerns over the article to the Canadian Christian-Jewish Consultation (CCJC), an interfaith liaison committee whose membership includes Congress, the Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches. Reaction at the CCJC was "mixed... I think there was a general understanding of why we were concerned, but I think there are people out there in the churches who see things this way," said Congress spokesperson Eric Vernon.

Israel-bashing by various churches is not a new phenomenon. Following the onset of the intifadah, senior Canadian clergy representing a number of mainline churches collaborated on a draft statement highly critical of Israel. Congress worked with its interfaith partners in the Middle East Working Group, an offshoot of the Canadian Council of Churches, "to tone down the letter, which was unbalanced, heavy on rhetoric and did not examine the root causes of the conflict," Vernon said.

The end result was a more balanced letter, but "since then we've seen some slippage. The article in the *Anglican Journal* is a prime example of what happens when [the writer] does not do due diligence, does not do his homework and does not see both sides," he said.

References to an Israeli-led bloodbath on the scale of Rwanda and the Holocaust "are unconscionable observations," he added.

The June article is not Carriere's – or the *Anglican Journal's* – first foray into Middle East politics. In a June 1998 article, Carriere wrote that "the Anglican Church in Jerusalem is heavily committed to the Palestinian cause."

"I think it's a matter of record that the Anglican Church has been supportive of the Palestinians," Carriere told *The CJN*. The Anglican bishop of Jerusalem is Palestinian, as are a substantial number of church leaders in the Palestinian territories, he said. Officials of Anglican Church House in Toronto were unavailable for comment.

One particularly vociferous critic of Israel is Ottawa-area priest Rev. Robert Assaly, who participated in a December 2000 "solidarity visit" to the Palestinian territories.

Rev. Assaly recently traded letters with the Israeli Embassy, attacking the "racist and brutal practices of your government" while asserting that "the majority of Israel's citizens recently elected a war criminal (Ariel Sharon) as prime minister."

He declined to participate in a dialogue on the Middle East situation, which he said would not be more useful "than dialogue with the South African Embassy in the 1980s or the German Embassy in the late 1930s."

Assaly serves as chair of the Canadian Friends of Sabeel (CFOS). Sabeel is an ecumenical organization based in Jerusalem that is a proponent of Palestinian liberation theology. Information about CFOS can be found on the Anglican Church's Web site (http://ottawa.anglican.ca/sabeel.html#cfos).

'Human shields' protect Beit Jala residents

By AMOS HAREL
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Thirty human rights activists from Israel, Europe and America have moved in with Palestinian families in Beit Jala to act as "human shields" against heavy IDF firing into the village across the wadi from Gilo.

The IDF says it is trying to find out exactly where the activists are staying for fear that wounding or killing any of them would create an international incident. The group, calling itself the International Solidarity Movement, says its mission is to prevent harm to innocent Palestinians in the village when the IDF retaliates with artillery and missiles for rifle fire from Palestinian snipers.

Several Palestinians and a German doctor have been killed and dozens have been wounded by IDF fire at Beit Jala in response to sniper fire at Gilo.

At least two of the 30 are Israeli women and the group says more activists are due to arrive soon. Neta Golan, who has been living in the village for the past few weeks, told *Ha'aretz* last week the activists are staying with Palestinian families in homes that have already been shelled.

The activists, Golan said, "are not deluded into believing that we can prevent shooting, but we hope to draw international attention. It's clear it would be more upsetting to the IDF to hit one of us than some innocent Palestinians."

Golan said she has spotted Palestinians firing from Beit Jala toward Gilo.

The IDF says it has spotted three women from the group in a house that Palestinian snipers have used as a base in the past. Golan conceded the women were in the house, but not while there was any firing from it.

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Intifadah affecting North American students in Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The number of American students enrolling at Israeli universities has dropped dramatically in light of the ongoing intifadah. Most of their Canadian counterparts, however, seem to be proceeding with their plans.

While Israeli universities such as Tel Aviv University (TAU) and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have experienced a slight drop in Canadian registration, the number of Americans enrolling at Israeli universities is less than half what it was last year, according to Orly Gil, Israeli consul for academic affairs in New York.

At TAU, which together with the Hebrew University accounts for the majority of Canadians studying in Israel, Canadian registration this year has dropped slightly, from 21 students last year to 18 this year. Two students dropped out after the intifadah began last fall.

Part of the reason for the small difference relative to the United States may be due to the fact that about 60 percent of [Canadian TAU] registrants are Israeli-born, according to an estimate by Orna Benayon, Canadian Friends of TAU's director of academic affairs.

"In many ways, we're a far less assimilated community," noted Merle Goldman, director of programming and academic affairs for Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, speculating on the same question.

The Hebrew University anticipates having 35 to 40 Canadians this year, compared to 45 last year, most of whom (at least 40) stayed the year. This summer, a small contingent left Toronto July 31 to begin Hebrew language ulpan. Other students will join them when classes begin in October; a number were already in Israel.

Any drop in overseas enrolment may not be due solely to the political situation in Israel, Goldman said. Other factors include the lower value of the Canadian dollar (typically, overseas programs are priced in U.S. dollars) and the increased availability and popularity of overseas programs in other countries.

Security issues, however, are obviously a concern for others as well. At the University of California, officials in their overseas program have imposed sharp restrictions on students' movements in Israel and on their use of public transportation.

"I have conveyed one strong stricture to all students – that if they cross over into the West Bank or Gaza, they will be subject to dismissal from the program," said John Marcum, director of the university's Education Abroad program.

Such policies are not typical of American universities, but there have been a few instances, said Gil.

At York University, which has students on direct exchange programs with Israel as well as on special one-year programs, guidelines include maintaining close contact with Israeli university personnel and checking foreign affairs advisories, said Maria Cioni, director of York International.

"We prepare our students as best we can. They do sign waivers and go through intensive orientation," she added. "We hope to select students who will thrive when they're abroad and that means students who are knowledgeable about their situation abroad and will act accordingly."

Deborah Neufeld, Bar-Ilan University's director of academic affairs for overseas students, noted from her office in New York that overseas students receive regular security briefings and are expected to be in daily contact with madrichim (older student leaders living on-site in the dorms). "There are no disciplinary repercussions [if they don't follow guidelines], because they're adults and we're trying to treat them that way."

Only a small percentage of Bar-Ilan's overseas students are Canadian – "in the single digits," she said. Although numbers this year are slightly down, that may change, she indicated, noting that in past years the school has picked up new students later in the academic year.

In response to the intifadah, Benayon outlined strong recommendations in a letter to TAU students. Among the points she stressed were to avoid taking a cab alone or going out alone at night, to notify the TAU office in Israel if leaving the dorms overnight, and to be in contact with their parents [at least] every second day.

To allay parents' concerns, Benayon made herself available by phone around the clock. Most often, she is called by a parent who can't locate his or her child. Prior to the intifadah, she said, contact with parents typically took place twice a year.

Despite the restrictions, the students had "the best time of their lives," Benayon said.

"It always appears worse here than it is there," said Goldman, who was in Israel in June. Nonetheless, she added, "we expect [students] to be careful. We will do our best to ensure they have a quality and safe experience."

With files from JTA

Alberta professor helps develop safe method to excavate oil sands

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

One day not far off in the future, the vast oil sands deposits in Alberta will give Canada the gift of virtual independence from foreign oil suppliers.

Alberta's oil sands supposedly contain more petroleum than all the known reserves in Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest producer.

The development of the oil sands was a major collaborative effort of politicians, scientists, engineers and administrators.

And one person who played no small part in developing these reserves was Norbert Morgenstern, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Born and raised in Toronto, he devised cost-effective, environmentally acceptable methods of excavating the oil sands, a mixture of bitumen, sand, water and clay.

These methods had been used in the coal industry. Starting from this base line, he made it possible to extend them to the oil patch.

The achievement has not gone unnoticed. Morgenstern, a member of the Alberta Order of Excellence and the Order of Canada, recently won the Killam Prize. The award, worth $100,000, recognizes accomplishments in the natural sciences, health sciences and engineering.

Now 66, he has been involved in the oil sands sector for almost 30 years, having been a consultant to Sun Corp. and Syncrude Canada Ltd., the two major extractors of the resource.

Although Morgenstern's dragline method is being replaced by a newer technology, the truck-and-shovel approach, he can take solace from the fact that without his technical expertise, the fabulous wealth of the oil sands may not have been brought to the surface.

The oil sands of northern Alberta are awash with about 1.7 trillion barrels of bitumen. Once bitumen is separated from the sand, oil and clay, it is upgraded into a high-quality oil called synthetic crude.

Using current technology, the raw bitumen can potentially be converted into more than one trillion barrels of synthetic crude.

By comparison, Alberta's conventional oil reserves hold approximately 4.5 billion barrels of oil.

Today, the oil sands provide Canada with about 20 percent of its needs. But within a decade, Morgenstern estimates, these fields will produce a larger proportion of Canadian oil.

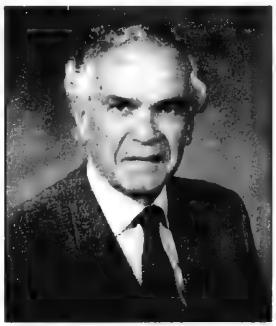
"It's significantly more expensive to extract oil from the oil sands," he allowed, "but it's still hugely profitable because the price of oil is high."

Throughout his career, which began at Imperial College in London as a research assistant, Morgenstern has been interested in soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering, both of which test the strength of the earth's crust.

As a young researcher, he studied the dynamics of landslides. He then used this knowledge to advise mine operators, the Panama Canal authority and urban developers in cities like Hong Kong about the probability of landslides.

Of late, he has combined the study of risk analysis procedures for landslide assessment with the study of slope stability.

During the 1970s, when there was pressure to tap the oil and gas resources of the Arctic, Morgenstern was a permafrost engineering advisor.


Norbert Morgenstern

In this capacity, he was called upon to evaluate the resiliency of the ground during thaws and under freezing conditions.

Oil was ultimately extracted from the Arctic. But due to environmental and local community concerns, gas has yet to flow from that region.

In addition, Morgenstern, who has lectured at the Technion in Israel, has travelled far and wide advising dam builders on how best to construct water storage and hydro-electric dams on weak ground.

He has worked on dam projects in Canada, the United States, Malaysia, Brazil, Panama, Iran, Jordan and Tunisia.

As an expert in mine waste management, Morgenstern has developed safe, economically viable and environmentally sound storage areas.

It's a monumental problem. "Whether you're mining copper or gold, you have to get rid of tailings," he said. "The mining industry has required lots of help to improve its practices."

Though Morgenstern officially retired from teaching at the University of Alberta in 1999, he still teaches the occasional course and maintains an office there as a researcher.

He is also a consultant to the oil sands and mining industries. "I'm pretty busy, but I have more control over my life now," said Morgenstern, who, with his wife Patricia, has three grown children, Sarah, Katherine and David.

Morgenstern was drawn to engineering by his father, Joel, a house builder who, with his spouse Bella, immigrated to Canada in the 1920s from Poland via Palestine.

After graduating from Harbord Collegiate Institute in 1952, Morgenstern attended the University of Toronto and then Imperial College.

The University of Alberta hired him in 1968, and he enjoyed teaching immensely. "I was blessed with having terrific graduate students," he said. "I've supervised about 50 PhD students. There are a lot of talented people in that group."

Sleep apnea disorder widespread: researcher

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Dr. Harvey Moldofsky

TORONTO — Sleep apnea, a sleeping disorder that can lead to high blood pressure, heart attacks and stroke, affects a staggering number of people, but most sufferers remain undiagnosed and untreated, says a pioneer researcher in the field of sleep disorders.

Sleep apnea occurs when a person's airway becomes blocked during sleep. The need for air forces them to wake up, a pattern that can occur hundreds of times during the night without the sufferer ever realizing it, says Dr. Harvey Moldofsky, who works out of the College Street location of the Centre for Sleep and Chronobiology, the first multidisciplinary sleep disorders clinic in Canada.

Breathing stops because the airway collapses, preventing air from getting into the lungs. This can be the result of a variety of factors, says Moldofsky.

Obesity, for example, can cause fat to accumulate around the neck. When fat gets into the tissue, it causes a narrowing of the air passage.

"As we age, the strength of the muscles holding open the airway becomes lax. This makes it harder for air to pass to the lungs."

The tongue or tonsils may also block the airway, he says.

No matter what the cause, all result in sleep disruption, which can have serious consequences, says Moldofsky.

"The most common consequence of fragmented sleep is tiredness. The risks of tiredness can include falling asleep, especially if you're driving in monotonous conditions such as on the highway," he explains.

"Even if you fall asleep for just a second you can have an accident."

Motor vehicle and industrial accidents are just two risks associated with sleep apnea.

"If you add alcohol to the mix, it makes the disorder worse. Just one ounce of alcohol will aggravate the condition. It depresses the breathing centre, making you less likely to awaken," he says.

"The oxygen concentration in the blood drops," he says, "putting a strain on the heart. Over time, the result is high blood pressure."

Heart irregularities is another possible consequence that results when the heart rate speeds up and slows down many times during the night.

Moldofsky explains that the heart rate slows down when a sufferer stops breathing during sleep and speeds up when a sufferer wakes up gasping for air.

Sufferers also develop an increased risk for heart attacks and possibly even strokes.

"[In Canada] four percent of men and two percent of women develop this condition," says Moldofsky.

Women are most likely to develop sleep apnea in their menopausal years while men develop the condition when they enter middle age. This is mainly because of weight gain, especially around the neck.

Children can even develop the disorder, "particularly those that have large tonsils and adenoids," he says.

Though serious and fairly common, sleep apnea has become a pervasive concern among medical health professionals only in the last decade after research showed that the disorder is more common than was initially thought, he says.

Sleep apnea is difficult to recognize, says Moldofsky, because the symptoms, which include tiredness and snoring, are common.

"Twenty-four percent of the population complain of being tired," he explains.

And while many people simply shrug off snoring as a loud and obnoxious disturbance, it may be a sign of difficulty breathing.

Getting a doctor's referral and having a sleep study done is often the only way to determine whether snoring or tiredness is related to sleep apnea.

During a sleep study, which is usually performed in a clinic, sensors monitor clients' heart, lungs, brain, muscle movements, air flow from the nose and mouth and the blood's oxygen level.

If a client is diagnosed with the disorder, Moldofsky says that there are three different approaches to management that can be recommended in conjunction with weight loss.

"The first treatment may be surgery. There are many different procedures to remove tissue and open the airway," he says.

However, "while surgery may reduce snoring, half [of patients] have a recurrence in sleep apnea."

The dental community has also taken an interest in how they can apply their knowledge to alleviating the disorder, says Moldofsky.

"With a mechanical device placed in the mouth, dentists can manipulate the jaw and move it forward to open the airway."

The most popular and effective treatment is CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) therapy, says Moldofsky.

"This method increases the size of the airway by forcing air through the nose. It will cause the airway to open so air can get to the lungs."

A CPAP machine consists of a nasal mask that sits tightly over the wearer's nose. A hose connected to the mask and a machine channels air into the nose.

"The oxygen device is a godsend for those with severe sleep apnea because they wake up and they're alert. They feel energized and a lot happier because they were able to have a restful sleep."

JGH exhibit looks into the past

MONTREAL — Art therapist Mona Rutenberg has transformed the walls of the Jewish General Hospital's geriatric floor with a permanent exhibition, as a way to remind patients of happier times.

A Look Into the Past, created and designed by Rutenberg, consists of 10 display cases filled with everyday items from the 1920s to the 1950s – kitchen utensils, eyeglasses, women's purses and gloves, paper dolls, metal toy cars, grooming and shaving products.

The display cases, which were recently mounted in two hallways of the sixth-floor long-term-care unit, also contain a large-framed puzzle depicting toys from a bygone-era, an impressive display of lace from the late 1800s, and laminated 1920s fashion catalogue pictures, sheet music and ads from old magazines. Each item, which Rutenberg collected from flea markets and various individuals, is clearly labelled.

The idea, she explained, is to give the patients a connection with their past and, if they are able, something to talk about. The items can also be useful for visiting family searching for ways to start a conversation with their relative, she said.

"This is all about encouraging communication," Rutenberg said.

Before the objects were permanently encased, she let the patients handle them.

"One person remembered being in her kitchen, where refrigeration meant storing goods in a hole in the floor where it was cool and damp," she said.

"Another remembered, as a child, cutting out paper dolls from monthly magazines and playing with them for hours on end.

"Some have no long-term memory and can't speak full sentences. But when you put something in their hands that's tangible and familiar, some association may come to mind. One man held an ice cream scoop. He couldn't say what it was called, but he mimed with his hand a scooping motion," she said.

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Breakdancer does battle in an underground world

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — It's one a.m. and while most young teenagers are fast asleep, 15-year-old Michael Prosserman is battling in the underground world of breakdancing

His father, supportive of his son's unique talent, is watching on the sidelines.

After hearing about breakdancing from his brother's friend about two years ago, he began learning dance moves from an Internet site until his father found him a professional instructor.

"I was very intimidated when I first started breakdancing," says Prosserman.

"When you walk into the competitions they frisk you. Most of the dancers come from rough areas of the city and they breakdance to keep out of trouble," he says. "Instead of fighting they dance."

And whereas Prosserman is close with his family and lives in a comfortable Thornhill home, living conditions are drastically different for most other breakdancers.

"Their parents mistreat them and many live in housing projects with 20 other people. It's rough when you don't have space for yourself."

Besides the slang and dance moves, if there's anything Prosserman has learned from his experience in this underground world, which he says attracts "a whole package of different people," it is that beneath the surface, "everyone is exactly the same. .

"It's not what a person looks like or what a person has, it's who they are," says Prosserman.

Despite being "quite possibly the only Jew" on the breakdancing scene, and the only one who brings his father to battles, Prosserman says he and his crew (a group of people who practice and dance together at battles, which are informal dance competitions) "are all really good friends.

"I've never been excluded [because of my privileged life]. I've even brought my crew over to my house," he says, confessing that he doesn't like to invite them over often because he doesn't want to rub in the fact that he lives a better life than the rest of them.

"Even if we compete against each other, we all know we're together," says Prosserman, whose battle name, a unique pseudonym dancers give to each other, is Picz (pronounced pieces).

Sometimes dancers battle one on one, two against two or crew against crew. Each time a crew or an individual has their turn, they have to do something better and more original than their competitors. Judges determine the winner.

"Sometimes battles are unfriendly. Anger builds up between two crews because they've been competing against each other for a long time, and things can get out of hand. A club was closed once because there was almost a fight. It was scary."

These competitions, which can last from 7 p.m to 3 a.m. and sometimes take place in grimy, dark clubs, are part of an underground world that Prosserman says has its own culture and lifestyle.

Though he says nobody knows where breakdancing originated, the distinctive dance style, which he says combines power moves, footwork, style and freezes, has spread around the world.

Popular in the 1980s, he says he believes it was "overcommercialized," which caused it to die by the end of that decade.

But the late 1990s experienced a breakdancing renaissance, with the biggest dance scenes in the United States emerging in New York, California and Texas.

In Canada, Prosserman says Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto are the largest scenes.

Michael Prosserman, 15, learned dance moves from an Internet site.
[Erin Silver photo]

He says that being part of this world makes him feel as if he's living a double life. But in the future, Prosserman plans to make the world of breakdancing more mainstream and accessible to the public.

"When I'm in my 20s I want to teach dance classes and open a studio where competitions can be held. More of the public will come to watch breakdancing if they know where to find it," he says, adding that currently, events are held at different venues each time and usually only the dancers and organizers know where to go.

"This year I hope to organize a big event, like a Canadian championships, to attract dancers to Toronto. I want to make the city one of the biggest breakdancing scenes in the world."

In the meantime, Prosserman practices for 30 minutes to an hour each day and has made it his goal to become one of the best dancers in the world within the next few years.

He battled his former teacher in a competition recently and came "really close" to beating him, and at a competition a few weeks ago Prosserman won the title of Breakdancer of the Night and was awarded a cellular phone.

But all the success he's achieved in just two years, and any success he'll have in the years to come, he attributes to his father who actively supports his son's underground life.

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Penguin will expand Canadian publishing, company's president Cynthia Good says

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Cynthia Good was hired as its editorial director in 1982, Penguin Canada did not have much of a Canadian publishing program.

"Few Canadian titles were published," Good said candidly.

Nineteen years on, two things have changed.

Good is now president and publisher of Penguin, which has become one of Canada's leading producers of Canadian fiction and non-fiction.

Indeed, she pointed out in an interview, fully one-third of Penguin's books are either written by Canadians or turn on Canadian themes.

And in the future, she added, Penguin, owned by the international media conglomerate Pearson, will expand its Canadian program.

Good, a specialist in 19th century British fiction, the topic of her incomplete PhD thesis, has reason to be proud of her distinguished roster of Canadian authors.

They include novelists Alice Munro, Timothy Findley and the late Mordecai Richler and Robertson Davies.

In the non-fiction category, they range from Pierre Berton and Michael Ignatieff to Peter Newman and John Ralston Saul.

Being interested in social and political issues, she has published books on the role of politics in our lives, the place of the wilderness in Canadian identity, the impact of hockey on our national consciousness, the tragedy of homelessness and the health care crisis in Canada.

"We bring these issues to readers," said Good, who was an actress and theatre company operator before plunging into publishing.

So committed is she to such themes that Penguin has sponsored two conferences in Toronto about them, and plans to host a third in Vancouver in October.

As in the past, the panellists will consist of Penguin's array of writers.

Good, born in Toronto in 1951, gravitated toward the world of ideas after finding a niche in publishing. Her parents, Philip and Charlotte, who ran a printing and office supply business, were not politically or socially active.

During her childhood, Good was a television and radio actress, making her debut at the age of about eight.

In 1969, toward the end of high school at Newtonbrook Secondary, she and friends started the Menagerie Players, and kept at it for three years.

Being eager to develop her talents as a thespian, she enrolled at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City.

There she discovered that her acting abilities left something to be desired. "I wasn't bad, but I wasn't great."

Back home, at the University of Toronto, Good decided to pursue a career in academia. She earned a BA in 1973 and an MA in 1974.

Researching a doctorate degree, she concentrated on 19th century British novelists like George Eliot, Henry James and the Brontes.

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Army experience contributed to dancer's routine

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Her mother's recent death didn't deter her nor could serving in the Israeli army, and that is why Dana Ruttenberg is still deeply embedded in the world of modern dance.

Ruttenberg, 22, began dance lessons, both ballet and modern, at the age of five and attended a performing arts high school in Israel, where she was born and raised.

When she turned 18 and was called up to serve in the air force, she thought she'd never dance again.

"In the army you can't dance because you don't have time," Ruttenberg confides. "After two years of not dancing, I thought that I shouldn't continue with it because I had lived without it for so long."

Red Hill Project members frozen in a pose.

But, she says, like many young Israelis who've finished serving in the army, Ruttenberg found herself attending Columbia University in New York, a move that was emotionally difficult to make.

"When you give two years of your life to serve in the army and protect your land, you feel more of a connection to it. [Israelis] are very connected to where they live. It's a big part of us."

At the same time, Ruttenberg says, a lot of Israelis come to the United States "because in Israel, you have to declare a major right from the start. Columbia gives you two years to decide, and I loved that because I didn't know what I wanted to study."

If she had stayed in Israel, she says she might have majored in psychology and might never have returned to dance, but in New York, her old hobby wove its way back into her life.

"I took one dance class just for fun. Then every semester I added one more class and one more class. Pretty soon I was performing again. Coming back to it made me realize what was missing in my life."

Now going into her third year, Ruttenberg is majoring in dance and film and has even formed her own dance troupe, called Red Hill Project, which performed recently in Toronto at the Fringe Festival for Independent Dance Artists. Taken from her surname, which means red mountain in German, Ruttenberg dances, choreographs and acts as artistic director for the troupe.

Ruttenberg says that her experience in the army actually contributed to her dancing and added an Israeli aspect to the stream of modern dance she practices.

"The army taught me a lot. You learn how to work towards one goal in an ensemble. You learn how to lead and how to be led."

As for her dance style, which she describes as blunt, opinionated and demands that the dancer not be afraid, she says it can be attributed to being Israeli.

"I come from a place where you're taught to have an opinion, about yourself, about your country."

In dance, she says this translates into deciding how she wants to move and in determining the message she wants to emit in her work.

"Being Israeli prepares you to know that the good comes with the bad. It's a matter of composition. The good and bad have to be balanced. I don't remember a prefectly quiet time in Israel, but we continue our lives and go to the same places where there was a bombing the day before."

This attitude and the strength it involves has helped her deal with the death of her mother, who passed away in January from the eating disorder anorexia nervosa.

"I thought of going home when my mother died, but it was her dream for me to dance. She would have wanted me to stay [in New York]."

Ruttenberg is pictured on bottom.

Ruttenberg dedicated the piece her troupe performed in Toronto to her mother, who, she writes in the program, "took me to my first dance class."

"I know what she wanted. She continued and never stopped and I'll do the same. [My happiness] made her so happy."

As a result of the cause of her mother's death and also because she says she had friends in high school who suffered from eating disorders, Ruttenberg wants to go back to Israel when she graduates and start her own dance school, which would include nutrition counselling and a psychological aid centre.

"When you start dancing at a young age and you spend hours in front of a mirror in dance classes, you think a lot about how you look and what your body should look like. When your body is your tool, you can get angry at it and you shouldn't," she says.

"Anyone can dance if they put their mind to it. Dancing is about how you move your body; you don't need the 'right' body to dance."

As for her own dancing, Ruttenberg says in the near future she might create pieces that comment on her Israeliness and her mother's death.

Though these projects no doubt require a lot of inner strength to pursue, Ruttenberg is determined to continue her dancing career.

"Nothing fulfils me more than dance," she says.

Good takes interest in publishing education

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While pursuing a PhD, Good began working part-time for a law firm. During this period, she met a man who changed her life, the owner of Dorset, a small publishing house.

In 1978, she abandoned her PhD and started working for Dorset as an editor. Essentially, Good learned the ins and outs of the publishing trade there.

Apart from acquiring and editing manuscripts, she promoted the finished books.

After Dorset, she became marketing manager at the Doubleday Book Clubs, and then moved to Penguin, one of the world's leading English-language publishers.

As a result of her success with the Canadian publishing program, Good was appointed vice-president and editor-in-chief in 1987 and publisher in 1990.

Four years ago, she was promoted to president of the newly reorganized publishing division.

Aside from her duties at Penguin, Good has taken an abiding interest in publishing education.

She was a member of the first advisory board of the Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing at Simon Fraser University, where she is now chair.

Since 1996, Simon Fraser has offered an MA in publishing, the first degree of its kind in Canada.

"There's something very exciting about seeing a new generation of publishers appear," said Good, a divorcee with no children and a lay cantor at Holy Blossom Temple.

She feels that these programs can only enhance the publishing industry, which has been through rough times of late.

"Publishing, as a business, has become much more complicated in recent years.

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Eye on Arts

By BILL GLADSTONE

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Last April, the Toronto Jewish Film Festival screened a 42-minute documentary on **Emma Goldman**, the legendary American-Jewish anarchist and feminist who spent several periods of exile in Toronto. **Coleman Romalis's** film *Emma Goldman: The Anarchist Guest* presented a refreshing and overdue account of Goldman's productive years in Toronto.

A recent book pays more attention to Goldman's three periods of residence in Toronto (1926 to 1928, 1933 to 1935, and 1939 to her death in 1940). *The World's Most Dangerous Woman: A New Biography of Emma Goldman*, by **Theresa Moritz** and **Albert Moritz** (Subway Books) accounts for her Toronto years in such generous detail that it provides an important chapter of our history, particularly as it relates to the labour movement.

The Moritzes contend that "Red Emma", as the Americans dubbed her, was the world's most dangerous woman because she could adapt her brand of anti-establishmentarianism and anarchy to practically any place she happened to be. She was a radical, plain and simple, on whatever soil she found herself, including Canada's.

The authors bring to light many new private sources in Europe and the United States, and so present what is virtually a fresh interpretation of Goldman's life. The Moritzes live in Toronto and are the previous authors of a biography of **Stephen Leacock** and *The Oxford Literary Guide to Canada*.

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The Richler Dynasty: Normally a first novel doesn't get that much press. But when it comes from the pen of one of Canada's most famous literary families, people pay attention.

Several months ago, **Emma Richler** joined several of her siblings as a published author with *Sister Crazy*, produced by the prestigious publishing house, Alfred A. Knopf. The book has generated a ton of ink. The liner notes call it a "wickedly smart and generous work of fiction," and it is all of that, to judge by excerpts that have appeared in *Saturday Night Magazine* and elsewhere.

Seems that Emma Richler has inherited her late father's deep sense of cynicism, which is not necessarily a bad thing. Look how far it took Mordecai. Although her depiction of an eccentric family (including a "gruff Jewish father") has raised eyebrows for its possible resemblance to her real-life family, it's unfair to treat any novel as more than a work of fiction.

Fortunately, Emma also seems to have acquired her father's funny bone, as when the fictional Jem questions her (fictional) father's belief "that a thump will make a thing function":

"My dad is a pummeler of dashboards, a boxer of boilers, a rattler of fax machines, telephones, turnstiles and parking meters, a walloper of drinks dispensers, a slapper of remote controls. He is the man you see stabbing a lift button eight or nine times. He is also the one kicking the lawn mower, and pulling and pushing on locked doors, wildly enough to loosen the foundations of a house. It is possible this man had children in order to operate machinery for him."

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More by Ravvin: Norman Ravvin, whose recent travel book is reviewed elsewhere in these pages, is the editor of *Not Quite Mainstream: Canadian Jewish Short Stories*, an anthology due from Red Deer Press in October.

The assortment includes works by established writers like **Mordecai Richler**, **Matt Cohen** and **Adele Welsman**, as well as a new generation represented by **Cary Fagan**, **Elaine Kalman Naves**, **Claire Rothman**, **Robyn Sarah**, **Ken Sherman** and **Tom Wayman**. There are even some pieces translated from the Yiddish of **Yaacov Zipper** and **Chava Rosenfarb**.

Ravvin is the author of *Cafe des Westens*, a novel that treats of Jewish life in his native Calgary, and a forthcoming novel, *Lola by Night*.

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Exploration of History: Andrew Sanders, a resident of both Toronto and Haifa, is the author of a new work of historical fiction, *Hanina My Son: A Novel of the First Century*, which has already appeared in Israel in Hebrew translation.

Published by Gefen, *Hanina My Son* is set during a time of fighting between the Pharisees and Sadducees, the Shammaites and Hillelites, the zealots and Roman oppressors, that culminated in the destruction of the Temple. The book demonstrates "the greatest gift of our ancestors: their unquestioning belief and unconditional love for God."

Sanders has produced a sequel, *My Husband Bar-Kokhba*, for publication next year. He is also the author of *Dear Maimonides*, a treatise on science and religion.

Actor likes to get involved in the world

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Elyssa Livergant is an actor who believes "life can be better" which she demonstrated in her last starring role in *Ines De Castro* (which ended its run recently at Tarragon Extra Space).

She played a 14th century Spanish woman whose love affair with a Portugese king leads soldiers, who suspect the affair will lead to treason, to murder her.

The king is outraged and susequently exhumes her body and declares her Queen of Portugal.

"Even in death, she hangs on to her integrity. She still believes things can be better," Livergant said.

"The last thing Ines says is that they say you shouldn't allow yourself to dream, that love isn't enough, but she doesn't want to believe that. She wants people to believe there is a better way.

"In my mind, Ines is pushing for a better world in which people actually talk to each other, have regard for each other and don't follow the rule of what they think they should say."

Livergant's personal philosophy "is to get involved in the way the world is moving."

She attended Forest Hill Public School and Forest Hill Collegiate and was raised in the affluent Forest Hills area where she says "people tend to forget that just 20 blocks south there is another world going on and their lives are being compromised.

"I have friends still living in Forest Hill who don't want to know what is happening in Ontario because they might have to do something [about it]."

She is attracted to social themes in her acting, her latest project being with Pagga, a group of artists putting on *Good News*, a play which shows how the nature of work is changing and what it's doing to our values. It was presented at the Poor Alex and Livergant says they plan to put it on there again.

She is also co-author of the play, *Back to Basics*, a critical evaluation of the education scene, which, she says, is neither pro-teacher nor pro-government, but examines the situation which led to labour disputes in Ontario.

The play has been presented six times to audiences of parents, teachers and students. The last performance was for street youth in the Kensington area who are interested in developing theatre skills.

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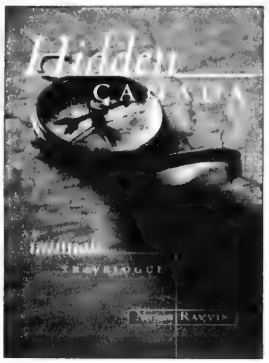

No one could accuse Norman Ravvin, the peripatetic writer who has lived in Calgary, Toronto, Montreal, Fredericton and Vancouver, of defining himself too narrowly. Still fairly young, he's already produced a novel, a collection of short stories, a book of scholarly essays on Holocaust literature, and now *Hidden Canada: An Intimate Travelogue*, a book about his experiences in various locations in Canada. (Red Deer, $18.95)

Don't look for a coast-to-coast Baedeker-like treatment of our great Dominion here. In seven thoughtful essays, Ravvin goes in search of seven particular destinations that, each in its own way, defines a different segment of the Canadian mosaic.

Like Jack Kerouac, who supplies the book's opening inscription, Ravvin is forever questing, be it in search of Kateri Tekakwitha in the Kahnawake reserve near Montreal, in search of the writer Malcolm Lowry near Vancouver or in search of his own family's past in his native Calgary.

He also writes about Trinity, Nfld., and Black history on both sides of the border near Windsor, Ont. As he wanders down various back roads, he seems as interested in exploring time and meaning as in exploring geography. His object is authenticity.

The essay I found most interesting is *The Ghosts of Hirsch*, in which Ravvin recalls the life of a series of agricultural colonies on the Saskatchewan Prairie (Hirsch, Edenbridge, Hoffer, Wapella, Lipton and Qu'Appelle) that were settled by immigrant Jews from eastern Europe around the turn of the century.

This Jewish pioneer history parallels the history of Ravvin's own family, since his grandfather, Yehuda Joseph Eisenstein, came to Hirsch in the early 1930s to be rabbi and shoichet to its 40 Jewish families.

Ravvin's meeting with the last Jewish farmer from these colonies is a simple, poignant tale that seems to embody a spirit common to all of his quests. He seems to be trying to capture something evanescent, as fleeting as light, before it disappears altogether.

I like the way *The Ghosts of Hirsch* ends – with Ravvin driving away, a tiny isolated speck on a vast landscape "overwhelmed by a big, dark, late-afternoon sky – miles high and wide, heavy with a rain that refuses to fall."

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In ***Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses*** (William Morrow, publisher), American writer Bruce Feiler documents another type of quest as he travels, not through the land of his birth, but through the ancient terrain of his Jewish heritage.

Feiler treks through Turkey, Israel and the territories, Egypt, the Sinai and Jordan in the company of a wonderful guide, Avner Goren, an Israeli archeologist whose knowledge and occasional dazzling insights greatly enliven the prose. He journeys to many biblical sites, including Mount Ararat in Turkey where Noah's ark supposedly came to rest, and Mount Nebo in Jordan where Moses looked across at the Promised Land.

Feiler writes well and with great authority about his travel experiences, which include camping out with Bedouins in the Negev, visiting Petra and crossing the border from Jordan to Israel. His description of the view from Mount Nebo in the middle of the night seems especially memorable:

"The moon was brighter than it had been all night, and the stars more vivid. All trace of haze was gone and the entire landscape was brilliantly illuminated. I could see palm fronds in Jericho, and streetlights in Jerusalem. The moon glanced off the smooth surface of the Dead Sea as if it were a silver serving tray."

Feiler was transformed by his quest, which he started with the intention of writing a secular travelogue based on culture and history. By the end of his journey, on his last dangerous night camped on Mount Nebo, he acknowledges that he has had a sort of spiritual awakening. Even if he at times seems too large a figure in the landscape he is describing, and even if he seems to provide too many answers and not enough mystery, he relates his journey well.

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Varian Fry's efforts to save lives during Holocaust now come to life on video

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

If you missed seeing *Varian"s War* at the Bayview Village in Toronto recently, don't worry about it. The film has been released on video.

Although it is always better to see a film on the big screen, video is a great substitute for those of us who don't have the time to catch a film during its theatrical run, especially if it is a short and limited release.

Varian Fry was a fascinating individual whose efforts to save lives during the Holocaust have largely been unknown. This has now changed.

With the broadcast of *Varian's War* by the Showtime cable network in the United States, the limited theatrical release of the film and its arrival on video, many more people will know about the deeds of Varian Fry.

Fry was a Harvard educated journalist and editor with many family connections to the wealthy elite in New York and Washington. In 1938 he was visiting Germany when he was sickened to witness the atrocities, perpetrated against the Jews during Kristallnacht. He returned to the United States and prepared to rescue some of the most important intellectuals trapped in Europe.

Fry's ideas met with a great deal of opposition and resistance in American political circles and his plans appeared to be stillborn until he found a very important ally – First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

In the film, Fry travelled to Marseilles in southern France and began setting up a small organization to find and then smuggle out the people he was seeking. This small group included Miriam Davenport (Julia Ormond) who served as Fry's assistant; Albert Hirschman (Matt Craven) who sought out the people Fry wanted and made the needed connections with Marseilles' underworld; and a master forger by the name of Freier (Alan Arkin) who supplies Fry with the documents necessary to cross into the relative safety of Spain.

Fry then goes into action, although this film only describes the first group of European intellectuals Fry successfully shepherds out of Vichy France – including painter Marc Chagall, writer Hannah Arendt, novelist Leon Feuchtwanger, Heinrich Mann, Franz Werfel, and Alma Mahler Gropius Werfel, who also managed to carry out original Mahler scores.

William Hurt plays the central role of Fry and is generally successful in bringing his character to life.

All in all, the real Fry helped over 2,000 intellectuals, artists, writers and scholars escape the Nazis, including such leading figures as Max Ernst, Jacques Lipchitz, Andre Masson, Andre Breton, Wanda Landowska and Otto Meyerhof.

Fry risked his own life many times on behalf of the people he rescued, and in April, 1967 Fry was awarded the Croix du Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor. Frey suffered a fatal heart attack shortly thereafter, and it is only relatively recently that the world has fully understood his contributions to mankind.

Varian's War is certainly worth renting or owning.

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ARE WE COMPATIBLE
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ROMANTIC AT HEART
Jewish male, 35 yrs, attractive, down to earth, sincere, romantic at heart, brown hair, brown eyes, 5' 10", 170 lbs, business owner, financially and mentally secure, seeks Jewish female, attractive, stylish, honest, sincere, dining, travelling, and down to earth. **AD#1620**

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Single male, 75 yrs, 5' 4", young in spirit, healthy, fit, active, financially secure, seeks female, lively, attractive, 45-60 yrs, affectionate, for long term loving relationship. **AD#1002**

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Single Jewish male, 38 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing, sincere, enjoys travel, cooking, hiking, computers, seeks female, 29-36 yrs, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1321**

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A single male, 32 yrs, Scorpio, 6' 2", 180 lbs, slim, muscular, build, seeks female, spontaneous, not into head games, leave name and best time to reach you. **AD#1072**

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40 yrs, single Jewish male, professional, fun, easy going, enjoys outdoors, baseball, roller blading, volleyball and basketball, in the winter, active, seeks Jewish female, 27-37 yrs, caring, fun to be with share same Jewish values, and eventually build a life together. **AD#1347**

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LOVING & CARING
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ROMANTIC AT HEART
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Single Jewish male, 40+, grey blue eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, good sense of humour, enjoy the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, seeks female, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, orthodox preferred, intelligent, with similar interests. **AD#1188**

CALL ME
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue eyes, warm sincere, gentle, compassionate,good communicator, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking cooking, seeks female, orthodox, preferred, 35-45 yrs, intelligent, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1600**

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Divorced white male, retired, financially, secure, good sense of humour, enjoys dining and dancing, movies, travel, seeks female, 65 plus, slim, pretty, for loving relationship. **AD#1712**

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Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, mature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with. **AD#1295**

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Junior hoops teams bring back Maccabiah medals

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — The political situation in Israel did nothing to dampen the spirits or hamper the performance of the boys and girls junior basketball teams as the girls trumped the competition to win gold while the boys lost a close final game to take home the silver at the recently concluded Maccabiah Games.

"My team was fully committed to going to the games and showing their support for Israel," said Ted Badner, coach of the boys team.

"We chose the team in September 2000 and we didn't lose any of the players because of the violence."

"We were all psyched up to go [to Israel]," said team member David Chichelnik, 16.

Badner said his team was "fortunate to upset the Israelis in the semi-finals," winning that game 63-52.

"We knew deep down we could win. The Israeli team was competitive, but we came out to play and we beat them," said Chichelnik.

The victory ushered the team into the finals where, after a gruelling game, they were beaten by the Americans 93-63, a score Badner said was not indicative of how close the game really was.

"It was a 10-12-point game until the last eight minutes. Then the game just slipped away from us."

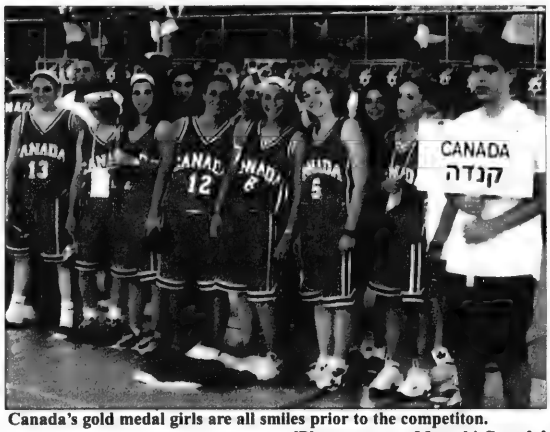
Chichelnik agreed, saying, "the final game against the U.S. was challenging because they've got great talent, but we worked like dogs in our practices in Toronto and it paid off in Israel. We lost the lead and momentum in the last few minutes but we had kept up with the U.S. the entire time until then. We played our hearts out and did our best."

Badner said the team was disappointed to lose in the finals, but he was pleased with their overall performance, saying the team exceeded expectations.

Meanwhile, the Canadian girls dominated the competition, doubling their opponents' score in almost every game to go undefeated.

In the gold medal game, they tipped off against Israel and won 42-22. "We were all nervous for the final game against Israel," said team captain Amy Wilchesky. "We were afraid Israel had held back the first time we played them and we didn't know what to expect."

While Wilchesky said the team was up by only eight points at the end of the half, "we came together and blew them away. It was a great feeling."



Canada's gold medal girls are all smiles prior to the competiton. [Photo courtesy Maccabi Canada]

"The girls executed tremendously," said team coach Neil Rothenberg.

"Their statistics were quite incredible. They held teams to less than 20 percent shooting – the defence was incredible.

"The girls were the most dominant team of any of the basketball teams statistically. Not even the U.S. boys were as dominant."

While Rothenberg admits a number of girls were feeling some uncertainty about going to Israel, the girls team didn't lose a single member. "That's a pretty significant achievement," he said.

Despite a bomb explosion a mere eight kilometres from where the team was staying, Rothenberg said the girls felt safe – in fact, Wilchesky confirmed she wasn't even aware of the bombing until she returned home – and that their spirits were high.

"The girls had such incredible spirit – it was noticed by everyone," said Rothenberg. "They were constantly singing, cheering and chanting. They were just a fantastic group to coach. They are all very serious basketball players and athletes."

Five of the 11 members of the girls team and six participants of the boys team will be going to Philadelphia to compete in the JCC/Maccabi youth games. The Toronto delegation leaves for Philadelphia Aug. 18.

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Boxing impresario raises funds for athletes

By NEIL BECKER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Irving Ungerman, known as "Kid Ungy" in his fighting days, is living proof that age is only a state of mind.

Still muscular at 78, Ungerman is best known for managing the likes of George Chuvalo and Clyde Gray in Canadian boxing championships, and in the case of Gray, a British title as well.

Ungerman, who was the first inductee into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame, was also elected to the International Sports Hall of Fame in Israel in 1993. He is a key member of the Maccabi Canada infrastructure and he raised $33,000 in a 24-hour span for the Canadian athletes travelling to Israel for the recently concluded 16th Maccabiah Games.

A medical condition prevented him from travelling to Israel for what would have been his eighth Games.

A colourful character who is quick with a boxing anecdote, Ungerman has contacts throughout the sporting world. His office is decorated with vintage photos of him meeting celebrities, politicians and actors.

When asked to compare boxers of today with those of the past, he left no doubts as to which way he stands: "With today's fighters, there is no one like Ali, Sugar Ray Leonard or George Chuvalo. No one comes close to them. The fighters of the past were far better in talent and conditioning – and [were] more honourable with the different promoters," he said.

As far as Ungerman is concerned, his one-time pupil, Chuvalo, was the best-conditioned fighter to come out of Canada in the past 40 years.

Chuvalo, who was described by his former manager as being "a bruiser," held the Canadian heavyweight boxing title for more than two decades. Twice he went the distance with Muhammad Ali, never allowing the legendary champion to knock him out.

As fate would have it, the family poultry business is where he and Chuvalo first met and began their lifelong friendship and business association.

"Chuvalo's mother was employed in my father's poultry plant. My dad would babysit him when he was in a carriage," he said.

As the years went on, the two of them would train and become teacher and pupil as they advanced through the ranks of professional boxing.

Ungerman described Chuvalo as having an instant love for boxing, and he had the support of his mother.

"His mother trusted me. That was the start of the Chuvalo team."

Later in his career, Ungerman represented Gray, a hungry fighter who went on to win Canadian and British boxing titles.

Ungerman, who used to receive visits from Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano at his house and cottage, first got involved in boxing in 1939 as a 15 year-old who won the Amateur Championships held at the Boys Club.

While serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Ungerman fought in approximately 25 bouts before being discharged due to a gunshot wound.

With his fighting career over, he turned to promoting. The fight business today is a far cry from what it was in his day, he said.

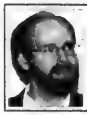
"There aren't any[more] promoters to promote fights in Canada because of the sagging value of the Canadian dollar. As a result, Canada is obviously suffering," said Ungerman, who was also responsible for introducing closed-circuit television coverage of top matches.

Charitable work is Ungerman's other passion, and he has been honoured over the past few years with prestigious awards by such organizations as Mount Sinai Hospital, Shaare Zedek Hospital, Maccabi Canada, Beth Sholom Synagogue, Variety Village, the Santa Claus Parade and B'nai Brith, to name a few.

Correction

In our coverage last week of Canada's Maccabiah Games team, "Canadians back from Maccabiah with 28 medals, countless memories," we reported that tae kwon do coach/competitor Corey Mincovitch met a long lost sister in Israel who had been put up for adoption before he was born. *The CJN* has learned the adopted sister story is untrue. We regret any inconvenience caused by the story.

The Greatest Thing in the World



Stories that touch the heart

By ELI RUBENSTEIN & ALEC GELCER

My family – 10 members in all – arrived in America about 60 years ago, penniless Hungarian refugees from the small village of Satmarcseke, in eastern Hungary. Like many of their contemporaries, through hard work, they became well established members of the Jewish community.

But their success story has an extra twist – the greatest thing in the world.

With the outbreak of World War II and the threat of Nazi atrocities approaching, my grandmother arranged for her husband and older children to travel to America on a cargo ship leaving Greece.

(A judge Greenblatt, a distant relative living in upstate New York, had agreed to sponsor the refugees.)

But my grandfather was serving in the Hungarian army. My grandmother tracked down his unit and pleaded with his commanding officer for his freedom. "Why do you want to go, isn't he a Hungarian citizen?" demanded the officer.

"Because my children are beaten up in the streets and called names every day. There is no future here for them in Hungary," my grandmother said.

The officer shook his head sadly but said: "By the time you return home, your husband will already be there." He was true to his word.

As my grandfather and the three oldest children went to America, time was running out on my grandmother and her five small children. Then space on a passenger ship from Spain to America was obtained for them by a sympathetic travel agent in Budapest. But to reach Spain, the family would have to travel through Switzerland, which demanded an exorbitant bond to ensure the refugees did not stay. The family had nowhere near the required amount of money.

The travel agent was moved by my grandmother's plight. "I will help you," she promised. She called a wealthy Jewish aristocrat in Budapest who owed her a favour, and pleaded with him to save the family. The man agreed and the travel agent gave my grandmother the train tickets.

My grandmother looked at the tickets. "But this train leaves on Shabbat. I can't travel on this holy Jewish day," she insisted.

The travel agent's face turned dark. "I am risking my life by telling you this. They are rounding up Jews everywhere. If you don't leave now – on this train – you may never leave!"

My grandmother understood. Soon she and her five children were headed west and reached the Spanish port, where they boarded a boat for America, via Havana.

In Havana, a Jewish man asked two of the children, my mother and her 14-year-old sister to look after his belongings for a moment. The man, who was disembarking in Havana, later picked up his belongings and walked down the gangway.

Suddenly, the girls realized he had left a small package behind. They began to yell and wave their hands in his direction. Finally, they caught his attention and he returned. The man, a diamond dealer from Belgium, had forgotten a package full of diamonds, his life's fortune.

The grateful man gave my mother's family a telephone number in New York. "Please call this number when you reach New York. I have friends there in the diamond trade. If any of you need a job, they will gladly help you out. It's the least I can do in return for what these little girls did for me."

And so it was. The older family members who had already arrived were struggling at jobs earning minimum wage. But within a few years, with the help of the Belgian refugee's contact, my grandfather learned all about the diamond industry.

Today, their name is among the most respected in the trade, and the family's many descendants are leading full lives – not just because of one mitzvah, but because of many: The mitzvah of a dedicated mother. The mitzvah of an army officer. The mitzvah of a compassionate travel agent. The mitzvah of two little girls. And the mitzvah of a grateful diamond merchant.

Since this is our last regular story, we thought it would be fitting to close with this quote from Klonimus Kalman of Piazetsna: "Children, dear children, the greatest thing in the world is to do a tovah, a good deed for another human being."

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About Life

Dear Ella,

A couple of months ago I met a nice guy on one of the Jewish Internet sites. We had much in common and we have been on about 10 dates now (which is a ton for me).

Justin had a picture on the site along with an extensive bio. He sounded like a perfect match for me and I was right: we get along great and there is definitely chemistry between us.

The problem is, now that we have been dating for a while, he admits he has put lies on that site. He said he was 32 – he's 37. He said he was a medical professional – he sells medical supplies. He said he was never married – he was married once for a brief time.

I was stunned when he told me these things. Had he been honest from the beginning they may not have made a bit of difference. Now I'm not so sure. What do you think?

Shell Shocked

Dear Shell Shocked

You are torn between your head and your heart.

Justin obviously has issues. He is insecure with his own life and therefore feels he has to make himself seem younger, richer and more available.

There are a few questions you have to ask yourself: Is Justin going to lie every time something doesn't fit his perfect scenerio? Are you going to be able to trust him after he lied about such basic things?

People on the Internet bend the truth, as it is much easier to do so when you are not dealing with someone face to face. There are no immediate feelings to hurt and to some people it may seem harmless. What bothers me more than anything is that you have gone out on 10 dates and it has taken him this long to confess to some pretty major facts about himself, even after the two of you have gotten close. He has now been dealing with a real person with real feelings and that didn't seem to matter enough.

Be very careful of your decision: the longer you let this go, the more difficult it will become. This may be just the tip of the iceberg.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN *or e-mail at eb@cjnews.com But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

The Canadian Jewish news — Crossword Puzzle

(Answers to the crossword are on page 32.)

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across

1 Tool Koch doesn't really need
5 Soft drink choice
9 Public embarrassment
14 Anti-Defamation League concern
15 *Little Shop of Horrors* composer Menken
16 "The ___ ... Tradition!"
17 1996 Pulitzer-winner Rosenberg
18 St. Petersburg's river
19 Device used in *Death of a Salesman*
20 Isaac Mayer Wise work
23 Schlesinger, Sr., to Schlesinger, Jr.
24 Genesis locale
25 "Oy vey!" relative
30 Former "SNL" star Mary
33 *West Side Story* classic
34 Moves slimily
36 Half a dance
38 Liz Taylor has a lot of them
39 Actress Phoebe
40 He was deposed in 1979
41 Dead or Red
42 Wallace colleague
43 Blank look
44 Wallace colleague
46 Nahalal and others
48 Pele's prides
50 Kosher
51 Name in journalism history
57 "___ Gold"
58 Ark man
59 Bills of Washington
61 Exxon rival
62 Rescue, like Wallenberg
63 Zion National Park's site
64 Palindromic MK's name
65 Ben & Jerry's rival
66 Conservative

Down

1 Chicago clock setting: abbr.
2 People aided by Baron de Rothschild
3 Best Actor of 1936 Paul
4 Waltham school
5 Home to the Reichmanns
6 Designer Cassini
7 Type of lamp
8 Make ___ for oneself
9 Merciful ones
10 Bugsy Siegel enterprise
11 Many a Uris book
12 Zippo
13 Ending for Japan
21 Hebrew song title word
22 Just beats
25 Iowa State's town
26 They run up and down
27 ___ War (WWI)
28 Challah portion
29 Pole variety
31 Manischewitz product
32 Puppeteer Lewis
35 Number of directing Oscars Robert Altman has won
37 "Pardon me!"
39 He entered the promised land with Joshua
40 Richard Dreyfuss movie
42 *The Doomsday Conspiracy* author
43 Filmed
45 Israel's neighbor
47 Robe parts
49 Like Arab-Israeli relations, often
51 Deep sleep
52 Oodles
53 D.C.'s Wallenberg Place, e.g.
54 Israel's is the *Tzva Hagana L'Yisrael Heyi Ha'Yam*
55 Having as a hobby
56 At hand
57 ___ Remo
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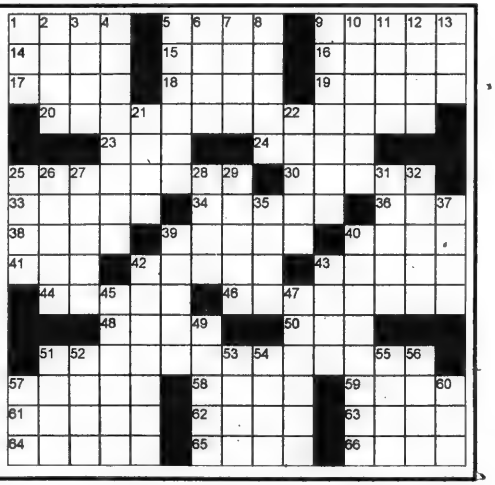

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MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL PRESIDENT AND CEO, JOSEPH MAPA, MEETS WITH PREMIER MIKE HARRIS AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE TONY CLEMENT.

Joseph Mapa, President and CEO Mount Sinai Hospital; Mike Harris, Premier of Ontario; and Tony Clement, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, prior tothe Premier's plea for additional health care funding from the federal government.

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"We are delighted with this development. The Sydney G. Frankfort Chair in Family Medicine combined with Dr. Carroll's extensive experience and reputation reinforce Mount Sinai Hospital's commitment to further the development and growth of research in Family Medicine," said Joseph Mapa President and CEO, Mount Sinai Hospital. "We are extremely grateful to the Frankfort family."

As Chair, Dr. Carrol will be responsible for the development and growth of research and educational initiatives relative to Family Medicine, as part of the mission of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, of the University of Toronto. Dr. Carroll will also provide leadership in patient care, research and related educational activities within
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HOW CAN I MANAGE MY ASTHMA?

More than two million Canadians live with the potential havoc of asthma. In Canada, the disease is a leading cause of admissions to hospital. Many of these admissions can be avoided by people managing their condition.

Are there signals that an asthma attack is pending?
Yes, if your asthma is not well controlled, you are at risk of developing an asthma attack. It is likely that your asthma is poorly controlled if you have any of the following:

- you have cough, wheeze or shortness of breath during the day
- you wake up at night because of your asthma
- you are missing school or work due to your asthma
- you use your rescue medication (blue inhaler) more than usual

I don't relish the thought of visiting the Emergency Room every time I feel an asthma attack might be coming on. What else can I do?
Early recognition and treatment is important. Removing yourself from potential triggers of your asthma may help. You should discuss the options for early treatment with your doctor or asthma educator, and have a written action plan developed specifically for you. This action plan may include changes such as increasing your dose of inhaled steroid.

You should not delay seeking medical advice if:

- you have recently been hospitalized for asthma
- you have recently had your medication increased without improvement
- you are not getting relief from your rescue medication
- you have trouble walking or talking

How much should a patient self-manage asthma before professional help should be sought?
Your doctor may suggest you track your asthma using a diary card or a peak flow meter. Whenever there is no improvement after implementing the action plan, or if you are uncomfortable with your medication, dose or frequency, your should see a doctor.

Where can I get information on self-managing my asthma?
Your doctor can give you self-management education and guidelines. Also, Certified Asthma educators are trained in this process and you can ask your doctor to refer you. Further information on asthma education can be obtained from:

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Closure of Orient House was planned in June

By AMNON BARZILAI
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

The Israel security cabinet approved the closure of Orient House after the Dolphinarium bombing on June 1, but did not implement the decision because Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat declared a ceasefire, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told the cabinet Sunday.

Last week, however, several Palestinian offices in east Jerusalem, including Orient House, were closed down.

Sharon said the PA had carried out a great deal of official diplomatic and policing activity from east Jerusalem offices such as Orient House, in clear violation of its signed agreements with Israel in which the PA said it would limit official activities to areas under its formal control.

Furthermore, Sharon said, many of the PA's policing activities were unlawful – PA security personnel kidnapped and imprisoned people, tortured them, confiscated property and sometimes even committed murder.

Israel also closed offices in Abu Dis, considered to be in east Jerusalem, offices that served as the base for PA security forces operating in Jerusalem, Sharon said. It was also illegal for these forces to operate in Abu Dis itself, since the town is defined as Area B, meaning it is under Palestinian civilian control but Israeli security control.

In many of the buildings Israel shut down, weapons, explosives material and prepared bombs were found, he said.

Sharon said the PA's activities in the capital had severely undermined Israeli sovereignty in the city, and this would not be allowed to happen again. "This period has ended. What was, will not be again. We will not permit terrorism and incitement to return to Jerusalem, and we will not permit the Palestinian Authority to undermine our sovereignty in Jerusalem without lifting a hand. In every place and in every instance where we need to take steps to prevent this, we will not hesitate to do so, in accordance with the circumstances."

Activities 'clear violation of signed agreements'

Monday, the Israel police were to open another police station in east Jerusalem.

Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein told the cabinet the closure of Orient House was legal, since there was solid evidence it was serving as an office of the PA in breach of the agreements. However, he declined to express an opinion on the legality of Israel's keeping permanent control of the site.

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THE FACE OF GRIEF: Jerusalem residents comfort each other after last week's suicide bombing in Jerusalem. The attack rocked a packed pizza restaurant at lunch time killing 16 people including children. *[Israel photo]*

Greater Toronto Area

Shabbat: Re'eh
Candlelighting: 7:59
Havdallah: 9:04

Israel, U.S. 'strategic dialogue' at end of month — please see page 28

The News in Brief

Canada

Funding up

WINNIPEG — The Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal has increased the funds available to local beneficiary agencies by seven percent. The Federation/CJA board has approved a total of $1.6 million in allocations for 11 community organizations, up from $1.5 million for eight organizations last year.

Israel

On strike

JERUSALEM — Israeli Arabs went on strike last week to protest what they called Israel's failure to improve their living conditions. Israeli Arab lawmakers said strikers are protesting the government's failure to implement a US $9.5-billion, four-year plan to develop the Arab sector. A spokesperson for the Finance Ministry said the government is committed to the plan, but that it is being delayed until at least next year while officials arrange funding. The Abraham Fund, a group working to promote co-operation between Israelis and Arabs, recently wrote Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, urging him to release funds for the Israeli Arab community.

Organ donation

JERUSALEM — Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, organized a demonstration last week in Jerusalem to urge Israelis to donate organs for transplant. According to the Israel Association for Transplants, Israel has among the lowest rates of organ donation in the Western world.

TEL AVIV CONTRASTS: Israeli policemen arrest a Palestinian who opened fire on a group of soldiers in a drive-by shooting near the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv. A day earlier, more than 5,000 Peace Now activists marched in the city calling for peace with the Palestinians and an end to bloodshed.

[RNS/Reuters photos]

World

Rabbi objects

LONDON — Britain's chief rabbi called the planned experiments to clone humans "a new low in playing roulette with human life." In an article in the *London Times*, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks said human cloning is dangerous and irresponsible because of the threat that it poses "to the integrity of children so born."

Joint projects

NEW YORK — Jewish and Latino community leaders called on their respective communities to co-operate in joint projects to boost intercommunal ties. The call was made at a conference last week in New York that was sponsored by the local Jewish Community Relations Council and the Israeli Consulate.

Energy meditation

NEW YORK — More than 500 rabbis have written the members of the U.S. House of Representatives to call for moral reflection on the country's energy policy. The letter, sponsored by the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, follows President Bush's decision to withdraw the United States from the Kyoto Protocol, the only international framework to address climate change.

Durban deadline

NEW YORK — The UN's top human rights official urged negotiators from more than 100 countries to reach accord on a declaration that will be on the table in Durban at an upcoming World Conference Against Racism. "I make a strong appeal today to everyone to continue negotiations so the conference... can be a success," Mary Robinson said last week.

Group Anti-Semitic?

MELBOURNE — An Australian Jewish group charged that a new political party claiming to be a labour movement is a front for a national anti-Semitic organization. The B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation Commission said the Curtin Labour Alliance is a front for the Citizens Electoral Council, which supports Lyndon LaRouche, who has run for the Democratic presidential nomination in every U.S. election since 1976. In 1996, the chair of the Democratic party's national committee, Donald Fowler, called LaRouche "explicitly racist."

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Sailor Wins Suit Versus Canadian military

OTTAWA — The Federal Court of Appeal has ruled the Canadian military was wrong in preventing a Jewish sailor from serving in the Middle East during the 1991 Gulf War. The decision overturns a lower court ruling that said the navy was within its rights to bar Andrew Liebmann from duty during the war against Iraq.

Liebmann, a reserve lieutenant in the navy at the time, had been slated to serve as executive assistant to the commander of the Canadian Forces Task Force in the Persian Gulf. But the military barred him, saying it had the discretion to select soldiers best able to keep the mission safe.

Liebmann argued he was being discriminated against because of his religion, and the Appeal Court agreed. It found the military presented no evidence to validate its concerns.

David Matas, senior legal counsel for B'nai Brith Canada, said the judgment could change the military mindset, which applied its rules on peace-keeping to the Gulf War. "The decision sends the message that it is improper to exclude someone if they are Jewish or Muslim," he said.

Canadian Jewish Congress applauded the decision. "There is no room in the Canadian forces for discrimination. It has to be a microcosm of Canadian society and travel abroad with all the constitutional requirements imposed on every institution... Canadian forces cannot pander to the prejudices of foreign countries," said Ed Morgan, chair of Congress' Ontario region and formerly its national legal counsel.

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Jewish education growth explored in report

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Is there a worldwide trend toward faith-based schools?

Special Feature

"I don't think there's any doubt about it," said Seymor Epstein, executive director the UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education. In many countries around the world, educators are witnessing an interest in faith-based schooling.

Over the past 10 years, France has seen a 45 percent increase in enrolment in Jewish schools.

Just recently, Epstein said, "the Ministry of Education in Yugoslavia issued a decree that every faith can have instruction in the public school system once a week, and the development of the curriculum is going to be paid for by the government."

There are several factors driving this phenomenon, Epstein said. There is a growing awareness that children have a developmental need for spirituality in the same way that they have a need for everything else, such as morality, motor movement and mathematical capabilities.

Another reason may be "a growing sense in the post-modern world that the scientific method alone is no longer the panacea people thought it would be.

"People are searching for a spiritual meaning in life as a complement, not a replacement, to science."

And governments are catching up with this quest for ethnic identity and spiritual meaning, Epstein said.

Just as the right-wing Progressive Conservative party in Ontario has adopted tax credits for parents of children in independent schools, a recent report published in England stated that there is a push by the centre-left New Labour government to encourage faith-based schools, which is a radical departure from past Labour policies.

The report, titled *The future of Jewish schooling in the United Kingdom,* indicates that while the Jewish community in England has experienced a declining, assimilating population, the number of students attending Jewish day schools has grown by 500 percent – nearly half of all Jewish pupils attend Jewish schools.

The report, published by the Institute for Jewish Policy Research (JPR), also indicates that pupils in state-sector Jewish day schools are achieving academic results that are up to 50 percent higher than the national average.

Students at Toronto Heschel School.

On the other hand, the report shows that students perform very poorly in the Judaic portion of their education, with few students going on to Jewish studies in university.

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From the editor's desk

Ironically, and sadly, there appeared to be a greater outcry from certain government and media circles against the closure of Orient House last week than there was against the murder of the 15 people in Jerusalem that brought about the closure of the House.

Orient House, of course, as encouraged by the PA and as lionized by many media, has become the symbol of Palestinian nationalistic aspiration generally and in east Jerusalem specifically. It was also, one must add, the administrative hub of the PA for directing its forces in the field, in plain violation of the unambiguous, written promise made by Yasser Arafat a number of times that it would not be so.

The closure of Orient House was seen by the PA, correctly, as an Israeli incursion against Palestinian freedom of political movement in east Jerusalem.

Not surprisingly, the PA vociferously protested the seizure of the building in front of the network cameras. Not surprisingly, they promised to escalate the violence until Israel released the building. Not surprisingly, too, they spread more lies about Israel: the calumny that the seizure of Orient House was a precursor to the seizure of Al Aksa itself. And again, not surprisingly, they succeeded in mobilizing world opinion against this latest affront by Israel to Palestinian dignity.

What *was* surprising, though, was the almost total lack of any connection in the media reports between the closure of Orient House and the relentless, murderous violence directed against Israel, symbolically, if not actually, out of Orient House.

What was also surprising was the almost total lack of any recognition in those reports of the reasonability of the Israeli response to the lunchtime killing of the 15 people.

One BBC newscast I happened to see last Thursday typified the coverage of the sequence of events.

Oded Eran, the chief peace negotiator under the Barak government, was being interviewed. He offered the opinion that the violence by the Palestinians was an unequivocal violation of the treaties signed by Arafat. In response, casting off her flimsy veil of objectivity, the BBC newscaster/interviewer, angrily shouted at Eran that the settlements were themselves a violation of the treaties.

Eran immediately corrected her. The settlements did not form part of any current treaty commitments to the Palestinians, he said. The treaties stipulated that the fate of the settlements were to be negotiated with the Palestinians; that is, once the Palestinians decided to return to negotiating.

The accuser/newscaster/interviewer however, seemed unimpressed with the facts or the truth; her pique and irritation were not abated.

That example is not an isolated instance of the way the BBC presents Israel's case. It is also not so atypical of the way in which much of North American media presents Israel's case. (*See the Perspectives page in this week's* CJN. *The two-part essay by David Margolis that concludes in this issue eloquently explores the subject.*)

In its coverage of the Sbarro bombing, last Thursday, CNN decided to offer to the viewing public Palestinian spokesperson Hanan Ashrawi's response first. Despite the obvious nuisance of the Israeli volunteers collecting bits and pieces of exploded human flesh from the ruins of the restaurant, she was still heroically able to see past the deliberate wreckage of Jewish life and property. Once again she explained to the viewer with the nuanced justifications and sophisticated propaganda for which she has become so famous, how Palestinians have been forced to murder.

The suicide bombing was not itself the real evil, she opined. It was merely a symptom of the root cause, namely, the continued "occupation" of Palestinian lands. Such vile acts were to be expected, she implied, because of the Palestinians' mounting frustration.

The CNN announcer/interviewer, of course, offered no resistance or objection to the familiar inversions of the truth that now pass as accepted dogma when it comes to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Unfortunately, it is not only a large number of the media that is uninformed about the essential historical truths and facts of the conflict. Alas, a great many of us within the Jewish community as well are similarly unaware.

This must change if we are to be able to help Israel, and indeed ourselves, in these troubled times. We must take upon ourselves as a personal and communal obligation to become as knowledgeable as possible about the facts of the conflict and the justice of Israel's cause.

To help bolster our individual and communal "literacy" on the subject, the Canada Israel Committee is now offering a series of specifically dedicated workshops across the country. The program is called LIAT, for Local Israel Action Team Workshops.

The title, a marvellous turn of phrase in Hebrew – meaning "for you and me" – encompasses very poignantly the essence of peoplehood that explains why it is so very vital for us to raise our level of knowledge and awareness .

For information about the workshops, consult the CIC Web site at www.cicweb.ca or call their office in Ottawa 613.234.8271.

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MIDEAST TRAINING:
An Israeli soldier (centre) instructs an international group of Jewish youth how to care for M-16 automatic assault rifles at a basic training camp for tourists in the Negev Desert's Sde Boker Army Base. Designed to build support for the Israeli army, participants in the two month course learn about markmanship, navigation, first-aid and religious history of Israel. [RNS/Retuers photo]

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Campaign 2002 to shift focus

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The financial effects of the ongoing intifadah have resulted in a new focus for this year's UJA Federation of Greater Toronto campaign, to be launched Aug. 22.

Gift increases to the campaign will be directed through the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the federation's overseas partner, to those in Israel who will be hardest hit by government spending reductions, it was announced in a recent federation news release.

A total of $675 million (US) is to be transferred from the budgets of other government ministries to the IDF ($500 million) and for internal security costs ($175 million), confirmed Jeff Kaye, a senior staffer at the Jewish Agency, which works in close co-operation with the Israeli government. Affected population groups are expected to include the poor, the elderly, single parent families and new immigrants.

"Now is the time for millions of Jews throughout the world to actively share the financial burden with Israel and their Israeli brethren," Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told executives of North American Jewish federations earlier this summer at the Jewish Agency's annual assembly in Jerusalem.

There has been "quite a lot" of responses from federations, said Kaye.

In Toronto, a new "challenge fund" has been established by individual families, which will match every donation increase over last year, doubling the amount allocated to meet the new needs. The fund had $2 million and was still growing as of last week, according to federation spokesperson Howard English. Typically, about half the campaign money raised is used for local needs, and half is allocated to Israel and overseas.

"It's not that we're going to be replacing the [Israeli government] funds, but we'll do what we can to reduce the impact," said Allan Reitzes, UJA Federation's executive director, who attended the meeting in Israel.

"I think the situation is very urgent," said Kaye, adding that the increased dollar support has tremendous financial value and also symbolic value in terms of increasing morale among Israelis.

Canadian, American young leaders meet

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — No one seems to know why it never happened before, but now that there are formally invited Canadian members of a prestigious American-based young leadership organization, reports are that it was a move welcomed by both sides.

An invitation to join the Young Leadership Cabinet is "a great honour, like an aliyah at synagogue," said Lance Davis, director of leadership development for UIA Federations Canada. The cabinet is the governing body of the Young Leadership department of United Jewish Communities, the umbrella for North American Jewish federations.

Members are the "top young leaders from each of the federated communities," said Richard Diamond, 41, Toronto-based chair of the Canadian National Young Leadership Executive, a body formed two years ago to co-ordinate a national agenda for young leadership groups (ages 25 to 45) across the country. Activities include leadership conferences, and trips such as an upcoming solidarity mission to Israel in October aimed in part at raising leaders' awareness of where campaign money goes.

Cabinet members must be 40 or younger when they join, have three years of significant leadership in the federation system, such as running young leadership campaigns or their local Young Adult Division (YAD), and give a minimum of $3,600 to their annual UJA campaign, said Diamond.

The invitations for the eight Canadians came about as a result of discussions Diamond and others had with cabinet chair Paul Rosen, a former Torontonian now living in Fort Lauderdale.

The first official cabinet event for the Canadians was a five-day retreat for over 300 people in Palm Beach, Fla. at the beginning of this month.

"It was definitely worthwhile," said Diamond, who moved here three years ago from Montreal. In addition to benefiting from high-level sessions on challenges facing Israel and North American Jewry, he realized that "there are hundreds of other young leaders across North America who care as much about what they as I do. It makes me feel the sense of brotherhood is stronger... You become a better leader."

Although he said Canadian needs may be different from American ones, Diamond feels there are more similarities than differences.

"I think that cabinet represents a very unique opportunity for young leaders to come together and learn together and learn from each other," said Montrealer Barry Pascal, 40, who along with Torontonian Anthony Sigel is a Canadian cabinet co-chair.

One difference Pascal noted, compared to a few of his American counterparts, involved the relationship between young leaders and their more senior counterparts. "It's very plain to me in Canada, how utilized we are as young leaders [at least] in Montreal and Toronto."

The retreat was, among other things, a networking opportunity, said Pascal. "There are people I didn't know [three] weeks ago who I feel I could call on for give and take, to share ideas."

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Vatican's response to commission met with dismay by panel member

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Vatican's denunciation of an international historians' commission studying the Roman Catholic Church and the Holocaust has been met with dismay by a Canadian member of the panel.

"To focus on personalities distracts attention from the real issue," said Michael Marrus, a specialist in Holocaust studies at the University of Toronto.

Speaking from Cape Town, South Africa, where he was on a lecture tour, he said, "In the end, the matter must be decided on the basis of unfettered research."

Last week, a Vatican spokesman, Rev. Peter Gumpel, a German Jesuit priest in charge of gathering documents to support the possible beatification of Pope Pius XII, denounced the historians for unleashing what he called a "slanderous campaign" against the church.

Rev. Gumpel was responding to a decision by the historians to suspend its investigation of Vatican archival material after they were refused free access to unpublished documents relating to the period before and during the Holocaust.

Rev. Gumpel declared: "In recent days, a violent attack has again been unleashed against the Catholic Church. The occasion for this slanderous campaign has been furnished by the decision of the Jewish-Catholic study group to suspend its activity."

Consisting of three Jewish and three Catholic scholars, the panel was jointly established in 1999 by two bodies: the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews and the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, chaired by U.S.-based Seymour Reich.

Under an agreement, the historians agreed to review 11 volumes of published Vatican records from World War II and to pose questions about that documentation.

Last October, they released a report containing 47 "significant questions" about the actions of Pope Pius XII and the Vatican during this era.

They also requested access to unpublished Vatican documents pertaining to the war.

On June 21, the president of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, Walter Cardinal Kasper, issued a response.

He informed the historians that an examination of post-1923 Vatican archives would be impossible due to "technical reasons."

Asking them to prepare a final report, he referred them to Rev. Gumpel, who has promoted the beatification of Pope Pius XII.

Some historians claim that Pope Pius XII was largely indifferent to Nazi Germany's persecution of Jews, both before and during the Holocaust.

By way of response, the historians, including Marrus, suspended their probe.

They explained that they could not maintain their credibility as impartial scholars unless the Vatican offered them full access to its archives.

Expressing regret over Rev. Gumpel's blast, Marrus said, "I know of no campaign against the Church. This is a distraction."

The historians, Jews and Catholics, have sincerely tried to uncover the truth, he noted.

"Our effort was made in the most respectful and restrained way. Is it a 'slanderous campaign?' Nothing could be further from the truth."

Marrus, who is also dean of graduate studies at the University of Toronto, has no idea which Vatican officials authorized Rev. Gumpel to denounce the historians' commission.

"I would hope he is not speaking for the Vatican. Maybe this is a matter that will take time to resolve. The story isn't over yet."

Rev. Gumpel, he added, "is not a friend of our effort," and his views are well known.

"We've done the best we can with the materials available to us. It's in everyone's interest that research be allowed to continue."

Interviewed from New York City, Reich described Rev. Gumpel's attack as "baseless, irresponsible and without foundation."

He said he was mystified and sorry that the Vatican's press office had chosen Rev. Gumpel to be its spokesman on this matter.

Rev. Gumpel, Reich said, is not an objective observer, since his goal is Pope Pius XII's beatification.

By Reich's reckoning, Rev. Gumpel's comments were a clear attempt to thwart free access to Vatican archives.

Asked if Pope John Paul II, the incumbent, was behind Rev. Gumpel's denunciation, Reich observed: "The buck stops at the Pope's door. I hope he'll override the decisions of these people and will agree to open the archives."

BICYCLING FOR CHARITY:

A jubilant group of seven high school students from Upper Canada College and Northern Secondary School take a break on reaching Toronto on the final leg of their trip from Vancouver last week. The 17- and 18-year-olds spent a month bicycling the 4,439 kilometres to raise money for Kids Help Phone and Casa Guatemala, an orphanage in rural Guatemala. The brainchild of Alex Salzman, fourth from left, the project raised almost $20,000. Completing the trip felt awesome, said Jonathan Sherman (to the right of Salzman). Donations are still being accepted.

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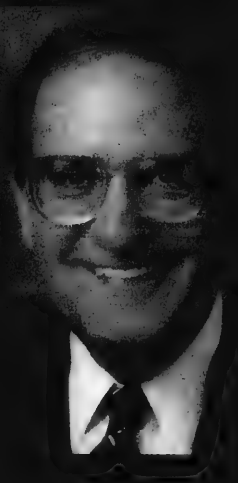

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A weak, craven leader

As of this writing, Israeli security and municipal workers are cleaning up the shards of shattered glass and remnants of crushed concrete from the second suicide bombing in four days to strike at the country. Thankfully though, the only bits of singed or sundered flesh they are collecting are those of the bomber alone. Though more than 20 people were hurt Sunday in the blast at a coffeehouse in Kiryat Motzkin, no one but the man carrying the bomb was killed.

This time, the murderer dispatched by Islamic Jihad failed.

That cannot be said, alas, in grim, painful contrast, to the bombing that wiped away the lives of 15 people last Thursday in Jerusalem. Then, Hamas achieved its purpose: the wanton slaughter of Jews.

Of course, they delighted in claiming credit both for the deed and for the "holy warrior" whom they recruited and trained specially for their bloody purpose. At first, however, there was some confusion, because Islamic Jihad had also claimed credit for the slaughter. Indeed, they even published a photo of their own "holy warrior," now gone to his beautifully appointed murderers' hotel in paradise. After some embarrassment, Islamic Jihad acknowledged the error, and admitted the duplication was simply due to an honest mistake on their part.

It was but further evidence, as if more evidence were needed, that the grotesque along with the ghoulish is deeply embedded in the national liberation strategy of the Palestinian leadership.

Yasser Arafat responded to the Thursday slaughter by condemning "violence on all sides" and by cynically calling for a cooling-off period that would lead to an internationally monitored ceasefire.

Israel responded with a combination of selective military and administrative measures that resulted in no loss of life, the most significant of which was the closing of Orient House in east Jerusalem.

Israel's message to Arafat was clear. The Palestinian people stand to lose a great deal if he does not end the violence. And let there be no doubt. He does indeed have it within his power to end most if not all of the violence. The violence would end quickly were he only to order it so.

Arafat is responsible for the situation that hovers now precariously on the brink of a wider Palestinian-Israeli conflagration. Countless times, publicly and on paper, he promised to forever spurn violence. His award of the Nobel Prize for Peace was predicated on those promises. But he lied each time. His lies, it became clear one year ago at Camp David, were all part of his plan.

He lied to the people of Israel. He lied to the people of the United States. He lied to the Norwegian Parliament. Perhaps worst of all though, he continues to lie to his own people, promising them the establishment of their own country on the rubble of Israel.

For his lies and deceit, history will record Yasser Arafat to have been duplicitous and dishonourable. For the misery he brought upon his own people, history will record him to have been a weak, craven and ultimately, unsuccessful leader.

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Invitation from Thunder Bay

I was saddened and dismayed upon reading Jeremy Silver's article ("Living in Thunder Bay," *CJN*, June 28), not because of the ignorance of some non-Jews in this city (every city?) concerning Judaism, but because of the impression that Silver's article might leave with *CJN* readers with respect to a numerically insignificant (and therefore inactive) Jewish community in this city.

My family and I have lived in Thunder Bay for over 23 years, opening our door and our heart (as have other local Jewish families) to literally hundreds of students, travellers and other Jewish transients. There has never been a Pesach, for example, when our seder has not been attended by students from Confederation College and/or Lakehead University. Every year in late August, I personally arrange for an advertisement to appear in the first issue of each institution's student newspaper, in which Jewish students are welcomed and invited to participate in services at our beautiful synagogue. These ads include a phone number. Our city phone directory has no less than three separate entries for our shul – in the white pages under "S" (for Shaarey...) and under "J" (for Jewish Community Centre), and in the Yellow Pages under "S" (for synagogue). Our synagogue has funded a significant scholarship at Lakehead University, awarded annually to a qualified student.

Over the years, I have observed a great variation in the degree of Jewish community involvement and commitment by Jewish students attending post-secondary institutions in Thunder Bay. Some take initiative, participating in services and working with the city's permanent Jewish community. Others prefer to remain uninvolved and assimilate with their peers. For as long as my wife and I remain here, the front door of our house and synagogue, will always be open to any Jewish (or non-Jewish,) student who seeks to find us – and we're just a phone call away.

So I challenge Silver when he returns this fall: call me up so we can get to know each other, come out to shul services when you can, come over for a bite to eat (kosher yet!), and we can advise you how to acquire matzah for next Pesach. Thunder Bay really isn't that bad a place to live, you know – even as a Jew.

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Correcting the record

Ron Csillag's report on the race relations dispute in York Region (*CJN*, July 26) makes reference to *The Holocaust Industry* by Norman Finkelstein. Csillag states that "The book... praises pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel's Web site."

Last year, I read Finkelstein's despicable tract, and after reading Csillag's article, could recall no reference to Zundel's Web site. So I reluctantly and carefully re-read the book and confirmed: no reference is made to Zundel or his Web site.

Csillag's incorrect attribution to Finklestein's book undermines the credibility of his critics and strengthens the position of Finklestein and his supporters.

Philip B. Berger
Toronto

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Looking for family I

I am trying to find out about my family, who I believe came from Winnipeg. I am a Canadian war child, born in 1946, 55 years old in August. My mother was an English non-Jew. My father was Sidney Saul Abramovitz, a Canadian serving with the Canadian Air Force in Croydon, England, from 1943 to 1946.

I do not know if my father is still alive now or whether I may have family such as half-brothers and sisters in Canada. I would love to make contact with them if they would have me. I would also like to know my grandparents' and great-grandparents' names. I believe they came from Russia around 1882.

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Moroccan Jewry

I found your Through a Sephardi Window column ("Diefenbaker, Moroccan Jewry," *CJN*, July 26) incomplete. I was directly involved in the events and have a clear recollection of them. In the early '60s (not '50s), I befriended Eli Mimran and his late brother-in-law Albert Niddam, who had just arrived with his mother, wife and children from Morocco via Spain. After I heard their tales of persecution, I felt compelled to try to help. I asked Danny and Rabbi David Monson to obtain an appointment with the Minister of Immigration, Ellen Fairclough, but they were unsuccessful, and after waiting three to four weeks, I received help from my non-Jewish Lakeshore-West MP, who got an appointment for us in Ottawa.

I drove Mimran, Niddim and Rabbi Monson to Ottawa, where we met with George Davidson – the deputy minister of immigration, I believe – who was antipathetic to Rabbi Monson's diplomatic plea for help, offering fatuous excuses for not processing Moroccan Jewish applications, such as, "All security checks had to go through Gibraltar." I became very angry, accused the government of anti-Semitic policies, and threatened to go to the press. Davidson's attitude seemed to change. He accepted a list of 70 families seeking entry for two and more years from Mimram.

Soon after, I befriended an Anglican minister, Rev. Keith Kiddell, who had been appointed Canadian representative to Morocco during the UN Child Refugee Year. I got him to meet Mimran and Niddam, and he became quite interested in our cause, spending several weeks in Morocco. When he returned, I met him in the Montreal airport to take him to a meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and with the late Sam Bronfman and Saul Hayes. Rev. Kiddell continued his goodwill-ambassador role by preaching, writing and soliciting help in many areas.

All 70 families on Mimran's list, I am told, arrived in Canada within months of our Ottawa visit and, thank God, many more thousands followed.

This omission is a gross injustice.

Max M. Glassman
Toronto

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Perspectives

Why Israel is losing the media war

This article is the second of two parts. Part 1 was published last week.

By DAVID MARGOLIS

"A foreign journalist who claims to be 'objective' will be boring or a liar," proclaims Sam Kiley of the *London Times*. "There are lots of truths in this conflict."

Many would agree that the foreign press is not objective. But if so, why do so many correspondents seem to see the same truth? "They feel they must help the Palestinians," Nirenstein says.

The correspondents don't deny their private judgments. "My sympathies are for the victim," says one, referring to the Palestinians. "The Jews use their history of persecution to make the Americans and Europeans feel sorry for them," objects another, likewise off the record.

Dutch TV's Conny Mus identifies as central "the fact that a mighty army is using all its might to kill a smaller force." Mus goes on to contend that the press presents "an accurate picture" of events and that pro-Israel readers think the news is skewed only because they "don't know what is happening on the Palestinian side."

Worshippers at the Kotel take cover from Palestinians throwing rocks at them last month. [RNS/Reuters photo]

To an extent he's right – Jews often don't like to see Israel in a bad light, even when the facts are reported accurately. Critics of the media sometimes object to what they regard as "pro-Palestinian" stories merely because they don't like their point of view challenged.

But a report can be accurate and still miss the point. For example, an article may emphasize the number of Palestinian casualties, as if body count is an objective measure, without indicating that the Israeli dead have been mostly innocent civilians, not armed rioters and terrorists. Many journalists simply note Israel's "conquest" of the West Bank, never indicating that this conquest came in a defensive war against Jordan, and that the Palestinians were never sovereign there.

As Andrea Levin of CAMERA, the media-watchdog group, points out, reporters "may cover a story and get the micro issues correct [while] getting the macro issue completely wrong." Nirenstein sees her colleagues romanticizing the Palestinians as David fighting the Israeli Goliath, as if the underdogs are by definition the good guys. That, she writes in the January issue of *Commentary* magazine, places the journalists - whom she characterizes as "iconoclastic, sporty, ironic, virtually all of one mind" – on the wrong side of the cultural gap between "Western and Eastern civilizations, between democracy and dictatorship, between the Judeo-Christian world and the world of Islam."

The journalists' mindset may also come from what an American-Israeli journalist castigates as "massive ignorance." Many correspondents get little or no preparation time before being dropped into Jerusalem and Ramallah. Once on the ground, they must play catch-up, learning on the job, often from other foreign correspondents.

"We are very superficial," acknowledges the *Frankfurter Allgemeine*'s Jorg Bremer disarmingly. "If we cover the news every day, when do we have time to read a book?" This lack of preparation nearly mandates that correspondents put the template of previous postings onto a situation with a very different history and particulars. CNN's Jerusalem bureau chief Mike Hanna, for example, has been characterized by novelist Naomi Ragen and others as hard-wired by his 20 years as a correspondent in South Africa to see the situation in Israel in terms of "black and white" – the oppressor and the oppressed.

But issues of journalistic judgment and private sensibility are one thing. Lurking behind them is the larger question of whether reportorial sympathy slips into outright bias – and if bias then becomes purposeful manipulation of the news.

Troubling incidents of misreporting and underreporting abound. Media watchdog groups have accused *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times* and *London Times*, along with the *Washington Post*, CNN, Sky News, Reuters, the BBC and other outlets of editing news stories to minimize Palestinian misdemeanours and emphasize Israeli ones, to shift sympathy away from Israel or to make Israel look like the aggressor. The media have also been charged with ignoring stories that supply context crucial to understanding the facts when such stories show the Palestinians in a less than positive light.

Such largely ignored subjects include accounts of Palestinian Red Crescent ambulances carting rocks and Molotov cocktails to flashpoints, the purposeful use of civilians as cover by Palestinian combatants, Palestinian encouragement, and even busing of children to join violent demonstrations and the staging of "spontaneous demonstrations" for optimal media coverage (and the failure of reporters to describe them as staged). There is also the ceaseless incitement of hatred against Jews and Israelis in the Palestinian (and other Arab) media, which many correspondents and their editors view, astonishingly, as irrelevant to the national conflict they are reporting.

Many media outlets, moreover, promulgate as fact their own views on political questions that remain in dispute. *The Independent* and CNN, for example, routinely call Israeli settlements "illegal under international law," although the issue is not clear. Reuters, its bureau in Jerusalem staffed by a high percentage of Palestinian journalists, now refers to Gilo, a neighbourhood incorporated by Israel into municipal Jerusalem, as a "settlement," giving a radical Palestinian take on the issue.

Do such choices reflect political bias? Journalistic negligence? Lack of historical context inherent in a culture of sound bites? A useful glimpse at the unpalatable "other side of the story"? Or even a slanting of coverage by the international networks, such as CNN and BBC, to help them "penetrate" Arab and Muslim media markets?

The journalist's worldview wafts outward from the TV and the newspaper. Consumers of the news may not know that they are getting a partial story – even if they recognize that any story repeated often enough will, like blanket advertising, finally leave its mark on the public mind.

But it's not just the other guy's fault. If Israel is losing the crucial second war of media coverage, the woeful inadequacy of its *hasbara* – its efforts at explaining its policies – is also to blame, and has been a problem discussed but not dealt with effectively for many years.

Ironically, in their shoptalk, even staunchly pro-Israel journalists sing the PA's praises. "A gem in the hands of the media," says David Bedein, whose Israel Media Resources agency is commonly associated with the Israeli right. Bedein praises especially the PA's accessibility and openness.

Matthew Kelman, a correspondent for *USA Today*, calls the PA "a pleasure to deal with. Their officials offer to help, they're easy to deal with, they give easy access, they're more friendly and warm than the Israelis – and they have better stories."

Nobody says anything like that about Israel's media apparatus. On the contrary – and off the record – reporters who care agree that Israel "couldn't be doing a worse job" of hasbara, as one of them puts it.

"The spokespeople don't know how to talk to the camera," he says with exasperation. "They have poor English, they often appear in uniform, which makes them seem like part of the problem, and they speak in bombastic, self-righteous terms."

Another calls Israeli media officials "prickly" and complains, "They don't call back, they leak information selectively, and they sometimes don't release information even when they have it."

A third narrates an encounter with a ministry press officer who, citing a court's gag order, refused him information for an article he was writing. A few days later he saw the information in a Hebrew weekly. "The press guy didn't even know the gag order had been lifted," he fumes.

Reasons for the hasbara's ineffectiveness include budget cuts, especially in the Government Press Office; bureaucratic infighting between the Prime Minister's Office, the GPO and individual ministries; overwork, arrogance and plain incompetence. "Israel doesn't realize the effect," sighs a reporter.

"Our story is very complex to deliver," protests the prime minister's media chief, Ranaan Gissin, "while their story lends itself to simple treatment."

He admits that Israel's hasbara has suffered from "technical problems," including inadequate spokespeople. But now, he promises, "I am sending people who can deliver," and he says he has made other changes to improve Israel's performance in the media war.

It may not be enough. While Israel's GPO simply issues each new journalist a press card and lets him fend for himself, says Steven Rosenberg, editor of the *Boston Jewish Advocate*, the Palestinians will approach him offering a wide network of help.

"When background information, photos, interviews and briefings are readily abundant," Rosenberg points out, "it makes a reporter's life much easier."

Such guidance can also shape the reporter's understanding of the events he's writing about.

Israel's current foreign minister, Shimon Peres, is famously quoted as remarking that a good policy requires no hasbara while a bad policy can't be helped by hasbara.

That may be true in a perfect world. So far as fighting the media war is concerned, Israel doesn't yet seem to realize that it isn't living in a perfect world.

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Media Watchdogs

- The granddaddy of Israel-oriented media-watchdog groups is CAMERA, the Committee for Accountability in Middle East Reporting in America. Driven by the notion that "public opinion ultimately shapes public policy," it operates a Web site and archives, runs ads in major media markets and complains directly to journalists and publishers (and urges its members to do the same). Address: Box 428, Boston, MA, 02456; Internet: http://world.std.com/~camera.
- HonestReporting.com, a project of the Aish HaTorah yeshiva organization, emails its thousands of subscribers worldwide, alerting them to media reports it considers biased against Israel and asks them, if they agree, to protest. The volume of mail generated has made some editors feel under assault.
- The Philadelphia branch of the Zionist Organization of America monitors and analyzes bias in the area media and publishes a bimonthly column on bias in *The Jewish Exponent*, a Philadelphia weekly. Web site: www.netreach.net/~zoa.
- Israel-mediaimage, an e-mail discussion group accessible through www.yahoo.com, focuses on what it considers inaccuracies and bias and cultivates dialogue with journalists.
- Based in Jerusalem, Palestinian Media Watch (www.pmw.org.il), monitors Palestinian television, radio and newspapers and provides well-researched reports on current trends, from the stepped-up use of violent footage in televised propaganda to the common use of anti-Semitic "clues" in newspaper crossword puzzles.
- MEMRI, the Middle East Media and Research Institute, at www.memri.org, offers translations and analysis of reports from the Arab media.
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Camp visit

Don't be turned off by the title to this column, for the camp I am talking about is not a site that used to be a concentration camp – quite the contrary. It is a camp for young people to spend several months in an environment that advances their knowledge of Judaism.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Camp George, which it was my privilege to see for the first time, is such a place. I use it here, not in order to advance ideology – in this case Reform Judaism – but to reinforce in your hearts and minds the importance of giving young people an opportunity to appreciate the faith and culture of our people.

The visit brought out memories of my younger years. My late brother, Rabbi Walter Plaut, was the founder of Herzl Camp in Minnesota, and I myself was present at the founding of Camp Oconomowoc in Wisconsin, outside of Milwaukee. I was therefore not unfamiliar with the atmosphere and sounds and environment of a camp, but since I had not visited one for a very long time, the homecoming made a powerful impression.

I know how difficult education is in general and how especially difficult it is to imbue our children with an appreciation of their Jewish heritage. The values it promotes are often in conflict with the consumerism of North American civilization, which is founded on the satisfaction of individual desire and has all too few elements of communal impact.

Not surprisingly, young people who later become educators or rabbis have often been inspired in their youth by the opportunity to attend camp.

Of course, the few weeks that the youngsters spend there, while important in themselves, have not always had a lasting significance in their lives. Much depends on what meets them when they come home: how Shabbat and holidays are observed, what kinds of books and other materials that relate to Judaism they encounter. Often when there is such a confluence, the parents themselves are infected by the enthusiasm of their offspring and the foundation for a meaningful Jewish life has been laid.

At any rate, I was inspired not only by the beauty of the camp's location, but by the vigorous expression of Judaism that I experienced. It made me feel good, and somehow the long automobile trek, which ordinarily is not to my liking, did not create the annoyance I had feared. On the contrary, I was immensely grateful to those who had urged me to go and make the visit, and I advise you to seek every opportunity to visit a Jewishly oriented summer camp if at all possible, one that not only helps the kids pass their days away from home in a healthy environment, but also transmits values that enrich their lives.

Time to end 'victim mentality'

As Canadians, we are accustomed to viewing ourselves as victims – victims of colonialism, of American domination, of climate, of mediocre politicians. As Jews, we often perceive ourselves solely as history's victim, endlessly suffering from wars, one holocaust after another, Arab hatred and home-grown anti-Semitism.

Jean M. Gerber in Vancouver

"If your mythology denigrates you," writes John Ralston Saul in *Reflections of a Siamese Twin: Canada at the End of the Twentieth Century*, "you will be limited by it, what ever your talents."

Mythologies can be true memories of actual events; they can cripple, making us feel we are powerless to change things, as true power belongs only to the persecutor, the enemy. Are we limited by our mythologies?

"The victim," writes Saul, "sees all events through his own prism… As the one to whom things have been done, the victim has no responsibility beyond his immediate concerns… Nor is there room for non-victims among those identified as belonging to the group victimized."

Saul was talking about Canada. But what he says can easily apply to us. Now I hear you asking, "What right do you have to degrade our suffering or make it of little account? Do we not bleed?"

Indeed, Jews have bled, and the petty would-be tyrants who have told us we act as if we alone have been victims usually have a darker agenda. Never mind them. Look at us.

The Middle East is a perfect example of how two groups, feeling equally victimized, fall over and over again into bloody shooting matches. "Look at us," the Palestinians scream. "We are the victims of a bogus nationalism that has no legitimate right to exist."

"Aha," Israel responds. "You deny us our history of suffering and our right to be here."

Fear and anger are the causes, and the results, of the present impasse. The two sides are like Siamese twins, stuck tightly together and incapable of pulling apart. I do not mean to compare atrocities, but I do point out that each is not hearing the other's real fear and anguish.

In Canada, however, we can understand our own mythology and make changes. Instead of counting the anti-Semitic incidents, real or perceived, in Canada each year, why not realize the ways in which Jews in Canada live in peace and equality with others? Celebrate the total reversal of immigration restrictions from the 1940s to today? Absorb our ability to choose freely our careers, places of residence, places of recreation, education and more? Welcome growing numbers of converts to Judaism, who clearly see its richness and promise? Rejoice in the ability to educate our children in Jewish schools of many varieties?

Jew as victim, in other words, is something we can understand, a comfortable past that we can turn to when we should rather be viewing our accomplishments in one of the world's great democracies – not in arrogance, but in confidence. Let me give examples.

Canadian feminist historian Veronica Strong-Boag, writing on the history of women's lives, portrays the introduction of telephones, washing machines and other mechanical devices into the lives of farm-women as not labour saving, but rather as devices to further enslave women by tying them to domestic chores associated with home appliances. Nothing, it seems, was ever a gift to women's lives. That's what happens when the only tool you have in your historical toolbox is a hammer. Every problem becomes a nail.

Another example. Some Holocaust survivors want to honour "righteous Jews" who, by their actions, saved other Jews. Others object strenuously. Jews can't be heroes in that war, they argue – only victims. Thus, they deny a people's ability to triumph under the worst conditions.

By allowing ourselves to believe we are only victims, what are we teaching our children about being Jewish? Where is the celebration? Worse, we ignore the internal healing that should take place among us and focus entirely on external enemies.

Saul quotes historian Marcel Trudel: "History must serve no cause." In an ideal world, maybe not. In our imperfect world, history will always have to resist the urge to serve a cause. Jews have been victims, but today, we are strong, free and able to control our own destinies. We therefore have a responsibility to lessen the false causes which we force history to serve.

Hopelessness overcomes the Jewish people

As my wife Nancy, my son Joel, the two dogs and I drove into Detroit on the last leg of our Edmonton-to-Windsor adventure, we tuned the radio to National Public Radio, a merciful break from the steady diet of Phish and Moe to which Joel had subjected us over the last 3,500 kilometres.

Bruce Elman in Windsor

The program, already in progress, concerned the psychological effects of the 10-month-old "Al-Aksa Intifadah" on both the Israeli and Palestinian people. I did not hear the entire show, but I already know from my discussions with Israeli friends and my reading of Israeli newspapers that Israeli Jews, who feel that the current situation is intolerable and cannot be allowed to continue, have been overcome by a terrible hopelessness. Overwhelmingly, they believe that an all-out war is inevitable if not imminent.

As I have stated in other columns, our last sabbatical in Jerusalem was, at times, a difficult one. In 1995 and 1996, Israel and world Jewry were caught up in the euphoria of the Oslo accords. There were terrorist attacks, to be sure – the number 9 bus to Mount Scopus exploded shortly after we arrived. In the fall, Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated and the violence escalated. Rabin's successor, Shimon Peres, launched the "Peace for Galilee" Operation. Suicide bombers struck repeatedly in Jerusalem, their favourite target being the number 18 bus, and in Tel Aviv.

When Benjamin Netanyahu, emphasizing security over peace, defeated Peres in the prime ministerial elections, Israel and world Jewry maintained their commitment to the peace process. Hope for a future of peace prevailed.

Our current state of despondency, in my opinion, accelerated dramatically after the June 1st suicide bombing at the Tel Aviv beach nightclub. Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city, is, relatively speaking, far from the territories. It had largely been spared from the effects of both this intifadah and the first one. Unlike Jerusalem, Tel Aviv has, perhaps with the exception of the Gulf War, been a relatively carefree place in which to live – a fun, vibrant and dynamic city. But this cowardly act by an Islamic extremist, which was launched against young olim (new immigrants) who represent Israel's future, was particularly devastating because it brought the "war" to the centre of the country, into Israel's most densely populated area. It showed that no part of Israel is immune from terrorist assaults. The citizens of Tel Aviv now know that they are as vulnerable as anyone living in Jerusalem or Efrat or even Hebron.

The attack also dealt a blow to Israel's crucial tourist industry. And it undoubtedly caused numerous Jewish groups and individuals to cancel their travel plans, thus exacerbating the feelings of abandonment that many Israelis are currently experiencing.

In my view, what is even more disheartening, however, are the results of a Palestinian opinion poll about the intifadah conducted by the Jerusalem Media Center and recently reported in the Israeli daily, *Ha'aretz*. Though there is always some skepticism with regard to the efficacy of these polls, there are some startling results in this particular one: only 9.2 percent of respondents see the intifadah's goal as being the improvement of the bargaining position. Meanwhile, 45.6 percent see the goal as being an end to Israeli occupation and the creation of a Palestinian State – the declared goal of the Palestinian leadership. Fully 41.2 percent of respondents view the goal as being the complete liberation of all Palestinian land – that is, the destruction of Israel.

The intifadah has often been linked to the existence of Israeli settlements in the territories, yet only a quarter of those surveyed thought that the intifadah should stop if an end is put to them. On the other hand, 67.1 percent of respondents would not agree to end the intifadah even if the settlements are stopped.

The survey also indicated that 53.9 percent of Palestinians oppose the Oslo accords while only 38.1 percent support future peace agreements. Of those surveyed, 79 percent support the intifadah, up from 70 percent last December. Most distressingly, 68.6 percent support suicide attacks such as the recent bombing in Tel Aviv. This is an increase from the 66 percent in April and the 26.1 percent in March of 1999.

Finally, 71.6 percent of those Palestinians who responded to the survey agree with the assertion that Yasser Arafat is in full control of the intifadah.

It is possible to draw many conclusions from this poll. For me, the results are clear – there is no hope of peace at the present time because there is no partner for it. There is, unfortunately, good reason for the hopelessness we feel.

Bush gets sucked into Mideast maelstrom

When George W. Bush assumed the presidency of the United States, senior White House and State Department officials hinted that a new American Middle East policy was in the offing.

Their message was that Washington would no longer be embroiled in the minutiae of Arab-Israeli peacemaking, and that Bush, unlike his predecessor, Bill Clinton, would not lay his prestige on the line as a Mideast mediator.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

The Bush administration, they added, would let Israel and the Palestinians settle their differences in direct negotiations.

In an implicit reference to Clinton's failed attempts to bridge the gaps between Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat, Secretary of State Colin Powell noted that the United States would "assist, not insist."

Chastened by the collapse of the Camp David summit, the outbreak of the second Palestinian uprising, the virtual dissolution of the Oslo peace process and the earlier failure of Israel's once-promising peace talks with Syria, the Bush administration lowered expectations of what American diplomacy could realistically achieve in the Mideast.

Henceforth, Bush spokespersons explained, the United States would, in the interests of fostering Mideast stability, put the emphasis on damage control rather than on peacemaking.

And instead of focusing on ending the Arab-Israeli conflict, the modus operandi of previous presidents, ranging from Jimmy Carter to George Bush the elder, Bush would concentrate on containing Iraq by pushing for so-called "smart sanctions."

Six months on, Bush has learned a lesson in the harsh realities of realpolitik.

Buffeted by the escalating violence in the territories and by the Security Council's resistance to fresh United Nations sanctions against Saddam Hussein's regime, the United States has been forced to reassess its hands-off approach to Israel's low-grade war of attrition with the Palestinian Authority.

Realizing that the intifadah could ignite a wider war, and thereby threaten the flow of Mideastern oil, undermine its relations with conservative Arab countries and strengthen the hand of secular and Islamic radical forces, the United States has begun to adopt a hands-on policy.

Washington's stance has the support of Arafat and mainstream Arab leaders, such as President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, King Abdullah II of Jordan and Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of Lebanon. Rightly or wrongly, they believe that greater U.S. involvement will yield political concessions from Israel. For precisely this reason, right-wing Israeli politicians are less than enthusiastic about the United States' volte face.

The Bush administration's position, a nod to the past, has evolved gradually.

Edward Walker, the undersecretary of state and former ambassador to Israel, disclosed in mid-April that the United States would become more involved in the region so as to restore quiet as a condition for renewing Israel's ruptured dialogue with the Palestinian Authority.

In this spirit, Bush rallied behind the recommendations of the Sharm al Sheikh Fact-Finding Committeee, chaired by ex-U.S. senator George Mitchell. The report, which both Israel and the Palestinians have accepted, calls for an unconditional ceasefire, followed by a meaningful cooling-off period and confidence-building measures in advance of a resumption of negotiations.

In a bid to implement the report, the key to defusing the intifadah, Bush has taken several significant steps to upgrade the United States' profile in Mideast diplomacy.

The Central Intelligence Agency, known colloquially as the CIA, has returned as an observer to Israel's on-again-off-again security talks with the Palestinians.

During the last phases of the Clinton era, the CIA played a crucial role in monitoring compliance with the Oslo accords. Bush relieved the CIA of these duties shortly after he became president. But with the intensification of the intifadah in the spring, he had a change of heart.

On May 21, the United States got even further involved when Powell announced the appointment of a special envoy to the region. William Burns, the appointee, was ambassador to Jordan and is now assistant secretary for Near Eastern Affairs. His task, essentially, is to flesh out the Mitchell report. Burns' deputy, David Satterfield, the former ambassador to Lebanon, will assist him.

Bush's decision to name a special envoy to the Mideast was indicative of Washington's fear that the intifadah is spinning out of control and threatens the region's stability, such as it is. It will be recalled that Bush, in his first days in office, cavalierly dispensed with the services of special envoy Dennis Ross, whom his father and Clinton learned to respect.

In the wake of the June 1 suicide bombing of a Tel Aviv disco, which claimed the lives of 21 Israelis, Bush stepped deeper into the Mideast morass by asking CIA director George Tenet to hammer out a sustainable truce. On June 13, after considerable arm twisting, he produced a working plan. The ceasefire exists in name only, having been honoured in the breach by Palestinian violations and Israeli reprisals.

Like his predecessors, Powell has discovered that the Arab-Israeli dispute is a minefield. In late June, in his second visit to the area since February, he flew to the Middle East to shore up the shaky ceasefire. His mission was a resounding failure.

George Bush

Before Powell's departure, Bush tried but failed to convince Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that the violence was dying down. Bush soon abandoned that view. Anxious to move beyond the ceasefire phase of the Mitchell report, he subscribed to a Group of Eight declaration last month urging the deployment of third-party observers to monitor the June 13 truce. After consultations with Israel, the United States said that about 10 U.S. monitors would be dispatched to the territories after the violence ceases. (The Palestinians, however, are holding out for an international monitoring force, an idea Washington opposes).

Bush, in striving for a lasting ceasefire to reinvigorate Oslo, has publicly blasted the Palestinians for failing to abide by the truce. At the same time, a State Department report has condemned the Palestinian Authority for deliberately provoking and perpetrating acts of terror against Israel. As a result, Bush has yet to invite Arafat to the White House.

By contrast, Bush has twice invited Sharon since March. At their first meeting, there was a confluence of interests. To Sharon's satisfaction, they agreed that peace talks could not take place while fighting raged. As Bush put it, talks could not be resumed until "the cycle of violence is crushed and broken."

Although Sharon has generally managed to establish cordial ties with Bush, and Powell has asserted that the United States' relationship with Israel will "remain rock solid," there have been strains.

In mid-April, after the Palestinians fired mortars into Sderot, a town in the northern Negev, Israel responded by attacking Palestinian bases in the adjoining Gaza Strip, and an Israeli military spokesman said that Israel might stay on there for "days, weeks and months." By way of reaction, the State Department described Israel's brief incursion as "excessive and disproportionate."

Then, in May, after Israel conducted a series of lightning retaliatory raids into Area A of the West Bank, which is fully controlled by the Palestinian Authority, the United States accused Israel of escalating the conflict.

Apart from these critiques, and its opposition to Israel's settlement policy in the territories, the United States has been critical of Israel's practice of "targeted killings," or the assassination of Palestinian militants. Most recently, Washington characterized Israel's killing of two Hamas leaders in Nablus as "highly excessive and reprehensible." (In a dissent, Vice-President Dick Cheney expressed understanding for Israel's policy of seeking out and eradicating Palestinians planning bombings). Washington also censured Israel for deploying F-16s in a raid on Palestinian installations in Nablus. It did not, however, criticize Israel for bombing Palestinian police headquarters in Ramallah after the Aug. 9 Hamas suicide bombing in Jerusalem.

Despite its criticism of Israeli policies, the Bush administration has reaffirmed the United States' "special relationship" with Israel and promised to maintain Israel's qualitative military edge over the Arabs.

Bush, though, has reneged on his election campaign promise to transfer the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem. On June 12, he signed a waiver postponing the move.

As well, Bush has decided to defer Israel's request for $800 million in supplemental aid. Israel currently receives about $3 billion a year in military and economic aid from the United States, the single largest recipient of American assistance.

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Bernard Baskin

Mummies have become big business. The modern media strive to serve up a steady diet of mummy movies, mummy documentaries, mummy television specials, mummy advertisements, mummy Web sites, mummy posters – and, of course, mummy books.

The popular image of the mummy is the exquisitely decorated Egyptian pharaoh in his tomb. Egypt, however, is only the tip of the mummy iceberg – hundreds have been found in the bogs of northern Europe, thousands in the deserts of South America, Central Asia and the American Southwest.

Cold temperatures in the Arctic, the Andes and other mountains have preserved prehistoric men (such as the spectacular "Iceman," a 3,000-year-old hunter found in the Alps.)

Mummy sites exist in Siberia, Denmark, the Canary Islands, North Africa, Chile and Peru.

Not all mummies are ancient (witness the discovery recently of famous mountaineer George Mallory, who disappeared on Mount Everest in 1929), and the bizarre 20th-century revival under communism (Lenin, Stalin and Ho Chi Minh were all mummified).

Heather Pringle is a Vancouver science writer and journalist. When the editor of *Discover* magazine suggested she attend a gathering of mummy enthusiasts in Northern Chile, she was sceptical and apprehensive. The assignment seemed weird and outlandish.

What she found, however, was a gathering of passionate mummy lovers from around the globe who soon converted her to the lure and mystery of the mummy – how they're made, where they're found and what historians and scientists learn from them.

A newly created mummyphile, Pringle spent the next year travelling around the world in search of mummies and eager to interview leading scientists about them.

She discovered that for decades the world's mummy experts had been recovering ancient preserved bodies in a host of unlikely places, from ghoulish-looking bog bodies submerged in Dutch fens to pristine mummies of saints exhibited in Italian churches; and from Inca children sacrificed on Andean mountain peaks, to Buddhist monks venerated in Japanese temples. Indeed, every continent on earth, it seemed, had once possessed its share of mummies.

Pringle writes that in years to come, medical researchers struggling to outwit all manner of deadly parasites – from viruses to bacteria, rickettsia to amoeba, fungi to protozoa – could turn to the mummified dead in search of new weapons.

Sealed in their preserved cells is an astonishing molecular archive of disease, a record of misery and malady far more ancient and far more complete than any noted on rice paper, papyri, clay tablets or stone.

In a surprising chapter, Pringle discusses the "miraculously" preserved bodies of little known Catholic saints. She visits European churches with an Italian scientist and learns of the pious duplicity and manifold pitfalls involved in the process of confirming the incorruptibility of the body.

"Influenced, perhaps by such discoveries, the Roman Catholic Church has now virtually abandoned the old notion of incorruptibility," she writes.

Although the Hebrew Scriptures mention the embalming of Jacob and Joseph, who both died in Egypt, the practice is prohibited in Judaism.

Filled with extraordinary photographs, astonishing stories and little-known information, as well as accounts of an eclectic group of scientist-adventurers who reconstruct the dead, this book is popular science writing at its best.

Elul on the Internet

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Ani ledodi vedodi li (I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me)
— Song of Songs 6:3

Although this beautiful phrase has adorned many ketubot and wedding rings, it takes on special significance at this time of year. The first letters of *Ani ledodi vedodi li* form the Hebrew acronym "Elul," the special month of repentance that proceeds Rosh Hashanah and begins on the evening of Sunday, August 19. Today, some information about Elul and the Internet.

The two lovers that are referred to in *Ani ledodi* are the Jewish people and God. During Elul, they solidify their relationship as the Jewish people address their beloved and repent for any wrongs done. God, in turn, repays the gesture and forgives His beloved **[http://www.inner.org/times/elul/elul.htm]**.

There are many other metaphors used for the relationship between the Jewish people and God during this time of year. For example, Arnie Davis explains how mystics refer to Elul as "the time the king is in the field." Before Rosh Hashanah, God, the king, leaves His palace to survey His workers in the fields. That makes him particularly approachable with requests for the coming year **[http://www.jewishmag.com/13mag/elul/elul.htm]**.

There are a number of special traditions that are linked with Elul. Starting this month, Psalm 27, *Le David Hashem ori* (The Lord is my light), is recited twice daily **[http://207.168.91.4/vjholidays/elul/elul.htm]**. Also this month, we begin to blow the shofar on weekdays to inspire ourselves to use the opportunity of Elul to the fullest before Rosh Hashanah comes. You can listen to a shofar and learn more at 613.org **[http://www.613.org/roshyomkippursuccot.html]**. And Slichot, penitential prayers, are recited daily (except for Shabbat) by Sephardim from the first day of Elul until Yom Kippur. Ashkenazim begin very early on a Sunday morning at least four days before Rosh Hashanah **[http://www.jhom.com/calendar/ elul/]**.

Did you know that there's a big birthday being celebrated in Elul? It's the world's. According to the prevailing Jewish thought, the world wasn't created on Rosh Hashanah. Rosh Hashanah actually commemorates the creation of man and woman on the sixth day. So count backwards in your calendar. The creation of the world was actually on the 25th of Elul. For more Elul anniversaries, go to the Torah.net Web site **[http://torah.net/eng/kids/month/elul.htm]**.

Impressions about Elul and Rosh Hashanah in Israel versus Elul and Rosh Hashanah in the Diaspora are made in an article by Haviva Ner-David, who, before having moved to Israel, felt ambivalent about living in a culture that celebrated New Year's in the middle of winter. It was a time "stuck in the middle of a period of little hope nor freshness nor renewal," she writes. "Now that that conflict is gone, I feel finally comfortable to let myself be carried away by the 'New Year' spirit. It's an all-pervading spirit that can be quite refreshing and empowering." **[http://www.jfImail. com/articles/452.html]**.

"In Judaism we are given many opportunities to recharge our batteries," Ner-David concludes. "There's a weekly renewal, Shabbat; a monthly renewal, Rosh Chodesh; and a yearly renewal, Rosh Hashanah. What a precious gift to be reminded so often that we human beings have the power to forge our own paths."

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Greater Toronto Area

Seniors explore their creative side

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Before starting art lessons three months ago, Rose Edelist had never held a paintbrush in her hand.

Yet just recently, to her surprise, she sold a painting.

A resident of Forest Hill Place, Edelist, 93, who had a stroke two years ago, was one of the 11 men and women residents, both amateur and professional artists, who recently displayed their works at an exhibit at the retirement residence.

"I started taking art lessons three months ago because I wanted to be active," Edelist says.

A lover of music and dancing, she is now in a wheelchair with the use of only one hand and says, "Painting makes me feel great. I really enjoy it."

Edelist and the other residents have been taking art instruction twice a month with artist Martha Johnson of the Avenue Road Art School.

"I couldn't draw a straight line and I failed art at Westmount High School in Montreal," Frances Wintrob, 87, says. A resident of Forest Hill for a year, she adds, "If you had asked me if my art work would be hanging at an art show, I would have said, 'Are your kidding?'"

Wintrob, who devoted her life to community volunteer work, including serving as president of the Women's Auxiliary at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care from 1966 to 1968, says, "I now wanted to do something for myself."

To her surprise, three of her paintings were sold.

"I really wanted to keep them but people wanted them. It was so exciting and never in my wildest dreams did I think I would paint, let alone sell my paintings."

She says that she got a sense of accomplishment as a volunteer, "but this is a sense of accomplishment in a different area. This is for me. I have learned to appreciate what you see when you look at a picture.'

Seventy-eight year old resident Evelyn Schaffer, a professional artist who moved to Forest Hill Place from Montreal, has had many group and private exhibitions in Montreal. Working in watercolours and oils as well as pastels, her work reflects an innocence and serenity. A number of her paintings were sold at the exhibition.

Evelyn Schaffer is seen with one of her paintings.
[Cynthia Gasner photo]

"I will continue studying here and at the Avenue Road Art School," she says.

"It's wonderful to have interactive painting programs which allow the residents to develop and explore different and changing talents and interests," says Forest Hill Place Marketing Manager, Gwen Mackay-Smith.

"At our recent art exhibit, the artists were extremely proud of their work and gained much confidence and self assurance."

"It is enjoyable working with seniors as they develop their style of painting and drawing," Johnson says. "For most, taking art classes is an extension of their creative talents or a lifelong passion that's just being realized."

Dr. Veinish's Seniors & Health column can be found on page 43

AMBULANCE DONATED: Ed Glina turned 50 on July 20, and to celebrate, he and his wife Debbie Tessler, along with the rest of their family, donated an ambulance to Magen David Adom for Israel. Friends and family joined them in Herzliyah for the donation ceremony and to celebrate Glina's birthday. The ambulance will be stationed in Kfar Saba and service the Yarkon region north of Tel Aviv. Seen here (from left) are: Chaim Dagon, director of the international department of Magen David Adom for Israel, Dr. Moseh Mellouel, president of Magen David Adom for Israel, Glina, Zevi Glina and Tessler.

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Mother's victory is bittersweet

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Gail Manis with her two children.

TORONTO — Now that her former husband is serving six months in jail, Gail Manis can have a little peace.

"It's a bittersweet victory, though," says Manis, 44, the mother of an 11-year-old daughter and a four-year-old son.

Warren Manis, 45, originally from Montreal, was recently sentenced to jail for disobeying a judge's orders to remove his former wife's name from a $90,000 – plus interest – line of credit, and to provide sufficient security to get her name off a $300,000 mortgage on their Toronto home.

Warren declared bankruptcy last April, although according to court documents, "he did not deprive himself of a lifestyle that accompanies that of being a chartered accountant [and] a licensed security dealer, both [designations] of which he stands to lose as a result of this bankruptcy."

Evidence shows that when the couple separated in January 1997, his worth was about $1.7 million.

Gail – also originally from Montreal – who is currently undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer that has metastasized to her bones, was forced to sell her house after the Royal Bank of Canada started power of sale proceedings. She and her children have to be out of the house this month.

After paying the property taxes, which, with arrears, total about $50,000, and after paying the real estate commission, she will get nothing from the house.

She is in debt "up to her eyeballs," and has to find a place to live, "but it's hard to plan my life while I'm on chemotherapy. I'm so tired; I can't do what I used to do. Even something as simple as shopping has to be planned.

"I get notices from the bank and I get bills, but they can't get blood from a stone," she says.

Avra Rosen, Gail's lawyer, says she has been in family law since 1987, "and this is one of my worst files. It broke my heart.

"It absolutely wore Gail out, but she kept going. He made her go all the way. When her health changed, instead of being more lenient on her, he became more aggressive," says Rosen.

At one point, Warren – against a judge's orders to maintain his family's existing health and medical plans – had changed plans, and when Gail became ill, she discovered she was not eligible for coverage. She was faced with drug costs of about $1,000 a month, and it was only after an order from a subsequent judge that Warren paid the medical bills.

Because Warren has declared bankruptcy, says Rosen, he is technically debt free. "He can come out of jail wiping his hands. His daughter has to leave the Hebrew day school she has always attended, and they have to leave their home, but nothing has changed for him.

"Gail, whose father is a Holocaust survivor, did not want her children to feel that she sent their father to jail, but she could not see any other way. He had to know there were serious consequences for what he did.

"He did it all out of spite, and he hurt his children the most. He could not think beyond his own world, and he never took the extra step to see what impact his actions would have on his children and former wife," says Rosen.

Gail says she served her husband with divorce papers in February 1997, "and he flipped. It was the beginning of the horrific legal battle. I always knew the marriage was rocky, but I did not think he would go this far.

"After I became ill, he put forward a motion to obtain sole custody of the children. He tried to take my kids away when I needed them most.

"There was nothing more important to him than control, and this is how he got it. It is definitely irrational for him to be hurting his children like this. He took away their basic necessities of life.

"I can change my name, but they will always have to live with his," she says.

"It's been a story from hell, but I feel some relief that the judicial system has provided some justice. I can move on with my life and take comfort from my children. [Even though] I'm living with a terminal illness that looms over me, I'm not thinking about my prognosis; I'm just trying to live the best I can.

"I am looking forward to moving on, getting my children settled into a new home and a new lifestyle in a place that will be our own. I want to enjoy my children, do things as a family, and take what life offers us.

"The whole experience has made me stop and reflect. I have a fantastic support network [which] has really come through, and many people have called to say they feel saddened for me. It's nice to know that people empathize."

Meanwhile, she says, "I can provide my children with nurturing and common sense; they just won't get the extras. They will get through the whole experience, but a lot of it was unnecessary. Everything [Warren] did was voluntary. He chose not to abide by the courts.

"Whether he will learn a lesson from all of this is yet to be seen."

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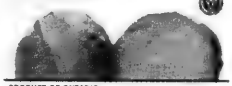

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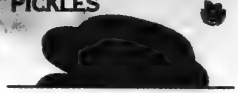

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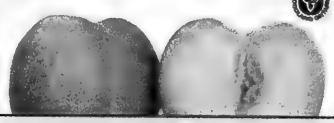

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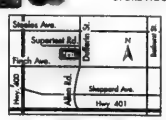

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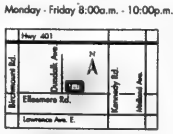

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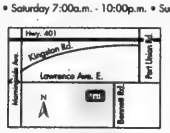

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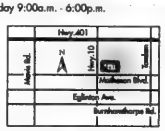

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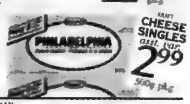

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Music is Silverman's second language

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sarah Silverman, winner of Temple Sinai's 2001 Ben Steinberg Musical Legacy Award, sees music as a second language.

"I read music just like I read a book. It's something I have always taken for granted," she says.

Silverman, 21, a student at Glenn Gould Professional School of Music – where she majors in piano and minors in voice – is the 18th winner of the award which includes a $1,000 scholarship towards her tuition.

She was presented with the award when she was featured at a special spring recital held at the temple.

Silverman, a graduate of Vaughan Secondary School, comes by her musical talent honestly, she says.

Her father Howard, a jazz drummer and pianist, has travelled with Dizzie Gillespie and played in Moe Kaufman's band. Her mother Maureen, who is now a midwife, trained as a classical violinist and has played with the National Ballet Orchestra and the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra.

Sarah Silverman

"I spent a lot of time at rehearsals with my mother, and I often harmonized with my dad. I started violin lessons with my mother when I was three, and then switched to piano when I was five.

"I loved playing, but I hated practising; a couple of times I almost quit. My parents, however, never forced me to keep going," she says.

"I was heavily into dance and theatre" – her professional debut was in *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Leah Posluns Theatre when she was 14 – "and all of it took up all of my time. I now practise piano four to six hours a day."

As a pianist, she has won a number of awards, including Most Outstanding Pianist of 1998 and the James Anagnoson – her teacher since she was 15 years old – and Leslie Kinton scholarship at the Newmarket Lions Festival. She was also awarded top prize and a scholarship in the concert class of this year's Toronto Kiwanis Festival.

Although she is majoring in classical piano, and in two more years could begin a master's degree, she is also interested in jazz and vocal.

"I also have a passion for theatre and dance, but this is the first time I am focusing on one thing. I chose classical piano because it is fun and I am good at it. It comes naturally to me.

"Some day I can see [myself] doing some piano, some vocal, some jazz, some musical theatre; maybe I will direct or choreograph. I will take each path where it leads, as long as I'm happy."

The more she studies classical piano, she says, "the higher the levels I reach, and the more rewarding it becomes. I feel like I never knew what I was doing, and now I know how to listen to music.

"There is a power to classical music that you don't find in most music other than jazz. Classical music is emotional and intelligent at the same time. I listen now for harmonies and for how the music is put together. That changes how I hear things.

"The music hits me right at my core. When I listen to classical music I get a welling up of happiness and I listen to it over and over."

She credits Anagnoson for teaching her about music. "He is a valid critic and he has a positive attitude. He totally opened my eyes to the different levels of music."

Her favourite pianists, she says, are Martha Argerich, who she just discovered last year, and Krystian Zimerman.

Her Temple Sinai concert, which she performed on a Steinway piano, included pieces by Johannes Brahms, Johann Sebastian Bach, Julius Wolfson, Ludwig Von Beethoven, Aaron Copland, Jean Coulthard and two pieces by Ben Steinberg. She was accompanied by Joel Katz on the bass.

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וויניטקן חודש וועט אָפּגעצייכנט דער 25סטער יאָרצײַט נאָר מלך ראָוויסט, אײנער פֿון אונדזערע אַרטיסטן דעמקער, שרײַבער און רעדנער. ער איז געווען אירגענדעל אין טראָכטן, אין סטיל, נישט אין אַפֿילו אין וואָרט־שפּיל. אויך האָב ניט געמאַכט דעם כבוד צו קענען מלך ראָוויסטן פּערזענלעך, צו שפּעט געקומען קיין קאַנאַדע. אָבער וואָס אייזענבערג־ראָוויסט, זײַן פּרוי, האָב איך גוט געקענט. זי איז געשטאָרבן דעם 27סטן אויגוסט 2000, אויף 24 יאָר אײַבערגעלעבט אירע מאַן.

אין נעם זיך ניט אונטער צו געבן אַ געוויסע אָפּשאַצונג וועגן מלך ראָוויסט. דאָס לאָז איך אײַבער מאָרעסטע מבֿינים. מיר וועלן בלויז אַריסבערענען פֿאַקטן פֿון זײַן לעבן, כּדי צו דערמעגלעכן אונדזערע לייענערס וועגן אונדזער גרויסן שרײַבער, וועלכער האָט אַ לעגאַסי־רע צײַט געלאָזט צורוקן אונדז.

אַ זעלטענע פֿערזענלעכקייט איז געווען מלך ראָוויסט. ער איז געבוירן געוואָרן דעם 27סטן נאָוועמבער 1893 אין שטעטל רעזיס, מזרח־גאַליציע. זײַן אײַנגעלעבטע נאָמען איז זכריה חנא בערגער, ראָוויסט איז זײַן פּסעודאָנים. זײַן מוטער חיינדע איז געווען זייער אַסימילירט, געהאַט שרײַבערישע טענדענסן, געלייענט ייִדיש, פּויליש אין דייטש. ווי ראָוויסט דערמאָנט, איז ער געבוירן געוואָרן „מיט געזאַנג", געווען דער צוויטער פֿון דרײַ זין. מלך האָט באַקומען וועלטלעכע בילדונג, געלערנט בײַ פּריוואַטע לערערס, שפּעטער אין סטאַניסלא אין אַ האַנדל שול אין האָט עטלעכע יאָר געאַרבעט אין אַ באַנק אין לעמבערג, דערנאָך אין ווין.

זײַן ערשט לידער־בוך „אויף דער שוועל" איז דערשינען אין 1912, אין עס איז זייער גוט אויפגענומען געוואָרן אויף דער ליטעראַרישער גאַס. ספּעציעל האָבן זיך וואָרעם אָפּגעוויזן י. ל. פּרץ אין ש. י. אימבער. אין 1919 איז אין ווין אַרויס ראָוויסטעס בוך שפּיגלונגען. זיין גאַנג לעבן איז ראָוויסט געוואָרן פֿאַרליבט אין שפּיגלונג אין אַן פּרצ.

מלך ראָוויסט האָט חתונה געהאַט קעגן זיין מאַמער וויליק אין 1915 אין גליק מאַבליזדט געוואָרן אין דער עסטרייכישער אַרמיי. ער וועט פֿאַרווונדעט אין באַפּריט. אין ווין זיינע געבירן געוואָרן זיין מאַכטער וועט בערגער אין זיין זון יאָסל בערגער, אַ באַריכמטער מאָלער, וועלכער לעבט איצט אין ישׂראל.

אין די צוואַנציקער יאָרן שרײַבט ראָוויסט לידער, דערציילונגען, עסייען וועגן ייִדישע קולטור פֿראַבלעמען, קריטיק אײַבער ביכער, פֿאַרטרעטן פֿון ייִדישע שרײַבערס, איבערזעצונגען, אַרטיקלען אין כּמעט אַלע ייִדישע אויסגאַבעס איבער דער וועלט. ער האָט אַנגעשריבן אַרום פֿיר טויזנט עסייען, וואָס זײַנען גערודקט געוואָרן. ער האָט אַנגעשריבן איבער פֿופציק בוכער און צו ביכער פֿון יונגע שרײַבערס.

מלך ראָוויסט איז געווען מיטגרינדער פֿון דעם „די כאַלאַסטרע", צו וועלכער עס האָבן אויך געהערט פֿרץ מאַרקיש אין אַרי צבי גרינבערג. אין 1934 פֿאַלאָוו ראָוויסט פֿוילן. ער איז אַרומגעפֿאָרן אײַבער דער וועלט וווּ אַ מאַרשטיינער פֿון „ייִוא" אין וווּ אַ זשורנאַליסט. אַ יאָר אין אַרגענטינע. אין 1941 באַאַמטע זיך ראָוויסט אין מאָנטרעאל, קאַנאַדע. דאָ אַרבעט ער 14 יאָר אין דער ייִדישער פֿאַלקס ביבליאָטעק. ער איז געווען דער גרינדער אין אַנפֿירער פֿון ייִדישן פֿאַלקס־אוניווערסיטעט בײַ דער ביבליאָטעק.

ראָוויסט איז געווען אַן אומדערמידלעכער רעדנער, לעקטאָר, לערער, גרינדער אין פֿאַרײַנען פֿון ווען שרײַבער פֿאַראײַן. ער האָט באַקומען אַ גרויסע צאָל ליטעראַרישע פּרײַז. וועגן אים האָבן געשריבן כּמעט אַלע ייִדישע באַוווסטע שרײַבערס אין דער וועלט. ער איז געשטאָרבן אין מאָנטרעאל דעם 26סטן אויגוסט 1976. ער האָט אײַבערגעלאָזט אַ גרויסע ליטעראַרישע ירושה פֿון לידער, פֿאָעמעס אין עסייען. זײַנע ווערק וועלן תּמיד בעלייענט אין געלערנט ווערן. כּבוד זײַן אָנדענק!

Rabbi comes home to share Kolel leadership

By JENNIFER M. PAQUETTE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — He's travelled from Australia to Hong Kong and back again, but Rabbi Jordan Cohen finds there's no place like home. A native Torontonian, he returns this month after 21 years away to take over from Outreach Director Rabbi Neal Loevinger at the Kolel Centre for Liberal Jewish Education.

Rabbi Jordan Cohen and his son, Zachary, 10.

Founded in 1991 by director Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, Kolel offers serious text-based study with a liberal edge. Since its inception, Kolel has gone through several phases, and Rabbi Cohen's arrival – with 10 years of rabbinic experience behind him – promises to usher in yet another.

According to Rabbi Loevinger, Kolel's first major turning point was adding a second full-time rabbi, opening up a wealth of viewpoints and styles far surpassing "the efforts of just one individual, no matter how talented."

Then, last year, Kolel purchased a building on Eglinton Avenue. That move, he says, "identified Kolel as a place to go," rather than a loose collection of classes and programs.

When Rabbi Cohen steps in, he'll also take on a new title. As associate director, he'll not only perform Rabbi Loevinger's duties, but also – thanks to his years of congregational experience – assume a leadership role alongside Rabbi Goldstein. This new step will further assure Kolel's place as a full-fledged adult education program.

Rabbi Goldstein, who writes and most recently edited *The Women's Torah Commentary* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2000), calls Rabbi Cohen "more of a peer" than previous rabbis. She says sharing leadership responsibilities will give her the opportunity to offer more advanced classes as well as to embrace new book projects.

Rabbi Loevinger

Unaffiliated with any movement, Kolel draws instructors and staff from all backgrounds. In the past year, Kolel has offered programs taught by Reform, Conservative and Orthodox laypeople and rabbis, mirroring the diversity of Kolel students, many of whom Rabbi Loevinger describes as "Jews in transition," moving towards greater involvement.

Rabbi Loevinger himself may be one of Kolel's earliest success stories. Though only at Kolel full time since his ordination in 1999, he's actually been around since the beginning. Originally from Baltimore, he began studying Jewish ethics for his graduate degree in environmental studies at York University. Under Rabbi Goldstein's guidance, he decided to enter the rabbinate, returning as a rabbinic intern during his studies. Now, he's moving on to his first pulpit position, with a large Conservative congregation near Boston, where he hopes to pursue further graduate work in religious studies.

Rabbi Cohen also goes way back with Kolel. "I grew up at Holy Blossom, and met Elyse when she was the assistant rabbi there," he says.

She considered hiring him when he was first ordained at Hebrew Union College, but there was no second rabbi position at the time. Rabbi Cohen moved to California and married, but became convinced he didn't want to raise his son in L.A. and left North America for an associate rabbi position at Temple Emmanuel in Sydney, Australia.

In Australia and later, with the United Jewish Congregation in Hong Kong, where his duties included travelling around, officiating in unlikely corners of Asia, Rabbi Cohen discovered that, outside of North America, Reform is often the only non-Orthodox option. His congregants represented a wide range of Jewish observance and belief.

Rabbi Goldstein says she's confident his experience with "non-typical Jews" will serve him well at Kolel. Calling himself post-denominationalist, and inclined towards traditional practice, Rabbi Cohen agrees, saying he has "something to offer not only to Reform Jews, but across the spectrum."

He adds that, regardless of his other duties as a rabbi, his greatest interest has always been adult Jewish education. Now divorced, he was also looking for new direction personally after 17 years of congregational life. Kolel doesn't hold regular Shabbat services, and he chuckles, saying, "for the first time in my professional life, I'm going to have to join a synagogue."

Still, he admits there are few better places to shul-shop. "I've lived in New York, L.A... but Toronto is one of the most exciting Jewish communities in North America right now. I've been at the edge of the Diaspora for eight years, and I'm overwhelmed by the wealth of Jewish possibilities here."

Though Rabbi Loevinger, too, has enjoyed Toronto, he admits he won't miss the tendency he's seen within its Jewish community to "breed organizations that have a hard time treating clergy well." Yet he's quick to add that Kolel is an exception, calling it "a wonderful place to work as a rabbi." And he's confident that Rabbi Cohen "will be a part of Kolel's ever-greater success."

Rabbi Cohen, too, is hopeful; this isn't the same town he left two decades ago. "In a sense, I'm coming home," he says, "but I've been away for half my life. The community has changed in great ways." It's clear from his optimism that Rabbi Cohen, in his new role, intends to play an important role in the community's ongoing growth.

Italian Jews feeling 'beleaguered,' says Landy

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A confluence of factors, including the rise to prominence of an extremist right-wing political party, has left the Jewish community of Italy feeling "beleaguered," said Keith Landy, president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Italian Jews, who number only 10,000, are concerned about the appointment of Gianfranco Fini, head of Italy's National Alliance (NA), as deputy prime minister in the government of Silvio Berlusconi, Landy said.

Speaking shortly after he returned from a European vacation, Landy said he met with the president of the Italian Jewish community, Amos Luzzatto, in Venice. The two knew each other from a London meeting of Jewish leaders where they were part of a discussion on formulating a Jewish response to the upcoming Durban conference on racism.

Luzzatto told him that Italy's Jews are very concerned over the country's drift to the right, Landy recounted.

Fini has called for stronger government to tackle corruption and to check the power of the Mafia. He has also been quoted as describing his movement – a direct outgrowth of Italy's postwar neo-fascist party – as "post-fascist." He reportedly called fascist dictator Benito Mussolini the greatest Italian in history, although he later claimed he had been quoted out of context.

Fini is part of a group of right-wing political extremists in Europe who have put aside the traditional trappings of fascism for a more moderate image, but the group is still strongly nationalist and anti-immigrant.

Racism in Italy has become acute in recent years, with soccer games proving a lightening rod for extremist agitation. Fans of Lazio, a team in Rome, had developed a notorious reputation for racist behaviour. Two years ago, some fans taunted their intracity Roma rivals by unfurling a banner that read: "Auschwitz is your homeland; The ovens are your homes." A *CJN* reader said he saw the same banner in a recent telecast of an Italian soccer league match.

Keith Landy

A section of Lazio fans reportedly boo every time Black players in the Italian league touch the ball, and Italian police have identified a connection between soccer fans and extremist acts. In one incident reported in *CNN Sports Illustrated*, fans of a Roman team were linked to bombs planted at a museum honouring World War II anti-fascist resistance fighters and at a movie theatre screening a film about Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann.

Italian Jews are also upset with the deteriorating relationship with the Roman Catholic Church over the proposal to beatify two popes, Pius IX and Pius XII.

Pius IX served as pope during the 19th century, and under his regime, Jewish boys – including Edgardo Mortara – were abducted and converted to Christianity, Luzzatto said.

The move to beatify Pius XII, who was pope during the Holocaust, is also a bone of contention for Italian Jews. The Italian community is upset over the recent announcement that the Vatican's World War II documents will not be made available to a commission of historians studying Church policy during the Holocaust.

In a preliminary report issued in October 2000, the commission, which includes three Jews and three Roman Catholics, said the documents they had been able to study raised "significant questions" about the pope's and the Vatican's actions during the Holocaust.

Landy said Luzzatto is particularly disappointed in the Church's "intransigence" on the access issue. "There is a perception of a cover-up," he added.

"They feel beleaguered by the situation around them. It's still a Roman Catholic country where the Church carries a lot of weight," said Landy. "We forget that in the aftermath of the Holocaust, with the [reduced] size of the Jewish community, it's difficult for them to carry much weight. They see that their concerns are not being addressed."

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By Miriam Herman

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Sunday, Aug. 19

PLAYWRITING CONTEST

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood and the Entertainment & Cultural Connection present readings from the winners of the Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest with **Ralph Wintrob** and **Alan Simons**, 8 p.m., at the synagogue. Coffee, cake and conversation. Co-ordinators **Sandra** and **Jerry Genesove**.

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

Club Ora of Na'amat Canada – huge rummage sale offers women's, men's and children's clothing, household items, books, toys, furnishings, electronics and more. Sale runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Monday, Aug. 20

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

For parents and families of Lesbians and Gays. For information, **Ruth** 416-763-9111.

Tuesday, Aug. 21

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation summer lecture series, The Development of the Jewish Community in Toronto with **Stephen Speisman**, director of Ontario Jewish Archives and author of *The Jews of Toronto*, continues with Part 2, at 8:30 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Call 905-886-3810.

Wednesday, Aug. 22

OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Join Jewish Women International of Canada's My Women's Group (women 45+ years of age who meet right after work) for an evening of dinner and Black Light Theatre at Famous People Players Theatre. Reservations required. 416-630-9313.

JOKERS & HUMOUR GROUP

Jewish Jokers and Humour Group meets monthly, all ages, non-profit, free, prizes, fun. Call **Irv Helpert** 416-661-2541 for registration.

Thursday, Aug. 23

DANCE UNDER THE STARS

Dance under the stars to the '80s music at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre rooftop 7 p.m. to midnight. 35-45 years of age. Kosher hot dogs and hamburgers for sale (COR), cash bar. Admittance includes 1 food or beverage item. Information/reservation 416-256-9664.

And What Else Is New

MEDINA AUDITIONS

Medina Theatre Ensemble auditions for a staged reading of *The Wall*, written by **Millard Lampell.** Based on a novel by **John Hersey**. Directed by **Sean Mulcahy**. Presentation of the play is in honour of Holocaust Education Week.

Auditions Thursday, Sept. 13, Earl Bales Community Centre. All ages welcome. **Fran Elliot** 416-785-1074 or **Susan Harssar** 416-485-1967.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Andrew Lederman is hosting the first annual Sheila Lederman Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 27, at Bloomington Downs Golf Course. A few spots are still open. Proceeds go to Canadian Cancer Society. 416-223-4653.

MAVEN BOWLING LEAGUE

Maven Bowling League is looking for new members. This is a fun social league made up of singles and couples, male and female, 30s and 40s. Starts Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. at Wilson ProBowl, Wilson and Dufferin. Also, join in the

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ADULT CHILDREN'S GROUP

Circle of Care announces an Adult Children's Support Group for adult children who are caring for a parent with an irreversible cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's disease: 8 sessions beginning Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 6-8 p.m. at Circle of Care, 530 Wilson Ave. For more information, **Bluma Heimlich** or **Mark Weitz** 416-635-2860.

KIDS YIDDISH CLASSES

Free Yiddish classes for children, junior kindergarten to Grade 8, run by committee for Yiddish, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Toronto District School Board at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Sundays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, starting Sept. 16. **Naomi** 416-635-2883, ext. 150.

COUPLES BOWLING

Jewish couples bowling club is looking for couples to join. Group bowls every second Sunday night. This is a fun league. Experience is not necessary. **Michel** 416-520-1433.

BRIDGING COURSE

The School of Women's Studies, York University, offers, at two locations, two 16-week, non-credit Bridging Courses for women who want to upgrade their writing and speaking skills and explore the possibility of university study. Classes begin Monday, Oct. 22, and Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Information and registration sessions: Monday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m., Neighbourhood Link, 2625 Danforth Ave., and Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m., North York Women's Centre, 201 Caribou Rd. For further information, call **Celesta Irvin** 416-736-2100, ext. 77818.

HEBREW CLASSES

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is taking registration for fall courses for adults, teens and pre-teens in conversational Hebrew, all levels. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Dec. 18; Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Dec. 19; Thursdays, Sept. 13-Dec. 20; Fridays Sept. 14-Dec. 21. **Joseph Klinger** 416-787-0197.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Shomer Israel Congregation traditional heimish minyan welcomes all non-affiliated. No dues. Shabbat 9 a.m. Shabbat Minchah study class with **Rabbi Sheldon Schwartz**. Sunday morning minyan 8:30 a.m. 60 Rockford Rd. (behind Rockford Rd. Public School) **David** 416-256-1600.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting Thursday, Aug. 23; 9:30 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Topic: Holy Days or Holidays? with speaker **Sholom Eisenstat**. For information, **Goldie** 416-635-2860.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Aug. 19, free concert 2 p.m., Earl Bales Park; Aug. 30, Cookstone Factory; Sept. 4, Square One Mall trip; Sept. 6, Casino Niagara; Casino Rama every Wednesday in August plus Sept. 12. Membership open. 416-395-7881.

LZA Seniors dance classes every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets still available for *Sound of Music* on Oct. 4 in Stratford. For more information, **Libby** 416-782-2059 or the office 416-630-9444. Seniors Cultural Club meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the boardroom.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Aug. 23, supper out at Mandarin Restaurant; Tuesday, Aug. 28, trip on Lake Simcoe; Aug. 30, lecture. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 416-225-2112.

The centre is offering kosher meals for the High Holy Days. Meal will include a main course, two vegetables, challah and dessert. Meals may be ordered for as many days as desired. Kitchen is uder full supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress. Orders must be received no later that Friday, Sept. 7. Contact **Dennis Wilson**, ext. 114.

Nineteenth-Century Realism in Art with **Edith Altschuler** Tuesday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. **Bookie**, ext. 116.

Sleep/Wake Disorders Group joins **Dr. Jeffrey Lipsitz**, Sleep Disorders Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, and **Dr. Jaan Reitav**, clinical psychologist, for Part 3 of Sleep as We Age, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1:15-2:15 p.m. **Ruth**, ext. 105.

Dance Sunday, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Movie, *Mission Impossible II*, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2:30 p.m.

Fun with Yiddish every second Thursday. 10 a.m. **Bookie**, ext. 116.

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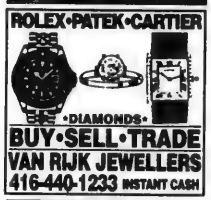

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Jewish education growth explored

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Oliver Valins, one of the report's authors, is not convinced that there is a global trend towards more religious education.

"Mainstream, establishment religions – such as the Church of England and the main [Jewish] Central Orthodox organization in the UK – have undergone decline," Valins said.

Seymour Epstein

At the same time, "other forms of religion and spirituality have seen an increase – evangelical Christianity and haredi Judaism."

Valins believes the growth in Jewish education in England is due to the fact that Jewish schools work, and parents want a good education for their children – preferably without having to pay private school fees.

In England, the government provides 85 percent of the capital costs and 100 percent of the general study teaching expenses in the current (public) system of faith-based education. Parents provide for the religious component of the curriculum.

Another factor in this growth may be that "in England, it is now easier for Jews to be more open about their religion and ethnicity… it's cool to be Jewish," Valins said.

Many parents feel that a Jewish education may also counter the threat of intermarriage, he added.

Paul Shaviv, headmaster of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), pointed out that there are significant differences between England and Canada.

Born and educated in England, Shaviv was director of Immanuel College in England and principal of Bialik High School in Montreal before coming to Toronto.

In North America, the enrolment in full-time Jewish education has more than tripled in the last two decades – from some 60,000 to more than 180,000 students, Shaviv said.

According to the JPR report, 22,640 pupils attended British Jewish day schools in 1999.

Interestingly, 43 percent of the students in full-time Jewish education in England are in haredi schools, while the intensively Orthodox sector only comprises nine percent of the total Jewish community, Shaviv said.

In North America, the rise in Jewish education can be seen in the mainstream Orthodox, Conservative and Reform communities, Shaviv noted.

"In the wider Jewish communities [in North America], sending your child to Jewish day school has become not only acceptable, but even fashionable, in a way unimaginable 30 or more years ago."

Paul Shaviv

CHAT has experienced growth in all parts of the school, which has accelerated over the past three years, Shaviv said.

The new stream, which accepts students who have not previously attended Jewish day schools, has really taken off in the past few years, and now comprises 12 to 15 percent of the school population.

The difference is that "the Jewish community in Britain has never had the same ethnic consciousness that North American communities, particularly Canada, have had," Shaviv said.

"The largest Jewish high school in England does not give anywhere near the level of intensity of Jewish education that high schools in Montreal or Toronto do."

In fact, Shaviv said, "there are some who [have] always regarded the UK Jewish community's attitude to Jewish culture and learning as somewhat philistine."

"Toronto is part of a North American pattern," Epstein said, "[which has seen] an intense interest in Jewish education by the liberal Jewish community."

Part of it may have to do with a disenchantment in the public school system. However, it may also have to do with a search for ethnic identification and community.

"Today, there is an interest in the boutiquing of religion and identities," he said.

"Boutique Judaism reflects the specific needs of a group that forms itself around specific issues. Jewish day schools meet these current community needs," Epstein said.

"For families who send their kids to Jewish day schools, day schools have, to a certain degree, replaced the synagogue as the central Jewish institution of the Jewish family," Shaviv said.

This has profound implications for synagogues and schools, he added.

"Today, schools are radically changing by virtue of the changing school population to meet and reflect the needs of the community.

"And that creates all sorts of questions and challenges in terms of school policy, school identity, curriculum, staffing…

"Jewish educators and leaders have always wanted to see the day when Jewish education was a naturally accepted part of Jewish family life," Shaviv said. "While we're not there yet, we're clearly going in that direction."

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In our Aug. 2 story, "Grassroots missions planned for Israel," we indicated that the most recent UJA Federation mission charged participants $1,795. In fact, the first family member on the mission was charged $995 and each subsequent family member paid $1,795. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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Coast to Coast

Montreal's Wagar High School grads plan reunions

By FRANCES GOODMAN PELLATT
Special to The CJN

MONTREAL – They're coming from the United States, from all parts of Canada and even from Europe. They're coming to reminisce, to see old friends and to reunite with high school classmates.

Wagar High School alumnae are planning reunions for the classes of 1971, 1977, 1981 and 1991.

In an era where technology is moving so quickly that we find ourselves communicating by e-mail rather than picking up the phone or even visiting with friends, reunions can take us back to a slower time, perhaps a nicer time for some.

High school – that time of life when as teenagers we thought we had all the answers. We thought we knew who we were, where we were going and how we were getting there. Surprise, surprise, life does have its twists and turns.

School reunions give us the opportunity to play catch up with friends and classmates we may have left far behind. Perhaps to take a more mature look at who we were then and put some disappointments to rest. Remembering our pasts can help us focus on where we are, remind us of where we came from, and sometimes redirect us as to where we're going. Nostalgia has a way of mellowing us and bringing cohesion and closure.

Wagar High School, part of the English Montreal School Board (EMSB), is located at 5785 Parkhaven Ave. in Cote St. Luc. It was built in 1963 by the then-Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal to serve the English population in the area. It opened with 56 teaching rooms and a capacity for 1,200 pupils, the majority of whom were Jewish.

Its student base now is only 460 pupils in grades 7 to 11, with 26 teachers, but the school continues to offer two streams, English and French immersion with 25 percent of the student body enrolled in the immersion program.

To use the school to its fullest capacity, students from John Grant High School (for students with intellectually disabilities) will be moving into the premises in September.

Michael Cohen, the EMSB communications director, said discussions are ongoing to turn Wagar into a specialty school.

"There already is a media services centre on the first floor," he said, "and the idea is to offer courses in media, film, computer technology, television, radio, etc."

It is hoped that this will give the 38-year-old school a new spark and bring back some of the pride of its history.

In the coming months and into 2002 and beyond, many Wagarites will be remembering their high school years and meeting face to face with their past friends and classmates.

This Labour Day weekend (Sept. 1, 2001), the grads of 1971 will celebrate their 30th anniversary. Alumnae Lynn Smolkin Kauffman (Toronto) and Lawrence Greenspon (Ottawa) have joined forces to organize the reunion for the 396 grads from their year.

"When I realized last summer that it was coming up on 30 years since we graduated high school, I did not want to let this opportunity go by without planning something," Kauffman said.

"Since this has started, I've gotten dozens of e-mails from people all over Canada and the U.S, expressing their excitement about the event. People are coming from all over and the excitement and momentum is mounting exponentially.

Greenspan said that since so many of her former classmates have left Montreal, it was decided to hold the reunion in Toronto.

The 1971 grads – with partners, spouses, dates or solo – are invited to attend the weekend reunion in Toronto and can reserve their space for dinner by e-mailing Smolkin Kauffman at: lynn@cowboycorp.net or Greenspon at: email@1greenspon.com. However, by mid-summer, reservations will be open to non-grads, so don't delay.

A Web site has also been set up for the Wagner Class of '71 reunion at www.wagar-classof71reunion.com

Brenda Levine (Montreal) and Randee Rosenthal Glassman (Toronto), 1981 grads, are hard at work planning the 20th reunion for their 228 classmates. Levine, the manager of ambulatory services at the Royal Victoria Hospital, said they scheduled the reunion for this Sept. 15.

"It's the weekend just before Rosh Hashanah," she said, and the hope is that many alumnae will be coming "home" for the holiday, and will attend with partners or alone.

Plans aren't finalized, but the evening will include a sit down dinner, a DJ and lots of reminiscing. "And one of our teachers, Robert Shuster, has agreed to attend," added Levine.

For further details or to offer assistance, e-mail Levine at: brendalevine@hotmail.com or Rosenthal Glassman at: rsquared@cgocable.net.

The 25th anniversary of the graduating class of 1977 is scheduled for the Victoria Day weekend in May 2002. The organizer for this reunion is Phyllis Frost Shade (Montreal), mother of three, who is also a competitive body builder and personal trainer who teaches kick boxing for adults and elementary school children.

"It will be held at Wagar," said Frost Shade, "and the Victoria Day weekend was chosen so that out-of-towners could attend."

First ministers' conference fallout

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Last week, I promised to write an assessment of the first ministers' conference. I had implied that the conference would produce both fireworks and surprises. I also suggested that the meeting's results might have ramifications for the Jewish community in particular.

Well, the fireworks were called off due to inclement weather – hot air blowing in all directions from every premier. And as for the surprises…well, the only surprise is that your faithful scribe actually believed the pre-conference hype concerning confrontation between the various premiers.

The annual meeting may have been a (now predictable) joke, but it is anything but funny.

Recall that the Atlantic premiers came into the meeting proclaiming that equalization payments – the process through which have-not provinces receive disproportionately larger amounts of federal monies – had to be the top priority of the conference. Ontario Premier Mike Harris reacted by harshly criticizing the Atlantic premiers and used an unfortunate analogy to welfare recipients.

Harris declared that health care was the burning issue of the day and the premiers had to band together to demand that the federal government underwrite 50 percent of the cost of new health-care expenses. "No," chimed in Saskatchewan's first citizen, "it's the drought-stricken farms that need immediate cash handouts."

In response to all of the clamouring, the federal government sent an unequivocal message through Alan Rock, Stephan Dion and Paul Martin: No more money. Period. Instead, improve your management and delivery systems. And so it went for more than a week…until the premiers actually met.

Then, like magic, the premiers hugged and smiled and presented a united and mutually supportive front. Not to be outdone, all of a sudden, the federal government found spare cash (some $240 million!) to deal out to the hungry premiers.

Apart from the cynical messages such behaviour conveys to Canadians, there are some possible consequences for the Jewish community. For example, by not securing the funds for health care he was seeking from Ottawa, Harris may have to look within for funds for the terribly strained health-care sector.

One scenario would see the Tories renege on their private schools promise to ensure sufficient cash flow for any increased health-care costs. A second possible consequence involves home care. If the government cannot increase the provincial capacity to fund home-care programs, the weight of that burden will fall to existing infrastructure, thereby further straining community resources – including those within the Jewish community.

The moral of this tale is that the community must not only insist on some meaningful accountability from its politicians, it must also understand what it is holding the government accountable for.

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Jonathon Steinfeld

Bush pilot takes to the skies

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — At 25, Jonathon Steinfeld is one of Canada's youngest chief flying instructors. He may also be Canada's first Jewish bush pilot.

Steinfeld started taking flying lessons in 1992 at the age of 16 while still a student at Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate. He earned his flying license in the spring of 1993.

"The irony is that here I was flying to Brandon and back and my parents wouldn't let me drive on the highway," he says.

His parents were supportive of his ambition, he recounts, but the reaction from friends ranged from "neat" to "you're out of your mind."

Although Steinfeld wanted to be a pilot, he wasn't sure initially how to go about it. He attended university, he says, because a degree benefits an aviation career and because it is useful to have a back-up plan in case you are not up to the fitness levels required to be a pilot. He graduated with a degree in education.

About six months before graduation, he learned that the Winnipeg Flying Club was looking for an instructor. He applied and was accepted. After five months of training, he started work at the WFC in June 1997. He has been chief flight instructor for the past two years.

The flying club, which is the largest aviation-training school in Manitoba, is based at St. Andrews Airport just north of Winnipeg. Steinfeld is in charge of an operation that includes 15 aircraft, 12 pilot-instructors and up to 120 students at any given time. He is responsible for the club's safety and for the integrity of the training.

Yet, he says, "The drawback for me is that as chief flying instructor, I don't get as much flying time as I would like."

As with most young flyers, Steinfeld dreams one day of becoming a commercial airline pilot.

"The commercial airlines are the big leagues," he says. "To qualify, you need a lot of hours of flying experience with different types of planes in different environments."

To that end, Steinfeld has become a bush pilot. In addition to his work at the flying club, he has taken a job flying up north for Skyward Aviation, a Manitoba-based charter service which runs regularly scheduled flights to Norway House as well as emergency medical missions to other remote northern Manitoba native communities. The company, Steinfeld says, has 20 aircraft, based in Thompson and Winnipeg, and 60 pilots.

"I have been flying a KingAir 100," he says. "The plane has seats for 12 passengers and two pilots."

The hour-long flights to Norway House go out twice a day, at 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Steinfeld once had to get up at 3:30 a.m. to fly a 4:30 charter flight for American hunters.

"It's hard getting into a regular sleeping schedule with those hours," he says. But, he adds, "I like to be challenged. I am just as comfortable flying a two-seater plane as a 14-seater."

Northern Manitoba is beautiful, he says, but some of the communities he has flown to in the north are so poor they look like they are in the Third World.

Steinfeld is hopeful that Skyward will extend his contract beyong the summer through the fall and winter. He is confident that one day he will be behind the controls of a major commercial airliner.

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CHAT student involved in premature birth research

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Last summer Lior Braunstein began a volunteer stint at Mount Sinai Hospital's Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute by doing "menial tasks" and designing a Web site.

It wasn't long, however, before he was given more responsibility. Over the past school year, the 17-year-old Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) student worked as a paid laboratory employee 15 hours per week, the only highschooler there, involved in research on premature birth.

This summer, he is working with a post-doctoral fellow in the same lab, in a position that previously has been available only to third- or fourth-year university students.

What's equally – if not more – impressive, the tall, polite student, who just finished Grade 11, designed and built his own version of a piece of lab equipment that stretches uterine cells taken from rats. The process comprises one step in research that is focused on the causes and prevention of premature birth.

Stretching of the uterine wall is a precondition for labour, explained Braunstein's supervisor, Dr. Stephen Lye, a professor in obstetrics and gynecology and the joint co-director of the University of Toronto's program in development and fetal health.

"We were interested in finding out how the muscle cells know they're being stretched, and how they turn that into signals that cause labour. One of the routes we've been taking is to get cells...and stretch them using this apparatus."

The Braunstein variation of the Flexercell Strain Unit – actually, an attachment to it – has practical implications, shaving as much as 16 hours at a stretch from the time needed to do the research, and costing less than a quarter of the $4,000 (US) retail price. The device has been used in the lab, and Braunstein is currently fine-tuning it.

With the commercially available device, he explained, all four plates are controlled together. With his variation, each can be controlled individually, allowing procedures that take different lengths of time to be done simultaneously instead of consecutively.

"He's done a superb job," said Lye. "It shows that people of all ages can contribute to research."

Braunstein, a sabra who moved here at age 3, has wanted to be a physician since he was 7 or 8 years old, he said. Although he decided as a young teen that he wanted to be a cardiac surgeon, this year's work has gotten him "very interested" in obstetrics and gynecology.

His love of science comes from his father Alfred, a Romanian-born engineer. Braunstein's mother, Dorit, who is also from Romania originally, is a high school science and English teacher.

A top student who skipped Grade 10 math and science, Braunstein writes for his school newspaper and yearbook, has served as captain of the school volleyball team and was voted its most valuable player in Grade 10. He was also on the Toronto Maccabi volleyball team in 1999 and 2000, winning Bronze and then Silver, and serving as team captain in his second year. This year he played on CHAT's volleyball and track and field teams. He also graduated from Grade 8 as valedictorian of Associated Hebrew Schools.

Lior Braunstein *[Frances Kraft photo]*

Although he placed in the 99th percentile for the Grade 10 Avogadro Chemistry Contest and for its OAC counterpart, the Chem 13 News Exam, he does not spend an inordinate amount of time on homework – maybe 1½ hours a night. "That's why I wanted to stay [at the lab.] I had so much spare time, I was wasting all of it. I wanted to do something productive."

Braunstein, who took an OAC English course in July, often brings his homework to the lab after school, fitting it in while "waiting for something to incubate or cool down."

And although his lab experience doesn't directly relate to his classwork at CHAT, it "helps a lot," he said. "I can't wait to start doing this stuff for an actual degree."

United Way aids Jewish organizations

TORONTO — Last month the United Way of Greater Toronto announced that it distributed a record $60.7 million in last year's campaign, including $6 million in new money, to its 200 funded agencies.

Funding to four Jewish community agencies in 2001 remain unchanged from the year before: The Bathurst Jewish Centre received $384,696; the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living received $143,080; UJA Federation of Greater Toronto received $45,701; and the Bloor Jewish Community Centre's grant for this year was $101,412.

Three other Jewish agencies received an increase in their allocations over the previous year.

Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) received an increase of $151,600, bringing its total grant to $1,517,633.

The extra funds to JF&CS also cover a portion of costs for prevention and support programs for families at risk. Those services include early intervention, parenting programs and family counselling to prevent child abuse, school-based food programs, intensive in-home counselling, and high-level case management of families facing eviction or those living in unstable housing.

Jewish Vocational Services of Greater Toronto received an increase of $30,058 to support increasing costs for programs like psycho-educational and vocational assessment subsidies for low-income individuals and employment services for newcomer groups. The United Way's total grant to JVS was $432,974.

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Baseball player fights for tolerance in the south

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — Ever since he learned to throw a baseball, it was Evan Weinstein's dream to become a professional ball player.

Throughout his childhood, Weinstein chased this dream with a passion. By the time he got to high school, he was so accomplished a pitcher that he was asked to join the senior boys team even though he was only in Grade 9. He played on Team Ontario and won the national championships, was named one of the top 25 greatest high school baseball players in the GTA by the *Toronto Star* and won the coveted title Athlete of the Year in his graduating year of high school.

Hoping to secure an athletic scholarship to play for a U.S. university, Weinstein pursued coaches, sending them videotapes and references from professional coaches.

"It's tough for Canadian baseball players to get a scholarship," says Weinstein, now 20.

"There aren't as many U.S. coaches willing to come to Canada to watch us play. We don't get a lot of exposure. There's a lot of talent here that never gets in."

Then, when Tusculum College, a small university in rural Tennessee, presented Weinstein with an athletic and academic scholarship and an offer to be one of the team's starting pitchers in his freshman year, he couldn't turn it down.

Though he knew there wouldn't be many Jews there, Weinstein was unprepared for the cold dose of intolerance that awaited him in the American south.

He also never planned to find the courage it would take to defend other minorities victimized by the region's xenophobia.

"Tolerance exists in Toronto because the city is so cosmopolitan. When you live in the south, you start to realize that racism is still very evident. Being Jewish, I was suddenly a minority."

In fact, Weinstein estimates that he was one of only three Jews at Tusculum, a Presbyterian college.

"Some of the people I met at school were brought up to believe that Jews are greedy. Some people even made anti-Semitic remarks to me," he continues.

"I was the first Jew many had ever met. I looked 'normal' but I was supposedly 'Jewish.'"

Weinstein says that most of the people he has met are accepting of him and respect him as a person, an athlete, a top student and vice-president of student government. When Jewish holidays arrive, Weinstein says his friends are curious and ask him questions about his religion. Even his professors take note of his minority status and have made an effort to to be understanding.

"My religion professor made me comfortable," Weinstein says. "Religion was a mandatory class, and for a major paper, we had to write about a [Christian] prophetic voice. He let me write about Golda Meir and the Zionist movement, and I did really well on it."

Nonetheless, his experience as a minority enables him to sympathize with other minorities.

"I can sympathize with Blacks and gays because there is no tolerance [for them in the south]."

Weinstein's newfound ability to sympathize led him to literally fight to defend a victim of discrimination. He relays the story of how one day he saw the only openly gay student in school visibly distraught because one of the athletes harassed him incessantly. In the past, the bully had also directed anti-Semitic comments towards Weinstein.

Enraged upon hearing the student's story, Weinstein says he confronted the bully and knocked him to the floor, extracting a promise from him to leave other minorities alone.

Though Weinstein does not condone violence, he says, "I can sympathize with [minorities]. At school I am also one, but at the same time, I was in a position of power because I'm an athlete and well respected among my peers. I just did what anyone in my position would have done."

Weinstein says that the campus minister as well as some of his professors applauded him for having the courage to defend an openly gay student in a region that he says "greatly frowns upon homosexuality."

Despite such recognition and acceptance, Weinstein admits that he gets lonely being one of the only Jews in a Christian college, and says that it was hard to adapt initially.

"The first month of my freshman year I went through a culture shock. I was set on leaving. It was so different, and I wasn't around any Jews, but I got used to it. You just have to look for the positives."

Evan Weinstein found the courage to defend other minorities. **[Erin Silver photo]**

He's now abandoned his dream of becoming a professional baseball player, saying, "I've got other aspirations now," and instead wants to pursue a career in corporate finance. He's going into his third year at Tusculum and is working towards a double major in business and accounting and a minor in math.

Overall, Weinstein says that attending a school in the south is a good learning experience.

"I learned a lot about racism and ignorance. Being exposed to it makes you appreciate the tolerance that exists in Toronto."

Tech school to be named for Montrealer

MONTREAL — A technical school in Israel will be named in memory of the late David Shock, a lay interpreter of chazzanut for many years.

Shock, who died in 1997 at age 90, left most of his estate to the Amal network of colleges and high schools. He was a loyal contributor for many years to the Histradrut campaign, with which Amal was formerly affiliated. The Canadian Friends of Amal, with the estate's executors, have selected the Amal Beit Shemesh Technological School as an appropriate memorial to him.

"Beit Shemesh is one of the poor areas in Israel with a traditionally religious population," said the Canadian Friends' executive director Michael Meyer.

"About 40 percent of the students attending the Amal school there come from that background," he said.

"The headmaster has for some time wished to open a religious centre where the students in his secular school would be able to learn about Judaism, Jewish history and tradition, as well as Zionism," Meyer said.

The bequest will enable one of the buildings to be refurbished to house such a centre, and the centre will be named after Shock.

Born in Warsaw, the son of a cantor, Shock immigrated to Canada as a young man in 1926. He later sponsored his widowed mother, and was her sole supporter for the rest of her life. Shock, who never married, worked in the ladies' garment industry as a designer and later established his own business with a partner.

He is remembered as "a very unassuming person who didn't want to be a burden to anybody and always shunned centre stage," said Allan Korzinstone, one of the executors.

The Montreal Council of Chazzanim produced a posthumous recording of his interpretations, which represents only a selection of the many tapes he made of traditional Jewish music.

Shock was buried in Israel.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: Marci Tenenbaum (seated second from left), a representative from the L'Chaim Cancer Support Group for Jewish Women, recently spoke to members of University of Toronto's Jewish Student Social Action committee.

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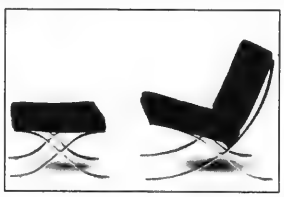

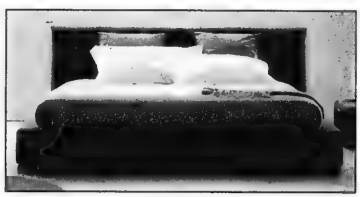

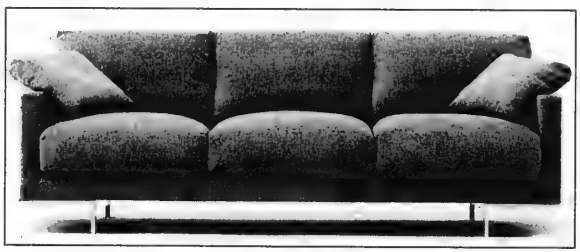

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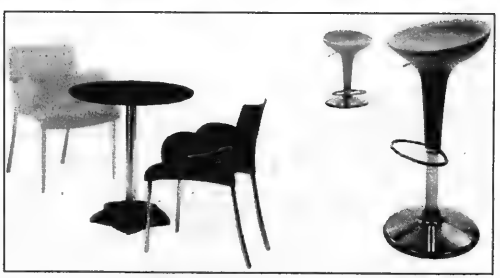

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The symbolism of challah

By RUTH HEIGES
(IPS)

The culinary traditions of the High Holy Days are laden with symbolism and puns. Some, such as apple dipped in honey and round challot are widely known, others quite obscure.

"From the time of the Talmud, a fanciful combination of word play, visual association and flavours designated a whole series of foods as totems for the year to come," wrote Ruth Abusch-Magder in her 1998 doctoral dissertation on domestic Jewish culture.

"The head of a sheep or fish, like the round challah, was traditionally eaten because of its physical form. It symbolizes our desire to come out 'ahead.'"

Of all these traditions, the most widely observed is that of the round challah, whose form speaks volumes. It may even be the closest to a universally practised tradition among Jews of all origins.

What's more, the round challah is the true form of the original round showbread loaves that were kept on the Temple altar – 12 flat loaves, one for each of the tribes, in two stacks. It wasn't until the 15th century that challot were made in any other shape.

"Then many German Jews adopted a new form of Sabbath bread, an oval, braided loaf modelled on popular Teutonic bread," writes Gil Marks in *The World of Jewish Cooking*. "In some places, the Sabbath bread took on the biblical name challah. Eventually, this braided loaf... made its way eastward, becoming the most prevalent form of Sabbath bread among eastern Europeans."

While the style may have been adopted for its beauty, some justified this borrowing on the basis that braiding or twisting was a pun on twisting off the little piece of first dough as a reminder of the Temple sacrifices.

Impelled by the concept of hiddur mitzvah – enhancing and elevating the mitzvah – "the braided challah loaf was further embellished, the shape and appearance usually reflecting Jewish legend and lore, most notably the biblical manna," Marks writes.

These additions included eggs and saffron to emulate the yellow colour of manna, sweeteners symbolic of its taste, and seeds "sprinkled over the dough, as the manna fell in the form of coriander seeds."

A crown shape is a classic for Rosh Hashanah, alluding to God as the King of Kings. A challah in the shape of a ladder or a round one with a ladder on top serves as a reminder during the pre-fast Yom Kippur meal that God decides who will ascend and descend the ladder of life.

The advent of automatic bread makers (ABMs) has awakened many to the fundamental satisfaction of baking their own bread, often resulting in the creation of unusual shapes.

To preserve her family recipes for her children, Elaine Radis of Framingham, Mass., created an electronic family cookbook for her children and grandchildren.

She includes an ABM challah recipe that has become the year-round family standard. "After the kneading phase ends in the machine, either form the dough into the classic 'turban' spiral or make balls the size of tennis balls and put them into a round cake pan. Then I make ping pong-sized balls and a smaller one for the middle," she explains.

"I put the big ones on the bottom and the smaller ones on top, but further in from the edge." The result is a dramatic crown of bread that pulls apart into individual portions.

The turban shape is the one preferred by Moishe Perlmutar, a professional baker who learned the techniques from his father who came from the Ukraine and opened a bakery in Toronto in 1911. "I believe that the shape follows the pathway to heaven," he says.

Indeed, the spiral is an important motif in spiritual studies, including Kabbalah. How fitting that it should be implemented in the Rosh Hashanah challah!

"I form it by making one length... of hand-rolled sweet challah dough, sometimes with raisins," Perlmutar explains.

"I hold one end in place and wind the rest of the [length] around, pressing the end so that it doesn't unravel."

Raisins are a classic addition to challah dough, but almost any dried fruit can be used. One Sephardi tradition is to add anise seeds to the dough. If using the ball technique, one can stick a date into each ball for good luck.

ELAINE'S BREAD MACHINE CHALLAH

Bread:
1 package yeast
3 cups flour
4 tbsp. sugar
2 eggs
6 tbsp. vegetable oil
1½ tsp. salt
¾ cup warm water

Combine all ingredients in the pan in the order listed, select "white bread" and follow the directions for your machine. You can bake the bread in your machine or follow the directions below.

Remove dough from the bread maker after the manual mode stops, (second rise); and then braid and rise again; then put an egg wash over the challah.

Egg Wash: One egg beaten with an equal amount of water. Brush on liberally before baking and then once during the bake. This gives the challah a hard and shiny crust. You can sprinkle on seeds of your choice (sesame or poppy) after the first "wash."

Bake at 350 until a light toasty brown.

SWEET ROUND RAISIN CHALLAH

This recipe by Montreal baker Marcy Goldman, which appears in her book *Jewish Holiday Baking* (Doubleday, 1998), reflects the baker's contribution to hiddur mitzvah by enriching the dough with extra eggs.

Bread:
1½ cups dark or yellow raisins, plumped
1¾ cups warm water
2 tbsp. yeast
pinch sugar
⅓ cup sugar
⅓ cup light honey
3½ tsp. salt
½ cup oil
3 eggs
2 egg yolks
6 to 7 cups bread flour

Egg wash:
2 tbsp. water
2 tsp. sugar
1 egg
1 yolk

In a large mixing bowl stir together the yeast, water and pinch of sugar. Let stand for five minutes to allow yeast to swell. Briskly stir in remaining sugar, honey and salt. Then add oil, eggs, yolks and about five cups of the flour. Stir briefly and let stand 10-20 minutes to absorb flour. Knead, by hand or with a dough hook, adding remaining flour as required to make soft and elastic dough (about 10-12 minutes).

Dough should leave sides of the bowl. If it is sticky, add small amounts of flour until dough is soft but no longer sticks. (Note: if you find dough too bulky for your mixer, divide in two. Knead one portion at a time).

Let dough rest on a lightly floured board for 10 minutes, then flatten and press in raisins as evenly as possible, folding dough over raisins. Place dough in a greased bowl and cover with greased plastic wrap and a damp tea towel or with a damp tea towel and place entire bowl inside a large plastic bag. Let rise in a draft-free place until doubled and puffy looking – from 45 to 90 minutes.

(If you are doing an overnight, cool rise, place dough in a large, lightly greased bowl and insert this into a large plastic bag. Refrigerate overnight. If you see the bread rising too quickly, open the bag, deflate dough and reseal. Next day, allow dough to warm up then gently deflate and proceed.)

Divide dough in two. For a turban-shaped New Year's challah, shape each section into a long rope (about 12-14 in. long) which is thicker at one end, and coil it, starting with the thicker end and tucking the end in on top. You can also divide each dough section into three ropes, around 14 inches long, and make a traditional challah braid.

Place on a cornmeal dusted baking sheet. In a small bowl, whisk together egg glaze ingredients. Brush loaf with egg wash and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Let rise until puffy – around 20-30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400. Bake bread for 12 minutes then reduce heat to 350 and bake another 25 minutes or until bread is evenly browned.

Makes one large or two medium loaves. Can be frozen baked or unbaked. If freezing unbaked, let bread rise slowly, overnight in the fridge. Bring to room temperature before baking.

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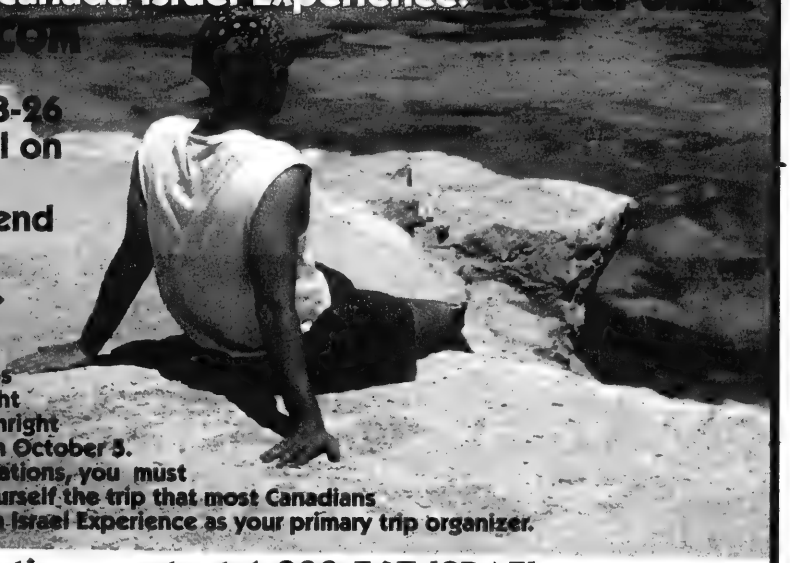

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Upcoming U.S. strategic dialogue a boost for Sharon

By ALUF BENN
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — At the end of August, Ariel Sharon's government will send a team of senior officials to Washington for a first round of "strategic dialogue" talks with the Americans.

For Prime Minister Sharon, this will mark a significant achievement in relations with the U.S. administration. It is clear that despite the continuing conflict with the Palestinians, the United States remains interested in co-operating with Israel in formulating regional policy.

The meeting illustrates the unique status of Israel in Washington. The U.S. administration has no similar forum for policy and security exchanges with the Palestinian Authority – nor indeed with any of the moderate Arab states that are close friends of Washington, such as Egypt or Saudi Arabia.

The convening of this forum, on August 27, will also express an upgrading in the level of strategic dialogue between the United States and Israel. Heading the U.S. team will be the Under Secretary of State, Richard Armitage. In previous meetings, a lower level official headed the American teams – usually an assistant secretary of state for Middle East affairs.

The agenda of the strategic talks will reflect the new emphasis of the Bush and Sharon governments in Middle Eastern diplomacy – the "peace process" is not on the agenda; instead, the two sides will discuss "regional stability."

Palestinian terrorism and the PA will be central in the talks, and the Israeli delegation will exchange assessments with its hosts regarding PA President Yasser Arafat.

Presumably the two sides will focus on the implications of the Israeli-Palestinian confrontation for the general stability of the Middle East and American efforts to isolate Iraq further – and possibly topple Saddam Hussein.

Other issues expected to be discussed have already been raised in earlier meetings: "preserving the qualitative edge" of the Israel Defence Forces and the Israeli Defence Ministry's hardware requirements and the military assistance needed from the Americans.

They will also exchange intelligence information and discuss the development of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles in Iran, focusing on ways of blocking the flow of Russian technology to Iran. Attention will be given to international conventions on arms control and on the U.S. plans for the development of a ballistic missile shield, which was at the crux of recent Washington-Moscow exchanges.

The decision to hold these talks was made during Sharon's first visit to Washington as prime minister in March. Sharon requested that the level of the dialogue be upgraded and that focus be directed at the regional issues, but did not present the Americans with a "shopping list" or proposals for new agreements.

In charge of setting up the meetings was the Israeli ambassador in Washington, David Ivry, who had been involved for a number of years in the joint strategic talks between the two sides. In Israel, the preparations are being handled by the national security adviser, Major General Uzi Dayan.

The new strategic forum has been built on the ruins of previous committees, which operated during the Netanyahu and Barak governments. Strategic talks with the United States have been going on since 1983, and have been handled by the Defence and Foreign Ministries. In recent years, Israeli prime ministers have tried to bring the talks under their direct authority, in an effort to give the dialogue greater diplomatic weight rather than a purely security focus.

The first such committee was set up toward the end of Benjamin Netanyahu's term in office. In exchange for the signing of the Wye accords, in 1998, the Clinton administration issued a memorandum of understanding stating that a Joint Strategic Planning Committee would be set up between Israel and the United States. The dialogue focused mostly on the threats posed by Iran and Iraq.

The forum was dispersed after only two meetings because of the 1999 elections in Israel. When Ehud Barak took over as prime minister, he wanted to expand the mechanism to involve the United States as an active element in overall peace agreements with the Syrians and the Palestinians.

Barak pursued a "defensive alliance lite" with the Americans, and sought a huge advanced weapons technology package in exchange for his planned pullback from the Golan Heights.

This time, it is expectations from the forum that are "lite." No one is talking about peace agreements, or defence pacts. The main consideration of the Bush and Sharon administrations is how to weather the current regional crisis with minimum damage.

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Controversial saint invoked in papal call for Mideast peace

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME — In his latest call for peace in the Middle East, Pope John Paul II has invoked the name of Edith Stein, a Jewish convert to Catholicism who became a nun, was killed during the Holocaust, and was later made a saint.

Stein, canonized in 1998 as St. Teresa Benedetta della Croce, "died, along with her sister Rosa and many others of her people, in the gas chambers of Auschwitz-Birkenau on Aug. 9, 1942," the pope told the faithful gathered at his summer residence outside Rome.

"We are seeing the life and dignity of human beings trodden upon in a violent manner right in the Holy Land, to which St. Teresa Benedetta had a deep spiritual link," the pope added Sunday.

The pope prayed for the intercession of St. Teresa Benedetta so that "the political and military authorities in the conflicting sides will not lack good will, that they will bear in mind before God and history the urgency of silencing their arms, and that they reflect on the future of their peoples – a future that cannot be of hate, but of brotherhood, not of confrontation but of collaboration."

Bemoaning the outbreak of "unheard-of brutality," he also admitted that his earlier pleas for peace have gone unheeded.

In declaring Stein a saint in 1998, the pope attempted to use her figure as a means of paying homage to Holocaust victims and promoting Christian-Jewish dialogue.

At the time, he called Stein both "an eminent daughter of Israel and a faithful daughter of the Church" and used the canonization to appeal for tolerance, dialogue and reconciliation.

He said Stein's saint's day each year – Aug. 9, the anniversary of her death – would be celebrated as a Holocaust memorial, to remind the world "of that bestial plan to eliminate a people, which cost millions of Jewish brothers and sisters their lives."

Honouring Stein in this way, however, affronted some Jewish sensibilities.

Many Jews said that by making a Jewish convert to Catholicism a saint, the pope had offended the memory of the Holocaust's Jewish victims.

August 6

• An Israeli firm sued the Palestinian Authority and the State of Israel for losses suffered during the 10-month-old Palestinian uprising. Caprice Jewelry claims it acquired three companies under the assumption that the Oslo accords would boost tourism.

August 7

• Researchers at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa have found that the hormone melatonin, sometimes used to beat jet lag, can impair sperm quality. A study found that men with sexual dysfunction have a high level of melatonin in their bodies.

• A 22-year-old Israeli woman who survived for 12 days after getting lost in a nature reserve along the Mozambique-Zimbabwe border returned home. Yifat Madar of Rosh Ha'ayin survived on plants and water.

August 8

• Egypt's largest Islamic group called on Arab nations to launch a holy war to support the Palestinians against Israel.

August 9

• The PA said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's policies were to blame for the suicide bombing in the heart of Jerusalem. The Palestinian leadership holds Sharon "fully responsible for what happened," Palestinian Information Minister Abed Rabbo told Reuters shortly after the attack.

August 10

• Dozens of Palestinians and left-wing Israelis clashed with police outside Orient House, the main PLO office in eastern Jerusalem, which was closed by Israeli police Thursday after a Palestinian suicide bombing killed 15 people. Israel also raided PA buildings in Abu Dis, an area in greater Jerusalem.

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Compensation funds confuse Jews

By TOBY AXELROD
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BERLIN — Thousands of former Nazi-era slave and forced labourers have begun to receive payments from Austrian and German compensation funds, but some Jewish survivors may have to wait a bit longer for their money because of confusion over which fund will pay them.

Payments totaling about $36 million (US) began to go out two weeks ago to some 20,000 former slave and forced labourers – most of them non-Jews – from an approximately $400 million fund created by the Austrian government and Austrian industry.

But Jews who survived slave labour in concentration camps in Austria are not eligible for monies from the Austrian fund, and must apply instead to the $4.7 billion German compensation fund, which began making payments this week.

This has led to some confusion among survivors, according to Erika Jakubovits, executive director of the presidium of the Jewish Community of Austria.

"When it comes to people who have been in concentration camps, Germany is responsible for payment," Jakubovits says. "We are not very happy, because people think they have to apply here and then their papers are sent to Germany."

Claims forwarded to Germany involve survivors of such concentration camps as Mauthausen and satellite camps of Dachau, which were located on Austrian soil.

"It's like hitting your head against a wall," says Bernard Mueller, who has been working for 20 years to receive compensation for his slave labour.

An additional complication are the funds' different deadlines for applicants.

The Austrian deadline is Nov. 27, 2002.

The German deadline was to expire in August, but the German compensation foundation is planning to extend this to the end of this year, according to Karen Heilig, director of international relations for the New York-based Claims Conference.

Under the terms of an agreement reached in March 2000, some 240,000 slave labourers – about 140,000 of whom are Jewish – would receive up to $7,500 each from the German fund. More than 1 million forced labourers – mostly non-Jews – would get up to $2,500 each.

Of the estimated 150,000 survivors eligible for payments from Austria, fewer than 10,000 are Jewish, says Heilig.

"The main Jewish beneficiaries" are Hungarian Jews "brought over by the Germans to build fortifications when the Germans were retreating in 1944," she says.

About 6,000 live in Hungary and the rest live in Israel, the United States, France, Australia and other countries.

Their payments will be administered by the Foundation for Jewish Heritage in Hungary.

The final obstacle to the payments from the Austrian fund was removed July 31, when Austrian Chancellor Wolfgang Schussel formally released the funds after U.S. Judge Shirley Wohl Kram dismissed the last class-action suits against Austria.

Gideon Taylor, executive vice president of the Claims Conference, said he is pleased that "the payments are starting, even though most of them will be for non-Jews."

The first 1,200 payments from the Austrian fund were made two weeks ago. A further 5,000 transfers were expected to be made last week to individuals in about 20 countries worldwide, and to three organizations responsible for disseminating the moneys to survivors in Poland, the Czech Republic and the Ukraine.

In all, only 44 people are slated to receive the highest compensation level of about $7,000. These are people who were forced to work in Austrian facilities similar to concentration camps.

Most of the Austrian cases involve agricultural workers.

Some 10,000 people in this category will receive $1,300 each. Nearly 9,000 former industrial workers will receive $2,300 each. Twenty eight battered women and people who suffered through medical experiments will receive $350.

House ordered closed in June

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Defence Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said even though the Orient House closure had drawn international criticism, it had been productive in making Arafat understand that he will pay a price for continuing terrorism. The proof of the move's effectiveness, he said, is that Arafat has already begun arresting terrorists, though not to the extent that Israel would like.

But other Labour ministers were sharply critical of the decision. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres warned that it was likely to lead to international isolation. In Northern Ireland, he said, all sides are still talking despite bombing attacks, and Israeli-Palestinian dialogue should be similarly maintained.

Peres was most upset, however, by the fact that the decision was not brought up for a revote in the cabinet last week. Circumstances have changed since the Dolphinarium bombing, he argued.

Sharon responded that he decided against another cabinet discussion of the issue because of the need to act with immediacy and surprise.

Orient House, in East Jerusalem, was ordered closed down after the bombing at the Dolphinarium.

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Terror attacks

CARNAGE IN JERUSALEM: A suicide bombing rocked central Jerusalem at lunch time on August 9, killing 16 people including children. The attack took place in the packed Sbarro pizza restaurant at the corner of King George and Jaffa Streets. The building was demolished.
[Israel photos]

Islamic Jihad takes credit for Haifa bomb

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Islamic Jihad has claimed responsibility for the suicide attack this past Sunday on the patio of a restaurant in Kiryat Motzkin, a northern suburb of Haifa, which killed the bomber and injured 21 Israelis, most of them lightly.

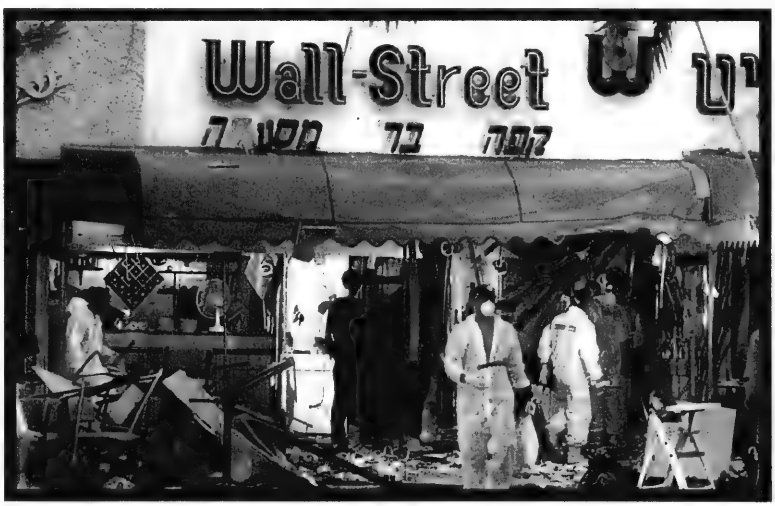
The attack followed the lethal bombing of a crowded Jerusalem pizzeria last Thursday that killed 14 and left scores injured.

The terrorist was carrying the bomb in a bag and struck at 5:25 p.m. at the Wall Street restaurant on the main street of the coastal, working class suburb. Eyewitnesses said he ran into the restaurant, yelled "Allahu Akbar" (God is Great), and lit a fuse to a bomb he was carrying in a plastic bag.

Café owner Aharon Roseman said he saw the bomber approach him looking very agitated. He turned to a waitress and asked her: "Do you know what I have here?"

"He then lit the fuse that was strapped to his neck. I grabbed a chair and threw it at him, and ran behind a wall, and that's what saved me."

A taxi driver told investigators he had driven the bomber to the site of the explosion.



Workers search through the rubble outside the restaurant in Kiryat Motzkin near Haifa. Israel decided not to respond immediately to the attack which happened last Sunday. [Israel photo]

Explosives experts said the workmanship of the explosive device was poor and therefore not sufficiently powerful to cause any fatalities. The injuries were relatively minor also because the bomber exploded the device near the open doors of the restaurant, expanding the radius over which the shrapnel was flung but limiting the power of the blast.

"The terrorist blew himself up inside the restaurant... we know that he came to Israel from the territories close to us [the northern West Bank]," the head of the police northern district, Yaakov Borovsky, said on Sunday. "As far as we know, the suicide bomber was not linked to other incidents in the north and it is still not clear how long he was inside Israel."

The mayor of the suburb, Haim Tzuri, said, "Kiryat Motzkin is a small place and this attack was a great surprise and shock to us all, and I think that the attack on the town of Kiryat Motzkin has turned into all other places in the country, a country at war."

The police chief stressed that there were no specific warnings of a pending attack. He also emphasized that "preparations against terrorism does not necessarily begin at the Green Line but starts and ends with combined IDF and intelligence operations on one side of the Green Line and by police operations on the Green Line. We must reinforce these forces and expand their activities in order to limit to a minimum possible the attacks."

The Al-Manar television station of the Lebanese Islamic organization, the Hezbollah, announced in a news bulletin that the name of the suicide bomber is Muhammad Mahmud Maher Nasser, a 28-year-old member of the Islamic Jihad from the village of Kabatiyah, south of Jenin in the West Bank.

Nasser had worked for the Palestinian security forces until he left six weeks ago. "Since then, he said often that he wanted to become a martyr," his father Mahmoud said at the family home.

"Our fighter was able to penetrate into the heart of Zionism with all the security measures," said Islamic Jihad leader Sheikh Abdullah Shami. "We will continue our fight, our struggle, our operations until we reach our goal of complete freedom."

The Israeli decision not to respond immediately to Sunday's terrorist attack stems from a number of reasons. Primarily, the IDF assessed that the Palestinian security officers have already vacated their positions in the Jenin area, as has become the standard operating procedure immediately following any terrorist attacks inside Israel.

Another reason is the relatively limited number of injuries caused by the blast.

Israeli security sources assess that the attack was organized by the Islamic Jihad cells in the Jenin area, under the leadership of Nursi Tuwalbeh and Thabeth Mardawi. This same group was responsible for two other suicide bomb attacks in Hadera and Binyamin, and several other attacks that were prevented, including those in Haifa, Afula and Beit Shan.

U.S. Jews seek to revoke Arafat's Nobel Prize

By MICHELLE DARDASHTI
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Frustrated by what they consider Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's renewed embrace of violence, a group of young American Jewish professionals has launched an Internet petition to revoke Arafat's Nobel Peace Prize.

Located on the Web at www.revoketheprize.org, the petition asks "all people of morality and good faith to stand up and express their anger and disappointment in Mr. Arafat by calling for the revocation of his Nobel Peace Prize."

One of the organizers, Mark Semer, said the petition, which has been up since the end of June, has almost 10,000 signatures.

"We believe that the peace prize gives Arafat legitimacy as a peacemaker that he does not deserve," Semer says, adding that the site is not affiliated with any political organization or religious denomination.

The desire to strip Arafat of his Nobel was born almost as soon as he received it.

Together with former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Arafat received the prize in December 1994, a year after he agreed to renounce decades of violent opposition to the State of Israel and resolve Israeli-Palestinian differences peacefully.

The decision to reward Arafat was harshly criticized in the Jewish community and beyond. One member of the Nobel prize committee even resigned in protest.

Americans for Peace Now was one of the few groups in the Jewish world to back Arafat's prize in 1994.

Lewis Roth, the group's assistant executive director, called the new petition – and similar attempts to discredit Arafat since the Palestinian uprising began last September – "unproductive."

"Problematic though he is, he is still the only [way] that Israel has to pursue negotiations," Roth says.

But one long-standing Arafat critic, Zionist Organization of America President Morton Klein, backs the drive.

"It is a perpetual stain on the Nobel Peace Prize until he is removed from the list of peace prize winners," Klein says.

It's not clear what practical effect the petition could have.

Semer, a New York public relations consultant, is hopeful that the Nobel Commission will be compelled at least to consider the proposal if the petition reaches a "critical mass."

Arafat is not the only one of the 1994 winners to come in for criticism.

Last spring, shortly after Labour party leader Peres agreed to serve as foreign minister in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's unity government, an Israeli Arab lawmaker said his Nobel should be revoked.

Semer maintains that his primary goal is peace, but his current concern is the welfare of the Jewish people.

"Right now there's a great deal of pain and suffering in Israel," Semer says. The petition "is something that, as American Jews, we believe is a constructive effort in support of the State."

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Seymour Mayne's best poems 'dictated by angels'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With 24 volumes of critically-acclaimed poetry behind him, Seymour Mayne can relax and bask in the glory.

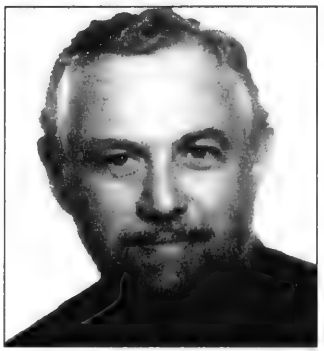
Yet Mayne, 57, has no intention of slowing down, not when his creative juices are flowing.

"I'm still going strong, and with God's help, I'll continue," said Mayne.

An observant Jew and ardent Zionist whose work is distinguished by vibrancy, energy, warmth and humour, he is addicted to his craft.

"You know you have to do it. You don't feel in balance unless you're writing."

Mayne, whose latest books are *Carbon Filter* and *Light Industry*, both published by Mosaic Press, believes that a successful poet must be open and impressionable to life's experiences and be able to continually grow.



Seymour Mayne

"You have to develop the art of kicking yourself in the pants," explained Mayne, a professor of English at the University of Ottawa. "Otherwise, you become complacent."

Although he sometimes sits down with the deliberate aim of composing a poem, his muse is usually spontaneous inspiration. "The best poems," he said, "come unbidden, dictated by angels."

No elitist, Mayne is of the opinion that poetry, like bread, is for everyone. "It should be available to any literate and intelligent person. It's not just for critics and professors."

Mayne, who doubles as an editor and translator, turned to poetry just before his bar mitzvah. It was a means by which to deal with his demons and budding views of the world.

As he put it: "Teenagehood is full of ups and downs and challenges. It's a time when you're emotionally high-keyed, less inhibited and society hasn't yet imposed its controls on you."

Mayne's first poem, rooted in social protest, was inspired by his reading of Jeremiah. His second, emerging from the same tradition, was on the detrimental effects of suburbanization.

Since then, he has composed about 10,000 poems, of which 1,000 have been published in books ranging from *Mouth* (1970) and *Diasporas* (1977) to *Children of Abel* (1986) and *City of the Hidden* (1998).

Much of his poetry is suffused by a Jewish sensibility and an attachment to Israel.

The scion of Yiddish-speaking East European immigrants, he grew up in Montreal's Cartier neighbourhood, memorialized by the late Mordecai Richler. His father, Henry, was a draftsman. His mother, Doris, ran the household.

He and his brother, Aharon, now a

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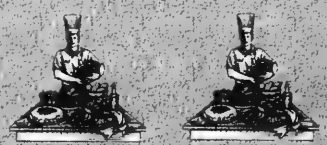

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Poet's work is suffused by an attachment to Israel

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Canadian diplomat, are products of the Jewish day school system. After studying at McGill University, Mayne earned MA and PhD degrees from the University of British Columbia in English literature.

He returns to Israel as often as possible, invariably as a visiting academic or guest lecturer, and spends the bulk of his time in Jerusalem, a city he adores.

Four of his collections of poetry, including *Vanguard of Dreams* and *Simple Ceremony*, have been translated into Hebrew, a record few poets can match.

Although he once seriously considered making aliyah, Mayne has not taken the plunge. "I don't want to commit economic suicide," said Mayne. "I don't have the economic means to survive there, but I belong in Israel."

Mayne, who follows Israeli current events closely, describes himself as a "pessimistic optimist" when it comes to peace in the Middle East.

"I wanted to believe that the Oslo process marked the beginning of the end of Israel's conflict with the Palestinians. But deep inside, I thought it wouldn't work. I'm not surprised the process collapsed. It may take two, three generations for things to work out."

A lay chaplain at the University of Ottawa, he wrote his doctorate thesis on Montreal's Jewish poets, the first dissertation of its kind.

As a scholar, he has delved into this topic regularly, having edited studies of A.M. Klein, Irving Layton and other such poets.

"Klein was one of the first poets I read. He taught me I could write about my own experiences. I loved his intoxication with language."

Klein, he added, is a poet whose reputation grows year by year. "He was the first English writer to interpret Quebec to Canada, and one of the first major Anglo-Jewish poets to write about his experiences in English."

Mayne, whose foray into literature eclipsed his ambition to be a rabbi, has used his knowledge of Yiddish to translate four volumes of Yiddish poetry into English.

He also has written a number of short stories, some under a pseudonym. "Most are light and humourous, with a serious sub-text about the challenge of cultural transmission."

In 1992, he and Shel Krakofsky established *Parchment*, an annual journal of contemporary Jewish writing in Canada.

"It has helped give Jewish Canadian writers a sense of community, and served as a forum for a lot of younger Jewish writers."

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

ISRAELI SINGER MAKES CANADIAN DEBUT AT TORONTO SYNAGOGUE

Mizrachi of Canada is sponsoring a summer heat wave concert featuring **Chaim Dovid Saracik**, the Jewish musician who has packed houses in Israel and the United States. The engagement is his Canadian premiere.

The South African native is a former yeshiva bocher who met and was greatly influenced by **Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach**, at whose suggestion Chaim Dovid moved to Israel some 25 years ago. He rose to prominence with his first solo album, *Or Chadash*, in 1986.

It's said that Chaim Dovid generates the same kind of electricity on stage that was typically associated with his mentor, Rabbi Carlebach. A portion of the proceeds from the concert has been earmarked for special projects in Yeshivot Hesder and the Israel Solidarity Fund.

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Talent Call: Medina Theatre Ensemble is holding auditions for a staged reading of *The Wall*, written by **Millard Lampell**, based on the novel by **John Hersey**. The play, directed by **Sean Mulcahy**, is being presented in honour of Holocaust Education Week 2001.

All ages are welcome to audition, which involves readings from the script only; no monologues are required.

Earl Bales Community Centre, in the Sheppard-Bathurst area. Thursday, Sept. 13. Members 7 to 8:45 p.m. Non-members 8:50 to 10:15 p.m. Fran Elliot, 416-785-1074, or email, medinatheatre@hotmail.com.

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Sister Kay: The National Film Board of Canada recently released a video profile of *Sister Kay*, the Saskatchewan-born nun who rose to the most powerful position available to a woman in the Catholic Church. Sister Kay helped to usher in many changes in the church, and concentrated especially on healing the painful past between Catholics and Jews.

The leader of the Sisters of Sion in Canada, Sister Kay challenged long-held church attitudes towards Jews, and fought for the eradication of "all hatred, persecution, and display of anti-Semitism leveled at any time from any source against the Jews."

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Klezmer in Ukraine: Thanks to two well-known klezmer and Yiddish music specialists from America and a third from England, the torch of klezmer is being passed to a new generation of musicians in Eastern Europe and countries of the former Soviet bloc.

Zalmen Mlotek, **Adrienne Cooper** and **Merlin Shepherd** are the headliners of KlezFest in Ukraine, which gives 39 musicians and singers from the region the opportunity to hone their klezmer skills.

A project of the Jewish Community Development Fund of Russia and Ukraine, the klezmer festival provides master classes, musical theory and traditional klezmer jam sessions.

It runs Aug. 28 to Sept. 2 at Planeta Hotel in Evpatoria, Ukraine. For details, contact Yana Yanover at center@cjeu.carrier.kiev.ua or Martin Horwitz at jcdf@ajws.org.

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Arts Briefs

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• Seneca College offers evening acting classes for adults, taught by skilled professional instructors. Orientation, Thursday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m. 416-491-5050, ext. 4112.

• **Christopher Plummer** has been signed to play *King Lear*, in a production directed by **Jonathan Miller**, for the Stratford Festival's 50th season next year.

Singer Tsepora believes Yiddish music is 'incredible'

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

When mezzo-soprano Faye Sidorsky – known to the music industry and her fans by her Hebrew name Tsepora – went to a psychic and was told that there are important beings up there who believe she has a purpose in life, Sidorsky says she wasn't at all surprised.

Everything in her life, from her Hebrew name, which means songbird, to the fact that she and not her sister attended Hebrew school, led her to believe she has a mission to fulfill.

"I'm on a mission to educate people and have them hear Jewish music."

Not only does she believe that Yiddish music is "incredible," but Sidorsky, who is in her late 20s, says it is also important because some of it hasn't been performed in 100 years.

Her first professional CD, titled *Timeless Journey Through Jewish Song*, "allows people to remember the songs their grandparents sang to them, and it also exposes others to new music."

Sidorsky's mission began a few years ago when she went to a public library to look for Jewish music for a friend's wedding.

"Some of it was really old, some of it was bad. I began to wonder what it would sound like if I sang these songs."

Trained as a classical singer, she has performed with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, the Calgary Opera and even did background vocals for an animated film.

Sidorsky says, however, she feels more of a connection to Jewish music.

After performing the High Holy Day cantorial service last year at Calgary's Temple B'nai Tikvah, Sidorsky says she could not go back to the opera world.

"I wanted to help create a resurgence of this beautiful music," she says, noting that Jewish music is not very prevalent in most American cities, Western Canada, or more specifically, Calgary, where she was born and raised.

To this end, she says that she has tried to inject new life into these old melodies. "I tried to make these songs sound the way people want to hear them. It's important that the music be accessible."

Sidorsky says she would like to travel to every North American city and to eastern Europe to make this music accessible to a wide audience.

Though expensive, she has computerized background orchestra music so she can perform small concerts and travel as much as she wants without having to depend on a live orchestra.

Though Sidorsky has given many concerts, she still has memories of her debut performance. "I came home from Hebrew school one day and wanted to be in the talent show. The show was only for Grade 7 students and I was only in Grade 1. After my teacher spoke to my mother, they let me perform. I remember enjoying being up there."

Then, when she was 12, Sidorsky says the cantor who gave her bat mitzvah lessons took her under his wing after recognizing her talent.

Sidorsky began classical training two years later. When she was about 17, Sidorsky says she performed a piece for the opera competition at the Kiwanis Music Festival and won.

"I was so surprised that I won because I competed against older, more experienced singers."

After studying opera privately she was hired to sing for the the orchestra in Calgary.

"So many things in my life came together to have led me to this point. It was really meant to be," she says, pausing to explain how excited and emotional she becomes when discussing her passion for Jewish music.

"The first time I sang on the bimah, I felt this spiritual connection. It felt like God was saying, 'I gave you this voice, now share it.' I never want to take it for granted."

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Story behind Night of the Murdered Poets detailed in two new books

13 Jews executed by Stalin's assassins on Aug. 12, 1952

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

Solomon Mikhoels, the director of the Moscow State Yiddish Theatre, was summoned to Minsk in January 1948 on the direct orders of Joseph Stalin, the dictatorial leader of the Soviet Union.

Once in Minsk, Mikhoels was taken to a country house, then murdered by the Belorussian security services. Mikhoels' body was dumped in the snow on a quiet street in Minsk, and his death was cynically registered as a traffic accident. Subsequently, in grand mafioso style, he was given a state funeral.

Mikhoels' ghastly demise was the opening shot of Stalin's assault on two carefully-chosen targets: the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee (JAC), which Mikhoels had chaired, and Soviet Yiddish culture.

Itsik Fefer (left) and Solomon Mikhoels in New York City, June 22, 1943.

The campaign culminated on Aug. 12, 1952 with the execution of 13 Soviet Jews, including five prominent Yiddish writers and poets, who had been active in JAC's activities. The executions, following a lengthy secret trial, are known today as The Night of the Murdered Poets.

Stalin established JAC in 1942 to rally Western support for the Soviet Union during the darkest days of World War II. Ten years later, in a dramatic volte face, JAC was excoriated as an anti-Soviet institution and its leading members were accused of being part of a so-called Zionist and American plot against the Soviet Union.

In 1994, three years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the transcripts of the trial were published in Moscow.

Now, in *Stalin's Secret Pogrom: The Postwar Inquisition of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee*, Yale University Press has published an abridged version of that long-suppressed trial and the events surrounding it.

The book, a stellar contribution to Soviet-Jewish historiography, is edited by Joshua Rubenstein, the author of *Tangled Loyalties: The Life and Times of Ilya Ehrenburg*, and Vladimir Naumov, the editor of the Russian-language edition of *Stalin's Secret Pogrom*. Both contribute insightful introductory essays.

It should be read in conjunction with *The Moscow State Yiddish Theater: Jewish Culture on the Soviet Stage* (Indiana University Press) by Jeffrey Veidlinger. Veidlinger's book is the first in English to trace the history of the Moscow State Yiddish Theatre, founded in 1919 and disbanded by Stalin 30 years later.

JAC, as Rubenstein explains, played a significant role in the Soviet Union's war effort, raising money in the West and encouraging support for the military alliance between Moscow and its democratic allies. It was headed by Solomon Lozovsky, the deputy minister of foreign affairs.

In June 1943, with the Soviet Union locked in a bitter struggle with Nazi Germany, JAC dispatched Mikhoels and Itsik Fefer, a renowned poet, on a seven-month tour of the West. Before their departure, they were personally briefed by Vyascheslav Molotov, the minister of foreign affairs. Mikhail Kalinin, the Soviet president, saw them off from the Kremlin, and Stalin personally bid them farewell.

Mikhoels and Fefer visited seven major American cities, spent several days in Canada and Mexico and concluded their mission in England. Jewish organizations, from Hadassah to B'nai Brith, lent their names and resources to making the visit a resounding success.

There were at least two highlights: a stopover in Hollywood where the periapetic pair met Thomas Mann, Upton Sinclair, Charlie Chaplin and Edward G. Robinson, among other personalities; and a jam-packed event in New York City's Polo Grounds where they were effusively welcomed by the mayor, Fiorello La Guardia.

Long before Mikhoels and Fefer embarked on their celebrated trip, Stalin began closing Yiddish schools and newspapers in the Soviet Union and suppressing Jewish culture in occupied Baltic states like Latvia and Lithuania.

According to Rubenstein, 1946 marked the beginning of the end for JAC. Lozovsky, its administrator, was relieved of his duties and replaced by Mikhail Suslov, a drab and officious functionary who claimed that JAC's work had become "politically damaging."

JAC, he wrote in a damning report, was "increasingly nationalistic [and] Zionist in character." Suslov called for its "liquidation."

Stalin agreed. Although he had denounced anti-Semitism in a 1931 interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, had supported the creation of a secular Yiddish culture in the Soviet Union and had backed the formation of a Jewish autonomous region in Birobidzhan, Stalin was, at heart, an anti-Semite.

His twin decisions to close JAC and to suppress Jewish culture were sealed by the rapturous reception Soviet Jews accorded Golda Meir after her arrival in Moscow in 1949. She was Israel's first diplomatic representative in the Soviet Union.

Among the 15 defendants in the three-month 1952 trial were Fefer, Peretz Markish, David Hofshteyn and Leyb Kvitko. Charged with a range of capital offenses, from treason to bourgeois nationalism, they were brutally interrogated, as the transcripts reveal. Some were beaten and tortured.

Their families were not told about the executions until 1955. And news of the trial did not filter out until 1956.

Like *Stalin's Secret Pogrom*, *The Moscow State Yiddish Theater* tells a disquieting story.

Veidlinger, a professor of history and Jewish studies at Indiana University, explains that Stalin viewed the theatre – a venue of secular Jewish culture – as basically a vehicle of Soviet propaganda.

It initially produced plays by pre-revolutionary Yiddish writers, such as Sholem Aleichem and Sholem Asch, but later turned to the works of new Soviet Jewish novelists, such as Shmuel Halkin and David Bergelson.

With Mikhoels' murder, the theatre was shuttered, and many of its main figures were persecuted.

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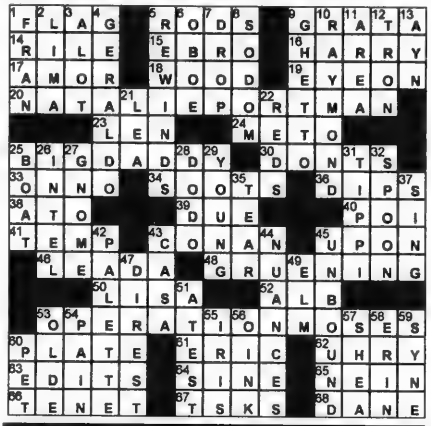

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Sanford is one of the oldest cities in the county. The Valencia orange was introduced in Sanford, but when a freeze wiped it out in 1894, the citrus growers began planting celery, and by the 1900s, Sanford became known as Celery City.

In 1927, Abraham H. Moses built Sanford's Jewish Centre, sometimes called Beth Israel Temple. The local Jewish community owned it until 1968. At one time, Sanford's Jewish community outnumbered neighbouring Orlando's.

Fantasy of Flight (www.fantasyofflight.com) in Polk City, Polk County is an aviation theme park where visitors can reenact a fighter flight or be invited to help demonstrate the delicate manoeuvring of helicopter piloting aboard a simulator. Also in Polk County, in the Lake Wales area, is Cypress Gardens (www.cypressgardens.com). There are many attractions in this theme park and botanical gardens, including the Wacky Water Park, New Botanical Display, Wings of Wonder (a butterfly conservatory), Gator Gulch and the 2001 Ski Odyssey Ski Show.

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A trolley tour through the streets of Mount Dora in Lake County.

Highlands County attracts thousands of fans to the Sebring International Raceway for their annual 12-hour race held in March (863-655-1442). Tours of the track are offered bi-monthly throughout the year. If speed is your thing, you can sign up to become a racer at the Panoz Racing School (www.panozracingschool.com). Owner Don Panoz built the Chateau Elan Hotel & Spa near the track's famous hairpin turn, conveniently close enough for racing students to get a tension-relieving massage after a rigorous day behind the wheel.

Sebring welcomed its first Jewish immigrants, Mike and Sadie Kahn from Lithuania, in 1921. By 1925, Kahn's department store occupied part of the ground floor of city founder George Sebring's Nan-Ces-O-Wee Hotel. The three-story building is the largest surviving commercial building in downtown Sebring. A little park next to it is dedicated to Sadie Kahn, who installed the first irrigation system in Highlands County, when the family acquired citrus groves and farmland in 1933. In the 1960s, the Kahn family created a Jewish cemetery by buying 100 contiguous gravesites at the municipal cemetery.

Nature lovers will enjoy Highlands Hammock State Park, where knowledgeable park rangers guide tram and walking tours. The Silver Harbor Lodge and Ranch on Lake Istokpoga (863-699-0035) is a family-owned business offering sport-clay shooting, wilderness tours and airboat rides, and where alligators swim and cattle graze right next to each other. If the bush is your thing, there is a large rustic cabin for rent – thankfully, it has electricity and running water!

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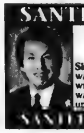

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WEISS, Martin - on Aug. 5, 2001.
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Body 'N Soul Run planned

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Amy Lerman, a production co-ordinator for CITY-TV's Movie Television, and her fiance started to plan their wedding, they didn't choose a date to coincide with their schedules at work or their holiday time.

They planned it around the annual Body 'N Soul Run for Colon Cancer Research, of which Lerman is a founder and director.

The event, to be held this year on Sept. 9 at East Don Parkland at Leslie and Sheppard, is the fifth Body 'N Soul Run. Participation has grown from 100 – mostly family and friends in the first year, which still managed to raise $23,000 – to over 400 last year, raising $110,000. In total, $230,000 has been raised since the run began.

The money goes toward both research into gastrointestinal cancer at Mount Sinai Hospital and raising public awareness.

Lerman became involved with colon cancer research after her mother died of the disease seven years ago at the age of 46. "I was 19, just finishing high school," said Lerman.

Now, her sister's husband has it, and she knows that she herself is at risk.

Although many people don't know much about this illness, it is "the second highest cause of cancer-related deaths of both men and women," she said.

At the same time, if it's detected early, it is one of the most curable.

The registration fee of $25 a person, or $50 a family, entitles each participant to a T-shirt and a water bottle.

There is a five-kilometre walk and a 10-kilometre run. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the walk/run begins at 10:15.

Hockey great Darryl Sittler and his wife Wendy, who has colon cancer, are honorary chairs.

There will be a raffle, with prizes that include tickets to a Maple Leafs home game, a digital camera, a day at the Windsor Arms Spa, and a top prize of a $10,000 gold and diamond eternity band. Raffle tickets are available at the walk4cancer Web site (address below) and at malls in the GTA.

A silent auction offers 50 packages, including an all-expenses-paid trip to Mexico, spa packages, a computer, and home home gym equipment.

"I feel really good doing it," Lerman mused. "I understand the importance of what I am doing."

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Single Jewish female, 5' 3", 130 lbs, active, down to earth, caring, honest, sincere, seeks male, Jewish, 60-65 yrs, honest stable, established, for friendship and companionship. **AD#1118**

FRIENDS FIRST
Petite, European widow, honest, sincere, financially secure, enjoys music, travel, the theatre, the arts, sports, seeks male, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1153**

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Single female Jewish, tall, attractive, fun loving, financially secure, enjoys travel, dining and dancing, seeks male, 53-58 yrs, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1222**

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Jewish female, 40's, 10 in looks, petite, fair, blue/green eyes, involved in the arts full time, intelligent, passionate, sensual, loves to travel, quiet evenings, love to have fun, very together, person, seeks someone to share these things with. **AD#1304**

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GIVE ME A CALL
Single male, 59 yrs, white, warm, caring, romantic, self employed, businessman, enjoys travel, movies, good conversation, quiet evenings, seeks female with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1339**

LIFE IS BETTER SHARED
Single Dad of 2 girls, handsome, orthodox, 34 yrs, 5' 5", down to earth, emotionally, stable, spontaneous, loves life, seeks female, honest, compassionate, secure, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1616**

WAITING FOR YOU
Single Jewish male, 41 yrs, outgoing, professional, successful, high standards, positive outlook, charming, confident, lives in the Barrie area, seeks female, similar qualities, for very long term relationship. **AD#1410**

GOOD CONVERSATION
36 yrs, 6' 0", slim, handsome, brown hair, blue green eyes, loves movies, dining out, travelling, cultural events, concerts, museums, photography, plays, baseball, work in transportation industry, seeks Jewish or part Jewish female, 32-36 yrs, 5' 5", or taller, with similar interests, and a good conversationalist. **AD#1473**

LOVES PETS
Single Jewish male, 36 yrs, light, brown hair, curly hair, blue eyes, fit, down to earth, easy going, non smoker, good sense of humour, enjoys sports, movies, long drives, loves dogs & birds, seeks female, 28-36, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1199**

LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP
Single male, professional, youthful, compassionate, thoughtful, tolerant, Israeli background, enjoys nature, classical music, reading, seeks female, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1489**

HUGS & CUDDLES
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue, eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, a good communicator, seeks female, orthodox or conservative preferred, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, for loving relationship. **AD#1681**

LOVE THE OUTDOORS
Single male, 36 yrs, 6' 1", light brown hair, curly hair, blue eyes, physically fit, self employed, enjoys, dining out, sports, the outdoors, loves dogs, down to earth, hoping to meet the same, seeks 28-36 yrs, female, easy going, physically fit, non smoker, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1016**

WINE AND DINE
Single, Jewish, romantic, professional, male, 5' 9", 165 lbs, handsome, fit, witty, sense of humour, positive attitude, enjoys skiing, dancing, theatre, movies, sailing, travel, outdoors, aerobics, cooking, candle lit dinners. Seeking complimentary lady, 36-48 yrs, with same interests. **AD#1458**

BE MY LADY
Single Jewish male, 47 yrs, retired, tall fit, medical, physician, varied cultural and recreational interests, seeks a lady, 30'ish, family and marriage oriented, intelligent, kind hearted, good natured, positive outlook, for long term loving relationship. **AD#1317**

FUN LOVING
A single male, 22 yrs, university student, slim, dark hair, dark eyes, from North York, outgoing, reliable, enjoys dining and dancing, seeks female, nice reliable, fun to be with similar qualities. **AD#1328**

ARE WE COMPATIBLE
Single white male, 58 yrs, self employed business man, romantic, likes to travel, movies, great conversations, quiet times, like to laugh and enjoy life, seeks female, to have fun with , great sense of humour, someone to talk to that I am compatible with. **AD#1314**

RIGHT INGREDIENTS
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue, eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, a good communicator, seeks female, orthodox or conservative preferred, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, for loving relationship. **AD#1681**

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GIVE ME A CALL
A single male, 32 yrs, Scorpio, 6'2", 180 lbs, slim, muscular, build, seeks female, spontaneous, not into head games, leave name and best time to reach you. **AD#1072**

FUN TO BE WITH
40 yrs, single Jewish male, professional, fun, easy going, enjoys outdoors, baseball, roller blading, volleyball and basketball, in the winter, active, seeks Jewish female, 27-37 yrs, caring, fun to be with share same Jewish values, and eventually build a life together. **AD#1347**

NO HEAD GAMES
50 yrs young, 5' 10½", 175 lbs, good shape, attractive, passionate, active, works out, keeps busy, outgoing, open to new and different things, no head games, likes walks in the park, movies, seeks someone with similar qualities and interests, can connect one to one, passion is important. **AD#1634**

LOVING & CARING
Single male, 6' 1", 210 lbs, 39 yrs, brown hair, brown eyes, handsome, clean shaven, kind, gentle, loves children, wide variety of interests, seeks female, 21-41 yrs, baby faced, soft milky skin, attractive, medium build, race not important, please be sure to leave your number. **AD#1303**

CALL ME
Single male, Scorpio, 6' 2", 180 lbs, seeks female, sensual, spontaneous, no head games, enjoys talking on the phone, quiet romantic evenings. **AD#1294**

LET'S GO SURFING
Single male, 6'3", 220 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, glasses, enjoys playing sports, golf, surfing the internet, watching TV, seeks female, 27-40 yrs, who enjoys golf, spending time with family, and having a good time. **AD#1080**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Single male, 48 yrs, humourous, employed, in the stocks trade, enjoys singing, dining and dancing, old movies, seeks female, nice, kind, considerate, good natured, status, not an issue. **AD#1067**

LOVE, HUGS & CUDDLES
Single Jewish male, 40+, grey blue eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, good sense of humour, enjoy the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, seeks female, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, orthodox preferred, intelligent, with similar interests. **AD#1188**

GIVE ME A CALL
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue eyes, warm sincere, gentle, compassionate,good communicator, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking cooking, seeks female, orthodox, preferred, 35-45 yrs, intelligent, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1600**

FRIEND 1ST
Separated Jewish male, 63 yrs, 5' 11", self employed, new to Toronto enjoys, long walks, skating music, good sense of humour, seeks female, 45-55 yrs, professional, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1298**

LOVING AND CARING
Single male, 67 yrs, active, professional, semi-retired, caring, down to earth, enjoys fishing, cottage life, cooking, travel, seeks female, attractive, petite, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1401**

LOOKING FOR HONESTY
Young looking, good looking, self-employed, 48 yrs, old Jewish man, with brown hair, and eyes, and a great sense of humour, seeks someone who is, honest, Jewish, good looking, and who know when to speak up. **AD#1443**

GIVE ME A CALL
Divorced white male, retired, financially secure, good sense of humour, enjoys dining and dancing, movies, travel, seeks female, 65 plus, slim, pretty, for loving relationship. **AD#1712**

LIFE IS A JOY
Single Jewish male, 48 yrs, handsome, artistic, enjoys the outdoor, sunshine, mature, animals, seeks younger female, sensual, to exciting, financially secure, to pamper and share life's adventures with. **AD#1295**

LIFE FILLED WITH FUN
Traditional Jewish male, 64 yrs, 5' 9", 168 lbs, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, slightly, tanned, divorced, doctor, compassionate, fun, upbeat, youthful, spiritual, resides in Florida, enjoys cooking, working out, travel, music, dancing, theatre, seeks, youthful, Jewish female, 49-56 yrs, slim, fit, loving, slim, and unencumbered, willing to move, Florida, and is ready for a quality lifestyle filled with fun. **AD#1632**

WANTS SOMEONE WHO IS EVOLVED
A fit, handsome, warm, creative, compassionate, 43 year old, Jewish male, seeks someone who is very evolved, loving, witty, determined, honest and somewhat intense. He is an independent thinker. **AD#1531**

DON'T OVERLOOK ME!
Single Jewish male, youthful, 70's, 5' 7", Silver hair, blue eyes, 175 lbs, semi-retired, romantic, honest, healthy, good sense of humour, seeks female, any age, caring, attractive, intelligent, slender, secure, for loving relationship. **AD#1296**

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CHAT grad biking to New York

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A CHAT grad who has moved to Israel is back in Canada this summer and is biking from Toronto to New York to keep fit and raise awareness of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) and the Orthodox Union (OU).

Itamar Danziger, 20, is an experienced cyclist who has pedalled thousands of kilometres in central and northern Europe during several summer vacations. This year, he's keeping his road show local with a 2,300-kilometre route that will take him to Ottawa, Montreal, Boston and New York. He expects to start his trip with modest 150-kilometre jaunts, but once he builds up his strength, he'll boost his output to between 200 and 270 kilometres per day.

Itamar Danziger

Generally, he spends 14½ hours on the road, of which 13 hours are spent in the saddle. When he's not peddling, he stops for breaks, to eat and to stretch. He consistently cranks out speeds of 20 to 23 kilometres per hour on his 18-speed mountain bike – not world class, but not bad for a guy who's doing it for fun.

The Can-Am trip far exceeds Danziger's longest Euro pedal, when he travelled about 1,500 kilometres from Constance, Germany, to Strassbourg, France, and back.

Other bike trips he's taken include visits to Zurich and Basel, Switzerland; Bregenz, Austria; Worms (Rashi's yeshiva town) and Mainz, Germany; Copenhagen, Denmark; Helsingborg, Sweden; and Liechtenstein.

Danziger's excellent adventures started in 1997 when his family planned a vacation in the "triangle" area bordering Germany, Switzerland and Austria. His older brother, Uri, inspired by a CHAT gym teacher who'd gone on European cycling trips, suggested bringing their bikes along. It was a great suggestion, Danziger said. They loved the exercise and the gorgeous countryside.

"The scenery is awesome and you really feel good when you get there. Your body really feels great and since I started, I've lost 40 pounds," Danziger said.

In 1999, he made his first long-distance Canadian trip, cycling to Montreal. The trip took him five days, including a two-day stay in Kingston.

He's also biked to Niagara Falls, Buffalo, and last summer, he enjoyed a number of local day trips to Stouffeville, Uxbridge, Canal Road, Oshawa, Pickering, Bolton, King City, Queensville, Port Perry, Lake Scugog and Lake Simcoe.

In Israel he does no biking, what with time spent at his psychology studies at Bar-Ilan University and given a paucity of biker-friendly sideroads in the Jewish State.

Danziger is dedicating his New York trip to NCSY, the Orthodox youth group he joined as a seventh grader. "I had an amazing experience growing up with NCSY," he said. "I frequently attended their weekend Shabbatons, which were extremely fun."

Over the course of his high school years, Danziger moved up the NCSY ladder, and he now serves as a counsellor with NESTO. NCSY's mirror organization in Israel.

"Itamar Danziger is one of our success stories," said NCSY director Rabbi Dovid Kaminetsky. "His ride on behalf of our organization speaks to his tremendous character and embodies the credo that NCSY instils in all its participants – to utilize their strengths to make a difference in the larger Jewish community."

Bowlers win Maccabiah gold

TORONTO — Canada's men's 10-pin bowling team can be added to the list of medal winners at the recently concluded Maccabiah Games in Israel.

The six-man team won gold, thanks to a nail-biting victory in the last frame of the last game of a gruelling six-game tournament.

Gold medalists include: Hersh Schnayer, Larry Beaver, Howard Dinetz, Louis Sturm, Tony Selcer and Sheldon Goldstein.

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Israeli shines at Canadian tennis tourney

By MARVIN GLASSMAN
Special to the CJN

MONTREAL — Some of the best products that come from Israel include Jaffa oranges, falafel and... tennis players?

Based on the performances of the Israelis in the past two $2.95-million Tennis Masters Series, Canadians may rethink the commonly held belief the best tennis players in the world come from America or Australia.

Last summer, Harel Levy won the hearts of Canadians at the York University tennis grounds in Toronto when he advanced all the way to the finals. This was the best result by an Israeli in the 111-year history of the tournament. Most observers thought the feat would never be duplicated.

It almost happened again at this year's Tennis Masters Series event held at the Jarry Tennis Centre in Montreal. This year's Israeli hero was Noam Behr, a 25-year-old career journeyman ranked 198, who competed in Granby last month and in other small cities around the globe in the Challenger series (the tennis equivalent of the minor leagues).

Behr was the lowest ranked of the 32 players in the qualifying round. He went on to defeat two higher-ranked opponents to qualify. He won his first-round match, and in the second round, was within a whisker of forcing a third set in a match against the 16th-seed opponent.

Behr blew by both American Oren Motevassel 6-2, 6-0, and Wayne Black of Zimbabwe 6-0, 6-2, and prevailed against David Prinosil of Germany 6-1, 7-6 (7-2). Behr was brilliant and dominated his opponents with consistent serves and strong backhands.

"It is always a mistake to look past your next opponent in tennis, but I remember what Harel did last year and felt confident about moving ahead," said Behr.

Behr was a heavy underdog against the highly ranked (33rd) and experienced American Jan-Michael Gambill. The heat was intense (40 degrees) on the court, and Behr seemed dead after losing the first set 6-3.

He thrilled the fans in the second set with his gutsy play. Gambill was leading 5-4, serving for the match, but Behr broke his serve with a backhand down the baseline to square the set at five games each. Behr prevailed to force the tie-breaker and matched Gambill point by point for a 7-7 tie. In the end, Gambill wore down Behr with superior shot placement to win the tiebreaker and the match 6-3, 7-6 (9-7).

Like Levy, Behr had the best tournament of his career in Canada and proved he was better than merely a journeyman. "I had the best results of my career here and – who knows – a few points here and there played a little differently and I may still be in the draw," said Behr.

Behr grew up playing tennis at the Israel Tennis Centres, beginning at age eight. He dabbled in basketball, but his brother Yoav became the hoops star in the family by signing a contract with Hapoel Tel Aviv.

Levy did not come close to the fireworks he created last year. He had the bad luck of drawing Wimbledon runner-up Patrick Rafter in the opening round. Levy tested Rafter in the first set, serving five aces en route to a 7-6 (7-5) lead after winning the first set.

But instead of continuing the form he displayed last summer, Levy let Rafter back into the match by losing serve in the next two sets. Rafter switched gears with strong serves and forehands to win the next two sets 6-3, 6-3. Rafter won the match and shut down Levy's dreams of a repeat of last year's heroics.

"I played aggressively, but also stupidly in the first set," said Rafter.

"You can't underestimate what a gutsy player like Harel can do. The tour has a lot of talent and the difference between a guy ranked first or 100 is very, very small."

The 53rd-ranked Levy put up a dogfight – at least in the first set – and proved by his results in the past year that his days as a journeyman are over. Levy's impressive credentials include beating Pete Sampras on clay and finishing as a semi-finalist at the Tennis Masters Series – Rome, in May.

He defeated Andrew Ilie and Wayne Ferreira on hardcourt to finish in the semis at Scottsdale. Then he beat hometown Brit Tim Henman and American star Andy Roddick on the grass in July to finish as a finalist in a tournament in Nottingham, England.

Levy's expectations were high, but his memories of last year will never waiver. "I had the best time of my life last year. Having the support of the Jewish community and flying in my father and coach to see me win in such a dramatic fashion on my birthday is a thrill I will never forget," said Levy.

Levy is heir apparent as the next big Israeli star following the legendary Shlomo Glickstein and Amos Mansdorf.

Makes you wonder... who's going to surprise us from Israel at next year's tournament?

Seniors & Health

Dr. Shelley Veinish

Dear Dr. Veinish,

I'm a widowed senior who is finding it difficult to get excited about making meals. I'd like to have tasty meals, but it hardly seems worth the effort just for me; besides, I'm all out of ideas.

Rose

Dear Rose,

This is a dilemma we all face at some time, regardless of how many people we are cooking for. Whether you're having a tough time adjusting to making smaller meals or are simply out of ideas, it's always important to eat well. Healthy eating can help you feel your best each day. To answer your question, I consulted Carol Robertson, a registered dietitian at Baycrest Centre.

Before we tackle the shopping list, it's important to consider how and where you do your shopping. Depending on your mobility, you may need more or less help. Call your local store to find out what services are available for seniors. Let them know your needs, as well. Do they provide assistance with shopping during non-peak hours? Do they take telephone orders and/or deliver? Alternatively, if you're comfortable using the Internet, consider online shopping. The dietitian at your local public health unit can also help you identify the services available in your area.

Drink at least eight to 10 glasses of fluids each day and eat a variety of foods, including whole grains, milk products and fruits and vegetables. Choose the most colourful items when selecting fresh produce. If the quantity is too great, ask a clerk to repackage it. Some varieties of canned vegetables contain a lot of salt. Frozen veggies are a convenient and nutritious alternative, especially if you have been asked to watch your salt intake. Remember to check the "best before" dates on perishable foods.

Purchase items such as rice, legumes, and dried fruits from bulk food bins that enable you to buy exactly what you need. You can divide larger amounts of fish and poultry into single portions at home. Seal them, label them, and freeze them for future use. You can do the same with leftovers after a meal. Frozen entrees for one can also be a fast and easy option for those occasions when you just don't want to have to think!

Eggs are also a versatile and economical source of protein and other nutrients. One great way to enjoy them is in a vegetable frittata. You can add different vegetables and seasonings for variety. Bon appetit.

VEGETABLE FRITTATA

This recipe serves two. For one serving, reduce the vegetables to about 1 cup and use 2 eggs instead of 3.

2 cups fresh or frozen mixed vegetables, cut bite-size
3 eggs
¼ tsp. dried basil or other herbs that you enjoy
pinch of salt and pepper to taste
1 tbsp. vegetable oil
½ small onion, slice (use the whole onion if you like)

In a saucepan, bring 2 cups water to a boil. Add vegetables and cover. When water returns to boil, drain vegetables (or follow your microwave directions for vegetables).

Beat eggs with basil or other herbs, salt and pepper. Heat oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add onion and saute for about 3 minutes. Add vegetables and saute until hot. Pour eggs over. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and cook until set.

You can enjoy this great dish with a multigrain roll or toast and some fruit and yogurt for dessert.

Per serving: About 300 calories, 15 grams protein, 15 grams fat, 29 grams carbohydrate, 9 grams of fibre.

Recipe adapted from *Eat Well, Live Well – For a Lifetime!*, Dietitians of Canada, 1999

Dr. Shelley Veinish is a geriatrician at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and assistant professor in the faculty of medicine at the University of Toronto.

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Salad:	4 sliced mushrooms
6 c. spinach	1/3 c. toasted pine nuts
1/4 c. sliced red onion	1/4 c. crumbled gorgonzola cheese
Dressing: 1 tblsp. brandy	1 tsp. Dijon mustard
3 tblsp. brown sugar	3/4 c. vegetable oil
2 1/2 tblsp. molasses	1/4 c. olive oil
1/4 c. balsamic vinegar	salt & pepper

Combine salad ingredients; top with pine nuts & cheese. In processor, combine dressing ingredients. Process well. Season with salt & pepper to taste. Pour dressing over salad just before serving.

About Parenting

I try to be a relaxed yet youthful- spirited mother to my two little boys, but when it comes to their eating habits I just cannot help myself – I act like a stereotypical food-pushing bubbie.

Rebecca Katz

When my eldest son, who is a fussy eater, opens his mouth for a vegetable or some cheese or even for a morsel of raisin challah, I get excited – really excited!

I can credit my mother-in-law for influencing the I-must-*schtip*-a-tonne- of-food-in-the-kids'-mouths neurosis that I have developed.

Bubbie, a professional food pusher, will follow my son around a room as he plays with toys, strategically placing noodles, boiled chicken and broccoli into his mouth. If he is pretending to be Batman, he may hear a story about why Batman loves broccoli as she tucks a floret between his lips.

This shtick is a tough act to follow and I have stopped doing it since my second son joined us. I do not have the time to chase my son around with food and, in retrospect, it was ridiculous that I ever did it. Boy, did he have things good in our house!

I sought advice on how to reform my son's eating habits from books, friends and his doctor. I learned that I should offer food at three regular mealtimes instead of the hourly schedule I was following. Miraculously, he is now capable of eating at a table, using cutlery, and chomping on the food that is placed before him (grilled fish included).

Linda McCharles, a registered dietician at Alysse Fogel & Associates, explains that giving children food throughout the day is a bad practice.

"You are going to end up with a child who will never really establish their hunger cues. They will never know when they are full or hungry because you are suppressing those cues."

McCharles suggests that snacks be eaten no less than an hour before each meal. As well, she recommends at least one parent or caregiver should sit down at the table while the child is eating to establish a pattern where the family sits at the table for dinner.

I admit that I still suffer from the food-schtipping neurosis. However, with my second son recently becoming an adventurous solid food eater, I finally know what it feels like to be one of those parents who can serve more than just noodles, hot dogs and chicken. This kid actually enjoys eating – I am talking feta cheese and tomatoes. I kvell just thinking about it!

Readers may submit questions or comments to Rebecca Katz at rtkatz@hotmail.com. But she is not a professional, and her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, please consult a professional.

The Canadian Jewish news — Crossword Puzzle

(Answers to the crossword are on page 35.)

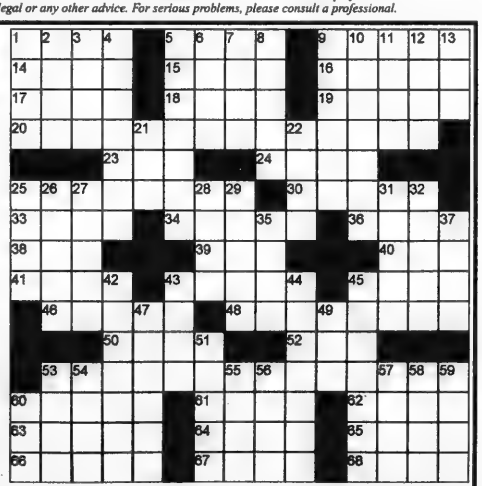
By Matt Gaffney and David Blanco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across

1 Star of David locale
5 Serling and Carew
9 *Persona non* ___
14 Stir (up)
15 Longest Spanish river
16 Woody Allen title role of 1997
17 Love god
18 *Ed* ___ (Landau film)
19 Keep an ___ (watch)
20 Israeli-born star of "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace"
23 Spy novelist Deighton
24 "Take ___ your leader"
25 Adam Sandler effort of 1999
30 Commandments #6-10
33 ___ occasion (never)
34 Chimney troubles
36 Goes down
38 From ___ Z (the whole schmear)
39 Bill word
40 Hawaiian food
41 Modern worker
43 Max Weinberg's late-night pal
45 Atop
46 ___ double life
48 Former Alaska Senator Ernest
50 Pop star Loeb
52 Poor European nat.
53 Israeli airlift of 1984-85
60 Gefilte fish's home, perhaps
61 Skater Heiden
62 Pulitzer-winning playwright Alfred
63 Does work at *Ha'aretz*
64 Geometric concern
65 No, to Einstein
66 Belief
67 Rebukes, in a way
68 Victor Borge, for instance

Down

1 Nanny Drescher
2 South American capital
3 Tons
4 Mustachioed talkster
5 Goes back to the beginning
6 Reed member
7 Let fall
8 Destroyed city
9 Site of historical Jewish confinement
10 Oscar-winning role for Dustin
11 Neighborhood
12 Sci-fi movie of 1982
13 Novelist Rand
21 Actress Thompson
22 Emma Goldman's crew
25 The *St. Louis*, for example
26 Company founded by Andrew Grove
27 Mythical beast
28 No Einstein
29 Part of YMHA
31 Actress Hedren
32 Ben & Jerry's utensil
35 Reaction to "The Prince of Tides"
37 Emulate Barbra
42 Tool for Rauschenberg
43 House of Sephardim
44 Arthur Miller's work is full of them
45 *Zuckerman* ___ (Roth work)
47 Most serious
49 Common shader
51 "This is only ___"
53 Ancient, once
54 Viktor Frankl subject
55 Eye part
56 Un-kosher sound, maybe
57 New York stadium
58 Actress Moran of "Happy Days"
59 "Auld Lang ___"
60 Apartment taboo, often



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Fight rages over UN conference

Arab bloc maintains anti-Israel agenda

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Arab countries have succeeded in placing the Zionism-equals-racism issue on the agenda of a major United Nations conference on human rights and racism, and Jewish groups are scrambling right down to the wire to contain potential damage.

In the last of a series of preparatory committees (called "prepcoms") held in Geneva earlier this month, Western delegations, including those from Canada and the United States, failed to persuade the Arab bloc to abandon a bid to attack Israel and Zionism at the week-long conference, to begin Aug. 31 in Durban, South Africa.

It's still unclear what form the anti-Zionist language will take at the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (WCAR). Delegates aren't sure whether the issue will be introduced in a resolution from the floor, or whether the noxious and often anti-Semitic rhetoric will simply permeate the global gathering, in an attempt to isolate Israel.

But one thing is certain: The words "Zionism" and "racism" will be equated in a proposed text at the conference, one that could be presented as part of an international declaration of what constitutes racism. One section of a text says Zionism "is based on racial superiority."

Also of concern to Western delegates has been the attempt by Arab states to trivialize the Holocaust by using the word in lowercase and/or plural, and applying it to describe Israeli policies against Palestinians. Another clause refers to Jewish settlements in the territories as "ethnic cleansing."

Everyone involved agrees that diplomatic jockeying will continue, even after the conference begins.

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Protesters demonstrated last week against Israel outside the American Embassy in Johannesburg, South Africa. They were expressing their anger at the possibility that the United States might boycott the upcoming UN Conference Against Racism in Durban. *Please see related story on page 42.* *[RNS/Reuters photo]*

Security personnel play a more visible role at the Kotel in Jerusalem in the wake of recent increased tensions in the area. *[Israel photo]*

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Collins Loses

OTTAWA — The Supreme Court of Canada has dismissed a legal challenge brought by former Vancouver newspaper columnist Doug Collins. Collins, who has been accused of writing anti-Semitic articles, sought to have constitutionality of British Columbia's human rights code argued in the B.C. Supreme Court rather than the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal. In 1999, the same tribunal ordered that Collins and the *North Shore News* must each pay Harry Abrams of Victoria $2,000 as compensation for four columns written by Collins.

Manley's Calls

OTTAWA — Foreign affairs minister John Manley telephoned his Israeli counterpart, Shimon Peres, following the Aug. 9 suicide bombing in Jerusalem, and offered his condolences. Manley also spoke with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Manley welcomed Arafat's condemnation of the bombing but also called on him to "do more to exercise control over those who resort to such detestable acts and other forms of violence."

Israel

El Al's Losses

JERUSALEM — El Al will post record losses of $160 million in 2001 due to lost tourism caused by the current violence, *Yediot Achronot* reported. After losing $109 million last year, El Al needs to reduce expenses by 25 percent to continue operating, the newspaper added.

Kurds To Return

JERUSALEM — A group of some 40 Kurds, including women and children, tried to cross into Israel last week from Lebanon. Israeli authorities were expected to return them to Lebanon.

World

Joint Statement

SKOPJE — Jewish leaders in Macedonia have joined Muslims as well as officials from the Macedonian Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Methodist churches in a joint declaration condemning the ongoing violence in the former Yugoslav republic.

Irving's Offer

LONDON — Holocaust denier David Irving has offered to pay Penguin Books $210,000 if the publisher and historian Deborah Lipstadt drop all further claims against him. Last year, a British court ordered Irving to pay Penguin's and Lipstadt's legal costs, estimated at $3 million, when he lost a libel suit against them over Lipstadt's book *Denying the Holocaust.*

Probe Requested

BUDAPEST — Jewish leaders here have requested that state prosecutors probe whether a far-right parliamentary party incited hatred against Jews after it described the sale of Hungary's most popular soccer team to a leading Jewish businessman as "a betrayal of the Hungarian nation."

Shabbat Arson Attack

LONDON — An Orthodox family discovered a suspected serial arsonist trying to set fire to their home, but family members did not call the police because the incident happened on Shabbat. It was at least the seventh time since June that arsonists struck London's mainly Orthodox neighborhood of Stamford Hill.

Eruv Ruling

NEW YORK — A New Jersey town has the right to remove a wire boundary that forms an eruv because parts of it were built on public property, a U.S. judge has ruled. A lawyer for the Tenafly Eruv Association said his group will appeal the ruling.

Mayor Resigns

WARSAW — The mayor of Jedwabne, where Poles murdered hundreds of their Jewish neighbours in 1941, resigned because town councillors failed to support efforts to memorialize the war-time massacre. Krzysztof Godlewski stepped down after a commemoration last month in which President Aleksander Kwasniewski begged forgiveness for the massacre but insisted that residents bore no collective responsibility for it. The mayor said the local council refused to approve spending to build a new road leading to a memorial to the slain Jews.

Canada Not on Par, Leaders Say

OTTAWA — In a briefing for their respective organizations on their participation in a July meeting in Washington, D.C., of the board of directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Jack Silverstone and Michael Rosenberg, president of Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Canada, expressed concern that Canadian Jewish survivors are not getting a sufficient share of institutional support from the conference.

Rosenberg observed that Australia, which has about the same proportion of all survivors as Canada (four percent), has received three times the institutional funding from the Claims Conference that Canada has.

"We must ensure that Canadian Jewish organizations show no complacency in seeking institutional funds to support Holocaust survivors and long-term education on the Holocaust. Time is running out and funds are not limitless."

Silverstone pledged CJC would continue to work with its UIA/Federations Canada partners to publicize the availability of funds and the criteria for applying. He noted that the conference "can only process applications it receives."

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Web sites praising 'jihad' worry Jewish groups

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two Canadian-registered Web sites that glorify jihad (holy war) and describe Jews as treacherous enemies of Islam have Jewish groups worried.

Last week, officials with the B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) office in Montreal held talks with national security officials over www.Islamway.com.

Both BBC and Canadian Jewish Congress say the site itself does not incite hatred or violence against Jews. Rather, it is a discussion board that allows users to post messages to the site that is worrisome.

One message is headed "An invitation to jihad," and invites Muslims to report for commando training in paramilitary camps in Afghanistan, where "mujahid brothers will accept you with open arms," and "within a period of two weeks, [you] will be sent to the frontline."

Another posting is headed "Jewish terrorism," and lists Palestinian leaders who have been killed by Israel in recent months. A third heading, "Jihad," posted by "Sadiq," speaks of "cursed Jews" who are "the worst enemies of Islam," and urges readers "to fight against Jews."

Jihad, it adds, is an "obligation ordained by Allah," and "part of good deeds."

The site is registered to a Montreal address, while the administrative contact is listed as a second address in Montreal, which runs another site, www.themuslimwoman.com.

Message board spreads 'vicious anti-Semitic material'

CJC has traced the site's host to Sugar Land, a suburb of Houston, Tex.

"We find it offensive that discussion so wild and intemperate is allowed," said CJC Ontario region's Len Rudner.

Nevertheless, Rudner said a "cursory" look at the site itself has led him to believe it is "not actionable. I'm not convinced it preaches genocide. But that's doesn't mean it's not reprehensible." Whether the postings constitute hatred is up to police and the courts, he pointed out.

A B'nai Brith spokesperson agreed the site does not promote violence, but that the message board spreads "vicious anti-Semitic material," and incites "extreme violence."

BBC will take the matter up with the site's Internet Service Provider (ISP), which allows it to be accessed on the Web.

The other site, www.qudscall.com, is run by Islamic Jihad, according to a recent issue of the *Wall Street Journal*. It includes a call to arms: "Our struggle with the sons of Israel in Palestine is on civilization, ideology, history and existence. Our war with them is long and difficult. Our base is the Qu'ran; our way is the jihad." Other sections glorify suicide bombers who have attacked Israeli civilians, and call for attacks on Jewish and American targets. It also solicits donations "for the military jihad."

The site is registered to a name and address in Toronto. However, the street name provided is misspelled, and the address, postal code and telephone number are all false – something CJC says will be taken up with the site's ISP.

The whole issue again raises the question of whether a site's host or ISP bears responsibility for messages posted by the public.

Rudner says if it's found that the sites are actually operated from outside Canada, the same frustrating jurisdictional issues will be raised as those surrounding dozens of neo-Nazi sites.

The Web sites' Canadian connection also lends credence to the warnings of late from experts that Canada is increasingly becoming a safe base of operations for Mideast terrorist groups, which take advantage of this country's lax refugee and immigration policies, advanced technology, proximity to the United States and generally quiet atmosphere, to go about their business.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) investigates anyone in Canada who uses the Web "to support or engage in politically motivated violence," spokesperson Chantal Lapalme told *The CJN*.

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Canadians, take note

From the editor's desk

For almost 11 months now, our attention has been focused, rightly so, on events in Israel. But there are also events and issues closer to home that warrant our attention and our comment.

In Quebec City, for example, the provincial government is intent on revamping the electoral map in a manner that will directly diminish the representative voice in the National Assembly of the anglophone community in general on the Island of Montreal and of the Jewish community in particular.

The government has proposed the elimination of three Montreal Island ridings, all of them presently held by Liberals in mainly anglophone areas. One of those ridings is D'Arcy McGee.

D'Arcy McGee has existed in its current boundaries for almost 40 years and in predictable political science behaviour since that time, has always offered forth candidates and returned deputies to the Assembly who embodied the riding's distinct community. They have always been Jewish; the incumbent is Lawrence Bergman.

Some observers have pointed out that the impact of the proposed reform would leave the east end of Montreal, an area historically home to a higher concentration of voters sympathetic to the separatist cause, with an average population of some 35,000 people. By contrast, the west end of the Island, historically less favourably inclined to separatism, including what would formerly have been D'arcy McGee, would be left with an average population of 45,000 people per riding.

According to Casper Bloom, honorary legal counsel for the Canadian Jewish Congress, the PQ government has justified this blatant inequity in the representative voices between east and west Montreal on the basis that the east end is "poor."

Such an explanation by the government is breathtakingly spurious. Since when, in a representative and responsible democracy, has the socio-economic class of a riding ever determined the ratio between number of voters and number of elected? It has never been done; it is hardly appropriate to start now.

This particularly objectionable proposal by the PQ government, suggests a motive aimed more at reducing the ranks of the anglophone, non-separatist Opposition in the National Assembly than at legitimately reforming the electoral map.

Moreover, the plan to eliminate the specific riding of D'Arcy McGee flies in face of the spirit, if not even the letter of the law, that prescribes the ideal riding constituency. Article 15 of the Quebec Election Act requires that an "electoral division represent a natural community established on the basis of demographic, geographic and sociological considerations."

It is this statutory definition that helps explain why the riding of D'arcy McGee has always returned a Jewish MNA. The riding has a very large Jewish population; as a result, it demographically and sociologically falls within the definition contemplated by the statute as a "natural community."

To disburse the existing "natural community" of voters into other ridings, to destroy the possibility or likelihood that this "natural community" would return a deputy who so obviously springs from its demographic and sociologic base, who so obviously "is" that community, is to violate the intent of the current law. This is what is so objectionable the PQ government's proposal.

We share the view of this electoral ploy expressed by incumbent Bergman that it would be a "severe and unacceptable blow to the Jewish community." However, we would state the case even higher. It is a severe and unacceptable blow to the people of Montreal, Quebec, and even of Canada.

The proposed rejigging of riding boundaries is self-serving manipulation of the democratic process for inappropriate, expedient, partisan aims.

It is therefore heartening to note that a broad-based coalition of nearly 50 Jewish organizations, synagogues and institutions have mobilized to reverse the government's decision.

Many people from outside the riding, from outside the incumbent's political party and from outside the Jewish community itself, support the coalition because they all understand that what is truly at stake is not simply the loss of a Jewish MNA in the Assembly, but rather the loss of belief in the system's integrity.

The government of Quebec has set up public hearings Sept. 10-12. The unacceptability of its proposal should be forcefully protested at those hearings even as the contrary will of the vast majority of the D'Arcy McGee's residents is established through the massive signing of a petition currently being circulated in the riding, "demanding that the Quebec National Assembly preserve the riding in its entirety and maintain the actual number of ridings on the Island of Montreal as they adequately represent the density of population and ensure an effective representation of the electorate."

Isn't that, after all, the underpinning of our democratic electoral system?

If the PQ government is successful in imposing its reconfigured electoral maps, it will undoubtedly have far-reaching implications on the rest of Canada. But that is their plan. And that is why all Canadians should be concerned.

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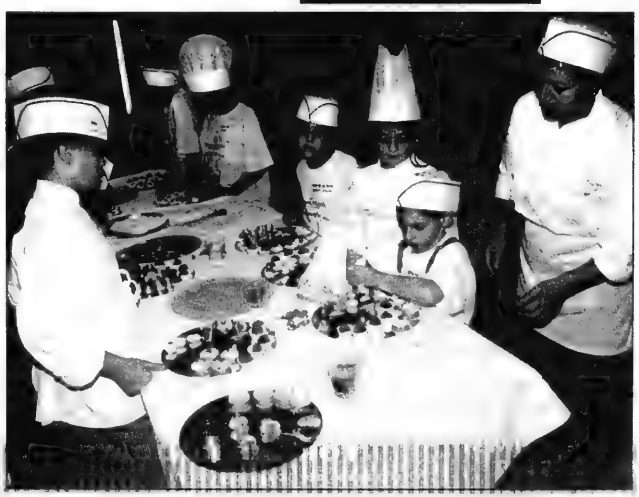

CHILDREN LEARN FROM THE CHEF

Despite Israel's present security problems, the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel and Towers held its 18th annual Children's Day. For a few hours, last week, the children of hotel staff members, took over their parents' jobs. In this photo, pastry chef, Jacquelene Harrosh, supervises a group of children making cupcakes in the hotel's kitchen.

[Isranet photo]

Nurenberger founded *The Canadian Jewish News*

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Meyer Nurenberger, a longtime and outspoken newspaperman, passionate Herut-Likud supporter, and the founder of *The Canadian Jewish News*, died recently of Alzheimer's disease. He was 90.

Obituary

Born in Krakow, he moved to France and later Belgium, where he was educated, eventually becoming a parliamentary reporter. In February 1939, seeing the writing on the wall for European Jews, according to his daughter, Atara Beck, he moved to the United States.

"He pleaded with his family to come with him, but they refused," she said. "He never saw them again."

A little known fact about him, she said, is that in New York, he received the highest order of smichah, rabbinic ordination, from Rabbi Yehuda Gershuni. He never used the title "rabbi," however.

He worked for the *Jewish Morning Journal*, a New York Yiddish daily. In 1947, he became its editor.

During World War II, Nurenberger served as a war correspondent for the U.S. army. He covered both the Nuremberg trials, and later the trial of Adolf Eichmann.

At Eichmann's trial, Beck said, "he ostentatiously wore a large black yarmulke and sat in court reading a Yiddish newspaper.

In 1957, at the request of Menachem Begin, later prime minister of Israel and a longtime friend, and with the assistance of several other Likud supporters including Sam Shainhouse, he moved to Toronto, to edit *Der Yiddishe Journal*, a Yiddish weekly. When the offices burned down, he decided, together with his late wife, Dorothy Cohn Nurenberger, to begin a weekly, English language newspaper, *The Can-adian Jewish News*.

Meyer Nurenberger

Beck recalls that before publication began, the family received death threats from local anti-Semites, so vicious that they were given police protection.

He published *The CJN* until 1971, when, after the death of his wife, he sold it to the present owners. Unable to resist the lure of the newspaper world, in 1974, he founded the *Jewish Times*, which he used to promulgate his unabashed view of the Jewish world and to take frequent potshots at his former publication.

During those years, he also wrote the main editorial column for the *Algemeiner Journal*, a New York Yiddish weekly.

At the same time, he researched and wrote *The Scared and the Doomed – The Jewish Establishment vs the Six Million*, espousing his belief that European Jewry could have been saved, not only if the general community had not remained indifferent and uncaring, but if Jews in the United States had been able to put aside their differences and egos and work together. It was published in 1985.

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Besides maintaining a close friendship with Begin, Nurenberger was a strong influence on former prime minister John Diefenbaker, who, Beck said, he encouraged to speak out in Parliament in favour of the Jewish State.

Although, as friend Lou Silver said at his funeral, Nurenberger was completely dedicated to Israel and the Jewish people, he cared for everyone.

Nurenberger was well-known as a raconteur and an inspired conversationalist. Shainhouse and others recalled looking forward with anticipation to spirited discussions over coffee and in shul. The family home was filled with lively discussions about Israel, politics, literature and music, Beck said.

"All ages got along with him," she said, describing her friends delighting in his company, and his telling eagerly awaited stories to his granddaughter's class.

He was an intellectual, interested in a great many different things. He spoke eight languages, and, Beck said, could read a few more.

His greatest happiness lay in his family, she said. "It was a simchah for all of us to be together."

Most of all, Beck said, "he loved life, and lived it to the fullest."

Nurenberger was predeceased by his wife Dorothy, and daughter Cynthia Berke. He is survived by daughters Ilana Ovadya and Atara Beck, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Thornhill student takes part in international summit

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

THORNHILL— Alysa Brenner was one of the few students on a recent international program who was not a would-be prime minister or president.

The recent graduate of the French immersion program at Langstaff Secondary School was in Washington, D.C. for a week in July as part of the Future World Leaders Summit.

The program, run under the auspices of a civic education organization known as Presidential Classroom, brought together some 350 English-speaking students, age 16 to 19, from around the world. She is now in touch by e-mail with students from Japan, South Africa, Italy and other parts of Canada. There were no students from Israel or any Arab countries, she reported.

The best part, said Brenner in a recent interview at her home, was meeting students from dozens of countries and learning that "we're really all the same."

One issue on which they could not agree was whether homosexuals should be allowed in the army, but for the most part students had similar interests and concerns, and found that they laughed at the same things.

Unlike most of her counterparts at the conference, however, Brenner's main area of interest lies in science, not political science. She wants to pursue a career in cancer research, and will begin studies at the University of Western Ontario this fall in a new program leading to a bachelor of medical science degree.

It was her interest in being well-rounded that led her to the D.C. program as well as to the Forum for Young Canadians held in Ottawa in March. The Canadian program involved a week at the House of Commons with students from across Canada, participating in an intensive program on Canadian politics.

Brenner's diverse interests are reflected in her involvement on her school newspaper as sub-editor, in a student club called RACE (Racial Acceptance, Cultural Equality) as coordinator of fund-raising, in her astronomy club membership and her involvement on school rugby and field hockey teams.

To qualify for the summit, she needed a grade point average of 4.0. Her average this year ranged from 90 to 93.

She was one of about four students from Ontario; there were 28 altogether from Canada. Interestingly, Brenner's impression was that the other students knew more about Jews than they did about Canadians. "We all came with so many stereotypes of different countries."

Their packed schedule – much of which Brenner found "very American-oriented" – included a private tour of the White House, a mock World Trade game, talks by a Holocaust survivor and by American vice-president Dick Cheney, who addressed his role in international relations and answered questions on topics ranging from AIDS to global warming.

Alysa Brenner (holding t-shirt) with Canadian delegation.

A trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was a powerful experience; Brenner started crying as soon as she walked in, and no one spoke on the ride back to their dorm at Georgetown University. In fact, she found it so hard to tear herself away from the museum that she ended up missing her bus and had to take a later one.

The summit culminated in a United Nations-type conference on the last day, when delegates presented the results of workshops on issues like human arms control and nationalism. Brenner's group focused on child rights, touching on issues including child labour and child abuse.

Now that the summit is over, she feels her mind has been opened and that she has a heightened awareness of what goes on around her. She said she also realized how much she didn't know.

Brenner is optimistic about the future of the world. People are friends now because of this program, she said – even if their countries don't get along.

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A matter of obligation

It has been nearly 20 years since Parliament, in December 1981, passed The Constitution Act that created the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. A profound, heartfelt, vigorous debate accompanied the enactment of that historic resolution. The debate, however, was not primarily over the substance of the rights and freedoms that distinguish Canadian life; rather, it was over the advisability of enshrining our rights and freedoms in a statute.

Then, as now, Canadians were unambiguous about the values for which this unique and marvellous country stands. They are encapsulated in the short preambular phrase preceding Section 1 of the Charter: "Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law."

Though the phrase "supremacy of God" has always been subject to interpretation, at a minimum, it means *all* human beings are equal in the eyes of God since *all* human beings are created "in the image of God." Indeed, it was this revolutionary concept, thousands of years ago, that was the foundation for the structure of democracy.

Thus, Canadians combine the ideals of equality, democracy and the rule of law within the framework of principled governance. These are our guiding values and the standards by which we conduct our lives. We look to the government of Canada to support and affirm them whenever necessary. It must do so as an obligation of trust to the people, of loyalty to the very values themselves and, finally, of conscience.

It is now urgently necessary for the government to reaffirm these democratic ideals. Security agencies have confirmed that two Islamic terrorist groups operate incendiary Web sites in this country. One site registered in Toronto was apparently set up by Islamic Jihad, the sister group to Hamas, both of which openly plan, execute and celebrate the murder of Jews in Israel and abroad. The other site, registered in Montreal, recruits individuals to train in Afghanistan, presumably for military operations against the "enemies of Islam," namely, Jews and others.

How is it conceivable that groups so publicly committed to the wholesale slaughter of other human beings should find shelter in Canada? Was the Canadian Constitution intended to provide a protective, legal canopy for the aims and activities of these terrorists? The government must not allow them to continue their work here.

In just over a week in Durban, the war against Israel will be carried by the Palestinian leaders and their supporters, most conspicuous of whom are the 56 members of the Islamic states, to a new battlefield: the United Nations Conference Against Racism. As has been widely reported, the conference has been hijacked into a slanderous show trial against Israel, Zionism and other key credos of the Jewish people. The important work that was originally intended for Durban will be shunted aside for the prevaricating polemics of the Palestinians leaders.

We urge the government of Canada to vociferously, vehemently denounce this sly, dishonest campaign against Israel and the Jewish people.

It is a matter of obligation for Canada, for Canadians and all others committed to the values of equality, democracy and the rule of law.

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Looking for family

I am seeking descendants of my late grandmother's brother. His name was Menachem Mendel Katz, son of Yitzchak and Heina Pearl Katz, and he was born in Oyberviso, Hungary (now, Viseul-de-Sus, Romania) in approximately 1880. He settled in Montreal approximately 100 years ago.

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Diaspora Jewry must show concern

We are privileged to be living following the fulfilment of our people's 200-year-old dream. Israel is strong and vibrant. The ingathering of our people continues unabated. The level of construction in our united capital is such that people joke that the crane should be the national bird. The leadership of the country and the city of Jerusalem is in the hands of people with clear-headed vision, strength of purpose and passionate belief.

But there is a malaise in the land. The country finds itself in circumstances where although it is not at war, there is a macabre daily ritual of the sacrifice of Jewish lives on the altar of world public opinion.

Now more than ever, we need to show our concern and caring and demonstrate that we are one people and that our enemies can't divide us. If we fail to do so, I fear that such lack of courage will cause an irreparable rift between Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

I challenge every Jew who has ever taken pride in the State of Israel and its accomplishments, who has ever sung *Am Yisrael Chai*, to pick up the phone today, now, and call his travel agent or synagogue or the UJA and make arrangements to visit.

This is something we must do. If we don't do it now, we won't get a second chance.

Sam Steel
Toronto

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Sharon's policy not wise

It would be foolish to pretend that the Israeli strike in Nablus on July 31 was not an escalation in the use of force. Of course it was: deliberately so. If we accept Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's way of thinking, then this escalation is the necessary next step and the right thing to do, at the right time.

In Israel and many other places around the world, there is a great deal of support, among Jews and non-Jews alike, for this type of logic. Admittedly, violence may not be the preferred choice, but it is the best from among the available options: in Israel's case, it is the strategy of necessity and defence.

It is that same kind of strategic thinking that compelled Sharon to lead the Israeli army into Lebanon 19 years ago, and took him to Temple Mount last September.

As a Jew, my difficulty with this way of thinking is that it runs contrary to every value that I have come to accept as fundamental to Judaism. It is abhorred by the Torah, the Talmud and our sages at least since the time of David and Solomon. It prioritizes revenge and the pursuit of justice without concern for mercy – expediency above principle.

I believe this is a critical time for Jews and Judaism: are these the kinds of strategies that we wish to encourage and support? For me, to support them I would have to displace the supremacy of peace above all values; I would have to suspend my commitment to Hillel's aphorism, "That which is hateful unto you, do not unto others." I cannot do that and yet remain true to myself as a Jew.

While some may debate whether or not Sharon's strategies are intelligent, without doubt, they are not wise.

Boris G. Freesman
Toronto

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Birthright evokes privilege

My recent Israel Birthright trip was absolutely amazing.

We were all around the country: the Golan Heights, Mount Arbel, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea and Masada. On Friday, we went to the Western Wall for Shabbat, one of the most powerful experiences I've ever had. To see so many people of different backgrounds praying, singing, dancing and sharing in the celebration at the end of the week and to know that this celebration occurs every week! Amazing.

In terms of security, the situation, while serious, is so overdramatized it's sad. Tourism here is hurting very badly as people cancel their trips in fear. We were constantly thanked by every single Israeli citizen, shopkeeper, administrator, politician and soldier with whom we came into contact. They were so happy that we were there. We each felt touched and privileged to have been given this incredible gift; for some of us, it changed our lives forever.

Israelis are so vibrant, so strong and willful, so dedicated to supporting their country. I look in admiration and respect at a people, my people, who have been through so much and have so many problems to work out, yet go forth with drive and determination.

As we spent time with Israelis our age, learning about their radically different lives, and spent time with Israeli elementary school children assembling gift packages for soldiers, we noticed how independent and driven these kids are as they take part in something that is integral to broader Israeli life.

The triviality of North American life stands in stark contrast. When we were eighteen, some of our biggest concerns were whether or not we were going to get the car that night and what we should wear to the next party. In Israel, however, children enter the army for three years at that age. Needless to say, they grow up very quickly and, most importantly, work towards something that is essential to the survival of this country.

Jason Bavington
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Perspectives

Copenhagen's Jews

By DAVID W.S. YUDIN
Special to The CJN

Last fall I spent a semester abroad at the University of Copenhagen on an exchange program with McGill University's faculty of law. With about 700 international students to accommodate, the University of Copenhagen has a large number of courses offered in English and provides one of the best curriculums for the study of European law.

Copenhagen, the capital and largest city of Denmark – its population is more than 1.5 million – seemed like the perfect place to spend a semester. In 1996, the city that produced Hans Christian Anderson and Soren Kierkegaard was named the cultural capital of Europe. Part of its charm lies in its very relaxed environment. The pace of life in Denmark is much slower than that in North America, and Danes generally have a refreshing joie de vivre. Most people in Copenhagen get around by bicycle. The city's canals, parks and castles make biking not only an efficient and non-polluting mode of transportation, but also a very enjoyable way to take in the beautiful scenery.

The only potential downside of being in Copenhagen was the tiny size of the Jewish community. My suspicions were confirmed when I had the honour (or burden?) of being the first Jew that most of my new friends had ever met!

Ironically, however, getting to know Copenhagen's Jewish community ended up being one of the most interesting aspects of my trip.

The city's Jewish community numbers about 7,000, a number that pales in comparison to Montreal's community of 90,000. Strangely enough, however, there are many similarities between our two communities. One similarity is their diversity. Montreal's community boasts not only large Sephardi and Ashkenazi communities but diverse ones as well. The Ashkenazi population of Montreal includes many recent Russian immigrants; the Sephardi community includes the second largest Diaspora Moroccan and Iraqi communities.

Copenhagen's Jewish community is also made up of several different groups. The first group of Jews to settle in Denmark were Sephardi Jews from Amsterdam and Hamburg. They were invited by the king in 1622 to run the country's finances. By 1814, the Danish king issued a decree granting all Jews in Denmark civic rights and duties as Danish citizens, marking the beginning of a long period of harmony between Denmark's Jewish and non-Jewish citizens. In contrast to many of her European neighbours, Denmark has been one of the most, if not *the* most, tolerant country for Jews to live in. This, of course, was exemplified most acutely by the tragedy of the Shoah and the miraculous story of the rescue of Denmark's Jewish community.

One of the most poignant memories I have of my visits to Israel and the Holocaust museum of Yad Vashem, is the hall of tombstones marking the number of victims in each country. The sharp contrast between the plaque marking Poland's three million victims and the plaque marking Denmark's 50 victims created a strong impression that has stayed with me. Of a community of thousands, only 50 Jews were killed in Denmark, despite its being occupied by Nazi Germany from 1940 to 1945.

Compared to the eagerness with which eastern and even western European citizens took part in the murder and torture of Europe's Jews, the Danish story is truly remarkable. It is reported that when Hitler approached King Christian X about the "Jewish problem in Denmark," the king replied, "In Denmark we have no 'Jewish problem,' we have only Danish citizens."

In 1943, Danish Jews were warned of the Nazi plan to deport all Jewish citizens to concentration camps. With the assistance of different Danish Resistance groups and individual participation, approximately 6,000 Jews were smuggled to Sweden on overnight expeditions using fishing boats. Of the 500 Danish Jews sent to Theresienstadt, 450 survived the war through the intervention of the Danish and Swedish Red Cross.

After the war, most of the Jews returned from Sweden. Today, their descendants make up one segment of the Jewish population. The rest of the community is made up of a large number of Jews who emigrated from Poland when those who were allowed out in 1969 sought refuge from the communist anti-Semitic campaign. Denmark was one of the few countries to grant citizenship to those Jewish refugees.

There are also a significant number of Jews of Middle Eastern and North African descent.

Yet also like Montreal's Jewish community, Copenhagen's community is declining, though at a far quicker rate. From a starting population of only 7,000, one can imagine that it is plagued by assimilation and emigration. There is only one synagogue (although there is also an informal minyan attended by some of the more religious families) and only one kosher "restaurant" – housed in the community centre and open only in the evening.

Attendance at the Jewish day school has plummeted in the last decade from about 50 students per class to 15. The people who attend synagogue are mostly elderly. Many of the young, committed Jews have chosen to emigrate to Israel or even England, where there are more Jews to interact with. Synagogue attendance varies greatly depending on the occasion. Shabbat evening services attract only a handful of people. Shabbat morning services, which attract many more people, still leave the 1,000- person-capacity synagogue almost empty. Yet many Jews come out during the High Holy Days. I was thrilled to see that on Yom Kippur, attendance was standing room only.

Currently, Denmark's Jewish community has a good relationship with the general population. More recently, however, the number of anti-Semitic incidents has risen as it has worldwide, because of the current intifadah raging against Israel. At the outset of the violence, many demonstrations in Copenhagen were held by recently immigrated Arabs, with the standard vitriolic chanting of "death to the Jews" and the burning of Israel's flag.

Nevertheless, overall relations with the Danish population remain harmonious. In fact, Danish Jews have historically made a large contribution to Danish society. Among the most notable examples is Baron Gedalja, who founded Den Danske Bank (The Danish Bank), which today is the largest bank in Denmark.

A statue honouring perhaps the most famous of Danish Jews, Niels Bohr, lies in the centre of town. Bohr, one of the founding fathers of modern physics and a Nobel laureate, is largely responsible for our current understanding of the structure of the atom and for developing, together with Albert Einstein, Max Planck and Werner Heisenberg among others, the theoretical framework for quantum physics.

Prominent members of the present- day Jewish community include Eran Drori, a Yemenite Jew and one of the most popular Danish pop singers. In addition, Isi Foighel is a former judge on the European Court of Human Rights and a former Danish Finance Minister; I had the privilege of taking a class with him. Finally, the former chief rabbi Bent Melchior, the father of outgoing Israeli Minister of Diaspora Affairs, Michael Melchior, is known and respected widely in Denmark for his works on religion and philosophy.

Perhaps as a symbol of the bond between Denmark and her Jews is a large square in the centre of town called Israel Square (Israels Plads). At its centre is a monument brought over from Israel with the following engraving: "This stone comes from the Holy Land as a gift to the Danish people in the name of Denmark's friends in Israel."

Visiting this monument, I realized that I had come full circle. Two years ago, I spent the summer in Jerusalem, living in an apartment across from Kikar Denya, or Denmark Square.

As Copenhagen's Jewish community fights for its life, within it remains a group of highly committed people. Despite its diversity and perhaps because of its small numbers, the community is very close-knit. Of the affiliated Jews, many are traditional and most of those attend the main synagogue in the heart of Copenhagen, which follows the Ashkenazi Orthodox tradition. Bnei Akiva is one of the most popular youth groups.

During my stay, I was able to participate in many activities, including a European Zionist congress with a distinguished panel of speakers including former Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss. One of the highlights of my trip occurred right at the end when I joined 300 young Jews from Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland for the 75th annual New Year's getaway for Scandinavian Jewish Youth (SJUF) in nearby Gothenberg, Sweden. This event illustrated the spirit and energy that Scandinavian Jews, like most others, have when they come together in a show of unity and commitment. In fact, all the events I participated in showed that while the community is dwindling, the Jewish spark is still strong and on occasion it comes out in a robust show of force.

Like their non-Jewish compatriots, Danish Jews are somewhat withdrawn at first. Eventually, however, I met some extremely warmhearted, wonderful people who showed me what our sages meant when they said *kol Yisrael arevim zeh lazeh* (all of Israel is responsible for one another). Experiencing Ahavat Yisrael in a foreign country so far away with such a tiny Jewish community was an unexpected and delightful surprise.

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'Welcome to Denmark'

Copenhagen, despite its Jewish community's long-standing harmonious relationship with the city's non-Jewish population, has recently been the site of increased protests due to the widespread, negative media exposure Israel has been receiving since the intifadah began last October.

By NITZAN HOROWITZ
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

COPENHAGEN — "Welcome to Denmark, Mr. Gillon," someone called from the crowd of reporters and photographers waiting at the exit doors of the El Al flight that landed last week in Copenhagen. Gillon, Israel's new ambassador to Denmark, and his wife, did not respond. With frozen faces they hurried through, accompanied by heavy security, to the VIP lounge. On the way, they seemed to thaw a bit.

"I am very happy to be Israel's ambassador to Denmark. It's a great honour," he said. "I'm sorry, but I will only be able to see you after I hand in my credentials to the queen."

The questions came at him from every direction. "Did you have any hesitations about coming?" "No," Gillon answered. "Will the problems involved in your posting last a long time?" "I hope not."

Wearing a pin of crossed Israeli and Danish flags on his lapel, Gillon left the terminal. A few Israelis and Danes waiting for El Al arrivals applauded him. Outside was a black limousine and police motorcycle outriders. The Danish foreign ministry's protocol officer received Gillon at the foot of the steps from the plane and accompanied him to the ministry's office in the capital, where he submitted a copy of his credentials to the chief of protocol's office. It was a friendly session. The Danish official welcomed the Israeli ambassador and wished him a pleasant posting in Denmark.

But the tight security left a different impression. Gillon was driven to his new home, a nice villa surrounded by greenery and a tall wooden fence. About an hour later, while the ambassador and his wife were unpacking, the first of the demonstrators gathered at the nearby train station.

Most of the protestors – a few hundred – were Arabs, some Palestinians. Under guard of about the same number of police, they marched to the embassy, raising Palestinian and Hezbollah flags and placards condemning "the hangman torturer Gillon."

"We don't want peace. We want war in Palestine," shouted some. Hebrew was also heard.

A little while later, union organizers and human-rights activists were prominent at a demonstration organized by leftist groups. Most of the Arabs left. A much larger gathering of about 1,000 people, the speakers called on the Danish government to act according to the UN Treaty Against Torture.

"Gillon committed massacres of our people," said Suleiman Zeidan, whose parents were born in Jaffa. "Denmark is a democratic country and we want to ask the Danish people to refuse to accept Gillon as an ambassador."

A 50-year-old woman with a Danish flag watched from the sidelines.

"I am here to welcome the ambassador," Inga Levin said. She has family in Israel and thinks Gillon is a brave man.

"It's sad that these demonstrators see only one side," she said. "A lot of bad things happen in the world and nobody says anything about it. But here [Gillon] said something and they jumped all over him. He was honest. Gillon supports peace and it's not true that all of Denmark is against him. Intelligent people see both sides and many support Israel. Everyone has to think of what they would do opposite a terrorist."

The task at hand

My friends are often surprised that I exhibit a strain of long-term pessimism regarding the strife in the Middle East. They have heard me say that neither in my lifetime nor in that of my children or even grandchildren will there be peace.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Since this belief seems to run counter to the traditional optimism of our people, I am challenged regularly to tell them why I have such a dark view of the future.

Those who attended a recent lecture by Itamar Marcus, representing Palestinian Media Watch, headquartered in Jerusalem, also came away deeply pessimistic. His fascinating address, supplemented by extensive excerpts from Palestinian media, made it crystal clear that the education Palestinian youth are receiving (and have received for some time) as well as Palestinian publications in general, harp on one major theme: that Islam considers war against the Jews and Israel as mandatory.

My personal knowledge of Islam leads me to the conviction that this is a perversion of the faith, which does not teach that Jews are the enemies of Allah, or that the killing of Jews is a religious obligation. In this nefarious teaching, the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea (which includes all of Israel) is a religious Wakf, that is, a religious trust. Any Muslim who relinquishes any part to Israel is believed to be damned to Hell.

All agreements with Israel are therefore seen as inherently temporary and can be signed by Muslims only because of Israel's current advantage. The ultimate destruction of Israel is a certainty.

This trend of thought recalls time and again the historical experience of the Crusades. The Christian invaders of the Holy Land occupied it for some two centuries, but in the end were chased out by Muslims. This history will be repeated with regard to Israel, so the teaching goes.

Does that mean then that peace with the Palestinians is unlikely or even an impossibility? If the teaching to which the Arabs inside and outside of the land are subjected today remains in place, the answer is, unfortunately, yes. In some ways this represents a revival of Nazi anti-Semitism, and it includes a denial of the Holocaust, a characterization of Jews as genetic liars, deceivers and aggressors, and leaves no room for compromise.

Our campaign, therefore, must not be directed against Palestinians as such, but rather at what they are being taught and what is being taught to their children. This may appear to some readers as a distinction that is too subtle – but there is nothing easy when it comes to our search for peace. We need a pervasive effort directed at all media, both here and there, acquainting them with the current campaign waged against us by educators and journalists.

Cupid and Judaism

Valentine's Day has never meant anything of significance to me. Most of the time I find myself laughing at those who take it seriously. In recent years, my boyfriend gave me flowers and a card even though I told him many times that I'm indifferent to the day and have no desire to celebrate it. The gifts would result in the usual "Oh you really shouldn't have" speech, not because I am ungrateful, but because I have never felt any sort of connection to the holiday. As far as I was concerned, Valentine's Day was just another money maker for the chocolate, floral and card industries and I would simply not be a part of it.

Darcie Richler in Halifax

I have always considered myself to be reasonably knowledgeable about Judaism, having attended a Jewish day school and a Jewish-based summer camp. I had assumed that I had learned about all of the Jewish holidays, but I was wrong.

Up until about two weeks ago, I had not heard of the holiday Tu b'Av. In a nutshell, for those who do not know either, Tu b'Av is a much older version of our present-day pagan Valentine's Day. In ancient times, Tu b'Av was a day where unmarried women would dance in the olive groves and vineyards in borrowed white clothing, in the hopes of meeting a husband and finding a match. There was a need for some joy after the sorrows of Tisha b'Av, and the event was a good way to bring young people together to celebrate something focused on them. The other significant part of Tu b'Av was that it was also the only day where males and females could marry out of their tribe.

Tu b'Av has also been associated with many positive events in Jewish history, unlike the holiday Tisha b'Av, which falls right before.

In modern day Israel, Tu b'Av is a day of celebration. For unknown reasons, it has never been celebrated outside of Israel. In Israel, however, the celebrations include dancing and partying on the beach – essentially enjoying the day and rejoicing about love.

It's unfortunate that this holiday is not more widely known. In a time where there is so much uncertainty and upset in Israel, it is even more important than ever to keep morale high and find reasons to celebrate. By celebrating Tu b'Av here, we could accomplish two things. First, we would be showing our unity with Israel by participating in such festivities. And, on a second and more personal note, we could make this an excuse to show our loved ones (including the extended list a la Valentine's Day) how we feel about them.

At Camp Kadimah this year, we celebrated Tu b'Av in a few ways. In our Shabbat services, we learned a little about the holiday and then discussed how we would like to celebrate it. Following Havdalah that night, we had a social with the theme of Tu b'Av, where the campers and staff all dressed in red and white. There was also a "marriage booth" and a few other fun things to enhance the day.

Do you celebrate Tu b'Av? If so, I'd love to hear about it. Please email me at drichler@hotmail.com and tell me what you do to celebrate this not-so-well-known holiday!

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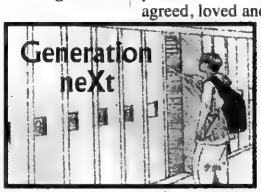
As we all know, the school year is approaching quickly. For all students who would like to be involved in the Jewish community in the Atlantic Region, remember that you are always welcome! There will be all sorts of interesting and fun programs throughout the year and it is great to see new faces. Whether it be for the High Holy Days or just meeting other Jewish students, you can contact the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students' Federation at apjsf@hotmail.com or by phoning the Atlantic Jewish Council at 902-422-7491, ext. 27.

Igniting the future

By GILA ASHTOR

We are small but we are many
We are young but we unite,
To the candle of continuity
You are the flame, and we're the light.



It has been a long, long year. To think that this series began with my distaste of scientific explanations for Jewish survival and with *The CJN*'s enthusiastic interest in Toronto's youth, seems almost to undermine the progress we have made. Ten months ago, I introduced myself as a confused, Grade 12 student, with the overbearing luggage of repressed questions. Today, I reintroduce myself, as a confused high school graduate with a trail of question marks behind me, and twice the amount ahead.

In the time I have written this column, I have been asked by peers and parents alike what I had hoped to accomplish. "How do you expect things to improve? You want to change the world? You're only 18. You can't do all that alone." And I, often intimidated by such verbal threats to my dreams, have always answered these questions in the same way, that I don't expect things to improve, we all do. That I don't plan on changing the world. We all will. And that, perhaps most importantly, I won't do it all alone.

You will help me – each and every one one of you, who in the past year have praised and criticized, agreed and disagreed, loved and hated every printed word of my idealism and your reciprocated interest. I will not direct the future of the youth in Toronto's Jewish community – your patience, your passion and your power will lead our future into the peace and war that awaits us. I will not guide our generation into the abyss of a sometimes resistant secular culture – your determination, dedication and drive will do that. And I will not be responsible for a modern answer to the ancient paradox of how Jews, when compared to light, can flicker for centuries, not having ever been dimmed or extinguished. You, my fellow community members are why our flame still flickers, and you are why the world still has light.

In the second verse of a popular new song by the young hip-hop artist Nelly Furtado, she says that there "has never been change without a fire." How apropos to close this quest for collective illumination with the understanding that if we are to envision a change, we must be prepared to ignite it ourselves.

To my peers and my friends, good luck. We are all moving forward into a world we don't yet know. May our heads help us and hearts protect us from the mystery of what lies ahead. To our ancestors and our links to the past, you have given us our voice and encouraged us to see the world, make sense of it, and dream of making it better. You have given us the torch of Jewish survival and continuity. Thank you, because, there is, after all, no future without your past.

But more than anything, let us remember that the Jewish candle is the poetic metaphor as much as it is the scientific enigma; we must always continue to live it, love it and light it – in order for it to shine.

This is Gila Ashtor's final column.

Dry Bones
IF WE ARE NERVOUS ABOUT GOING TO SHOPPING MALLS...
THAT'S FEAR.
BUT IF HE THINKS WE'RE GOING TO SURRENDER
THAT'S INSANITY.
Kirchner

The Kirshner File

Soviet Union spawned a gang of criminals

During the détente period of the 1970s and 1980s, when the United States and the Soviet Union sought to minimize Cold War friction, Moscow relaxed its immigration procedures and permitted a fairly limited number of Soviet Jews to leave.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Among them were hard-core criminals. Having settled down in their new homes in the United States, Israel, Canada, Germany and elsewhere, they resumed their illegal activities with gusto.

These Russian mobsters have created a formidable criminal colossus whose wealth has surpassed the Colombian drug cartels, the Italian mafia and the Chinese triads, claims Robert Friedman in *Red Mafiya: How the Russian Mob Has Invaded America* (Little, Brown). It is a disturbing, hair-raising book.

Friedman, an investigative journalist based in New York City, says that these gangsters blend "financial sophistication with bone-crunching violence," and have become the FBI's most serious criminal adversary.

Operating in more than 50 nations, they smuggle heroin, traffic in weapons and run prostitution rings and casinos. In Russia, where they reportedly control 80 percent of the banks, they have siphoned off billions of dollars of Western loans and aid.

In North America, home to allegedly 30 Russian crime syndicates in cities stretching from New York to Los Angeles, the Russians have also engaged in money laundering and stock scams.

He claims that some 5,000 Russian criminals had established themselves in the New York region, and in particular Brooklyn's Brighton Beach district, by the early 1990s.

Canadian readers may be interested to learn that the Russian mob has infiltrated Toronto. Friedman names a Jewish émigré whose legitimate business affairs and community involvements are little more than a cover for arms trafficking, extortion and heroin smuggling.

In addition, the Russians are firmly ensconced in Israel. Friedman claims they have poured at least $4 billion and possibly as much as $20 billion of "dirty money" into its economy.

The mobsters Friedman chronicles were formed during the Leonid Brezhnev era, when the Communist state tolerated a criminal underworld while denying its existence. He believes the authorities turned a blind eye to black marketeers because they played a key role in feeding the Soviet Union's repressed appetite for consumer goods. Whether they enjoyed a Robin Hood-like reputation for honesty among the populace, as he suggests, is quite debatable.

Be that as it may, Russian criminal groups have penetrated virtually every level of government.

Friedman devotes a substantial portion of *Red Mafiya*, which lamentably lacks footnotes, to several of the most nefarious figures in the Russian mob.

They are a frightening lot.

The most powerful gangster in his cast of villains is Semion Mogilovich, who issued an anonymous death threat against Friedman.

A Ukrainian Jew born in Kiev, Mogilovich studied economics at the University of Lvov. Drifting into petty theft and counterfeiting, he was imprisoned for dealing currency on the black market. Then he made millions by fleecing Jews immigrating to Israel, buying their assets and reneging on a promise to reimburse them with hard currency.

Mogilovich and his top henchmen went to Israel in 1990, but soon grew disenchanted and moved to Budapest. There he bought a string of nightclubs and converted them into centres of prostitution. Mogilovich, who is said to have strong leadership qualities and acute financial skills, traffics in nuclear materials, drugs, precious gems and stolen art.

He supposedly controls a criminal empire through a global communication network of secure satellite telephones, cellular clone phones, encrypted fax machines, e-mail systems and state-of-the-art computers.

Mogilovich's associate, Monya Elson, whom Friedman describes as "an edgy man with a dark mien," is reportedly the mob's chief hit man, with 100 confirmed "kills."

Born in 1951 in Kishinev, the site of a 1903 pogrom that claimed the lives of 50 Jews, Elson grew up in a rough neighbourhood and turned to crime. In provincial towns like Kishinev, Friedman says, a cynicism and distrust of authority converged into an acceptance of criminality.

Semion Mogilovich

A deracinated Jew ignorant of Judaism and Jewish culture and history, he obtained an exit visa in 1977. Moving his family to a Jewish Agency transit camp outside Vienna, he subsequently lived in a refugee camp near Rome operated by the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society.

While he waited for a U.S. visa, he earned a living as a petty pickpocket. He arrived in the United States in 1978, free at last to wreak mayhem. "I could rob! I could steal! I could do whatever I wanted!" he told Friedman in an unguarded moment.

Elson teamed up with Yuri Brokhin, who had immigrated to the United States a few years earlier, and the pair embarked on a crime spree. Dressed up as haredim, they robbed jewellers. Burning with greed, Elson branched into extortion and cocaine running.

The second major gangster profiled by Friedman is Evsei Agron, Brighton Beach's first don. A resident of Leningrad, now known again as St. Petersburg, Agron left the Soviet Union in 1971, ran a prostitution and gambling racket in Hamburg, and entered the United States in 1975, one of 5,200 Soviet Jewish immigrants permitted to do so.

In Brighton Beach, he was head of an extortion ring that terrorized the Russian émigré community. An avid networker, he allied himself with the Genovese crime family and with Ronald Greenwald, an Orthodox Jew who had campaigned for Richard Nixon in the 1972 presidential election and who had worked for the commodity trader/fugitive Marc Rich, whom Bill Clinton pardoned recently.

Agron's nemesis, Marat Balagula, was born in 1943 in Orenburg. He was the son of a Red Army officer whose armoured unit stormed Berlin in the final days of World War II. A mathematics teacher, Balagula turned his talents to the flourishing black market in the Ukraine.

Anti-Semitism was not a factor in his decision to emigrate. "I used that as an excuse when I applied for my visa," he told Friedman. In fact, Balagula had his eyes set on the capitalist riches of the West.

After toiling as a textile cutter in a Manhattan factory, he began working for Agron. Balagula convinced him that they should focus on white-collar crime, and they did, to their mutual advantage.

Balagula amassed a fortune in commodity trading, but his success as a gasoline bootlegger was far more striking. Joining forces with the Nayfeld brothers, Boris and Benjamin, he created a vertically-integrated empire of ocean-going vessels, terminals, a fleet of trucks, truck stops and more than 100 gas stations.

According to Friedman, Balagula set up a global money laundering operation based in Sierra Leone. His main contact in that impoverished African nation was Shabtai Kalmanovich. Originally from the Soviet Union, he was arrested in Israel in 1988, convicted of being a KGB spy.

Monya Elson

Ludwig (Tarzan) Fainberg, a native of Odessa, is one of the most ruthless figures in *Red Mafiya*. After leaving Israel in 1980, he found himself in East Berlin. There, under the nose of a repressive totalitarian regime, he specialized in credit card fraud and counterfeiting.

Later, in Miami, he reinvented himself as the ringleader of the South Florida Russian mafia. In a nervy, incredible scheme, he tried to sell a Russian military submarine to Colombian narcotraffickers.

Fainberg also ripped off organizations raising funds for Israel.

With understandable indignation, Friedman blasts Russian mobsters for having exploited Israel's Law of Return. "There is not a major Russian organized crime figure who we are tracking who does not also carry an Israeli passport," a U.S. State Department official is quoted as saying.

Some of the Russian mobsters are not even Jewish. In the mid-1990s, an Israeli police sting busted an Interior Ministry functionary who had accepted bribes in exchange for dozens of passports.

Quoting an Israeli intelligence official, Friedman claims that Russian criminals have infiltrated Israel's business, financial and political communities.

Such is the damage that they have wrought in Israel.

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Jewish Life

Kaminker reunion

By ZE'EV GLICENSTEIN

About 220 relatives of the Kaminker family, all descended from a common ancestor born about 1806 in Pomuran, Galicia, are preparing to come together for a four-day reunion this weekend in Toronto. Participants are coming from Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Dallas and other American cities, as well as from Argentina, France, Ukraine and Israel.

Undoubtedly, the most famous name on the family tree is that of Simone Signoret (1921-1985), the acclaimed French actress whose real name was Kaminker and who was married to actor Yves Montand.

Another distinguished family personage is Alberto Jaime Kaminker, an Argentinian diplomat stationed in Paris who often looks in phone books for Kaminkers when he travels. He arrived here last week to experience a sequel to the much smaller gathering he hosted in Buenos Aires two years ago. Thanks to the Internet, the family tree has been growing almost exponentially.

Alberto, one of several Kaminker genealogists, says his research gained serious momentum "20 years ago, the moment I met a cousin of Simone Signoret's in Geneva." Three years ago, he helped arrange a family expedition to several ancestral villages in Ukraine.

The Toronto branch of the family was established when Avraham Kaminker landed here in 1901. "He collected scrap for a few years, then rented houses and taught Hebrew," said his grandson, David Kaminker, a consulting engineer. Other cousins settled here but the branches lost contact; some moved to Buffalo during the Depression. "Even in Toronto, I've met about 30 relatives that I never knew we had," David said.

His father, the late Ben Kaminker, was an architect who designed the Hospital for Sick Children and an addition to the original Mount Sinai Hospital on Yorkville Avenue. He was also a president of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

The surname may have derived "from the Polish word for stone," David said. "It might have referred to a stone mason or something like that. There's also a town called Kamink, so a Kaminker is a person who came from Kamink. Those are the two theories."

Ron Kaminker, a 39-year-old financial analyst in Los Angeles, has found many cousins using random Internet searches and databases on the JewishGen Web site (www.jewishgen.org). He once discovered a previously unknown family branch and added 80 new relatives to the family tree in only four hours. But he says a great aunt, Mary Glass, deserves the greatest credit because she interviewed an elderly relative 30 years ago and recorded many details that would otherwise have been lost.

In 1998, Ron visited a new-found cousin in Sweden, an elderly Holocaust survivor who thought her entire family had perished.

"It was the first contact with a Kaminker she'd had in 60 years, since probably before the war," he said. "She was crying and bawling when she met me, even though I was a total stranger. It was incredibly moving."

It is a curious misnomer to call the proposed gathering a "reunion" since most of the participants have never met each other before. But that's what makes it exciting for Ron and others who expect to learn something about themselves when they meet their new relatives.

David and his wife, Sandra, have already learned a great deal about his family just in organizing the event.

"I found out one thing," he said. "The Kaminkers are not very organized people. We gave them deadlines to register but I don't think they read their mail."

Typical for such gatherings, the organizers have printed a family chart for posting in the hotel conference room. Stretching 33 feet across in width, it goes back seven generations and shows more than 1,000 relatives. In another three years, Alberto said, it may be twice as big again.

Everyday miracles

By RABBI YEHIEL BEN AYON

One of my favourite pleasures is standing under a chupah facing a bride and groom. In late summer, especially, this thankfully happens quite often. In their dreamy eyes, in their giddy smiles, are echoes of the tomorrow of our people, another couple, a Jewish home, and the promise of Jewish children.

Traditionally, every ceremony concludes with the breaking of a glass, a custom whose purpose is to set our focus even at this joyous time on Jerusalem and the Temple.

Recently, shattered glass, shattered bones, and indeed, shattered lives have *forced* us to focus on Jerusalem and Israel. The news of bombings is unbearable. The pain in human suffering that they cause are unimaginable. Most recently, the bombing of the Sbarro restaurant in Jerusalem left a young man reciting Kaddish for his mother, father, two sisters and a little brother all at once. Perhaps not since the Holocaust has our people experienced such multiple bereavement in one family.

Like our own children, Israeli children attend camps where they sing and play, swim and socialize. Palestinian children also attend summer camp, only there they are taught to sing patriotic songs glorifying war and struggle and are shown gruesome video footage of previous suicide bombers. In this madness, Palestinians inculcate the impressionable minds of their children. Is it any surprise, then, that these very children who throw their rocks with zeal graduate to packing their bodies with explosives?

While our media diligently report these bombings, news of near bombings, catastrophes averted and miraculous escapes don't make the Western press. For every single and tragic instance, there are many others in which tragedy is averted that we don't hear about. These include the bombs whose timing devices malfunction, the bombs whose detonating mechanisms are misprogrammed, all the bombs that kill their bombers without killing any of their intended victims. There are also the bombs that are found and detonated, the missions that are intercepted.

Finding himself totally unworthy of paradise, one suicide bomber had a last-minute change of mind and could not detonate himself and kill scores of others: Heaven can wait! Just prior to the latest Jerusalem bombing, a man ascended an overcrowded bus. No one will accuse Israeli bus drivers of being overly genteel, but physically pushing a fare out of the bus and wrestling him to the ground! The bus driver instinctively knew, and reasoned that better he alone should die with the bomber rather than all his passengers should die as well.

Even in Sbarro, there was the man who sat down to his meal and then decided to run across the street for a newspaper. And there was the impertinent child who demanded to stand by the counter and watch the preparation of the food, thereby saving herself and her mother.

In the Haifa cafe, it was a diligent waitress who could only point with one hand and hold her other over her shrilling mouth that alerted all. Everyone headed for the hills even before the terrorist could say, "Allah akbar." In Tel Aviv, an assassin armed with an automatic weapon shot away for over three minutes indiscriminately before he was subdued; no one was killed. Two staff sergeants in Gaza got into their jeep and turned on the ignition, but the vehicle had been tampered with and the explosion lifted it off the ground. The very dazed but totally unharmed sergeants hit the ground, and soldiers immediately converged and burst out into a spontaneous dance around the smouldering jeep.

For every tragic woe, there are many more tales of fate. To those involved, none of these fall short of the miraculous. In the words of our daily prayer – *al nisecha shebechol yom imanu* – we praise You God for all the miracles of every day.

Jewish Life

A bold work by deeply troubled Catholic

Constantine's Sword: The Church and The Jews **by James Carroll, Houghton Mifflin Company.**

This bold and courageous book denounces the 2000-year-old battle of the Christian church against Judaism, as well as the crisis it has provoked in the author's life as a former Catholic priest.

Books
Bernard Baskin

Carroll succinctly sums up the book's burden and message with these words: "The Catholic Church's ongoing refusal to face honestly and fully the long history of its contempt for Jews is what has made it impossible for the Church to face its own complicity, remote and proximate, in the Holocaust, much less to repent of that contempt, or to renounce it."

In this ambitious work of 750 pages, Carroll recounts the bloody string of events perpetrated over the centuries by Christians against Jews. For him, this chain of sorrow is directly related to church dogma and teachings.

The antagonism of the early church against Judaism became widespread and virulent in the fourth century when Constantine declared Christianity the official state religion of the Roman Empire. Christianity now wielded Constantine's mighty sword of power and authority.

The shadow of the Holocaust falls on virtually every page of *Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews*. Carroll begins with his visit to Auschwitz, referring to the large cross placed there, the establishment of a Catholic nunnery nearby and the recent canonization of Edith Stein as part of an attempt to "Christianize" the Holocaust. The goal, he argues, is "to deny the role of ancient Christian Jew-hatred in preparing the soil for the Holocaust – as if the Nazis were sprung as Teutonic pagans from the primeval forest and not from the heart of Christian Europe." The Nazis were able to define the Jews as the source of pure evil in their midst, he writes, only because they were "building on a structure of the European mind that was firmly in place before Hitler was born."

Carroll has strong admiration for Pope John Paul II and lauds his efforts to repair the relationship between the Church and the Jews. He is especially moved by the Pope's recent visit to the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

"The Church was honouring the Temple it had denigrated," he writes. "It was affirming the presence of the Jewish people at home in Jerusalem. The Pope reversed an ancient current of Jew hatred with that act, and the Church's relationship to Israel, present as well as past, would never be the same."

Yet, the Pope, Carroll insists, hasn't done nearly enough. While the Church is willing to acknowledge the sins of its adherents, it refuses to accept its own responsibility. Moreover, the Pope's desire to canonize reactionary Pope Pius IX, who insisted to the end that Jews be confined to ghettos and be deprived of equal rights, and Pope Pius XII, whose early pact with Hitler was a foundation stone of the Holocaust, are viewed as monstrous errors of judgment.

The author ends his long condemnation of the Church by urging changes in its structure and ideology. He calls for a new reformation and provides the agenda for a Third Vatican Council – a call that will not be easily or quickly answered.

This astonishing work should be read widely for the information it conveys, and for the soul searching of a deeply troubled Catholic and his conviction that his Church can achieve proper moral status only if it confronts its history with unsparing honesty and repentance.

Israeli television

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

With the news from Israel and the Middle East changing by the hour, you may want a break from the reporting of the major news services. Thanks to the Internet, you can watch the same news that Israelis do, right on your computer. Today, television sites for Israeli news and commentary.

In order to watch video on your computer, you will need three things: a fast Internet connection, a fast computer and a great deal of patience. If traffic is particularly heavy, you may be competing with others for a limited number of video signals. Video delivery is still in its relative infancy and even if you have a first-class setup, watching a tiny image on your screen still can't match the quality of a TV signal. But being able to glimpse at TV from half a world away makes it all worthwhile.

Depending on what you choose to watch from Israel (or from elsewhere), you will need to download Windows Media Player **[http://windowsmedia.com/download/download.asp]**, Real program **[http://www.real.com/player/]**, or Quicktime **[http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/]**. These programs are all free although you can buy upgraded versions with a few more bells and whistles. I have only used the free versions and have been very satisfied with them. Even if you already have them installed on your computer, it can't hurt to upgrade to the latest version available online.

The best television Web site from Israel belongs to the Israel Broadcasting Authority **[http://mabat.iba.org.il/]**. You can watch Mabat, the IBA's half-hour prime-time news show **[http://mabat.iba.org.il/audio/mabattv.ram]**. When you're done, Yoman is a weekly 2-hour current affairs program **[http://mabat.iba.org.il/audio/yomantv.ram]**. If your Hebrew isn't quite up to following the news, there is a daily 15-minute English-language newscast available **[http://mabat.iba.org.il/audio/engnews.ram]**.

As for the quality of the video signal? Don't throw away your television yet. The signal can be quite slow and jerky. Sometimes the same image will stay onscreen for several seconds. But it's amazing that you can watch these shows on computer at all. And the technology is constantly improving.

Other than the IBA, you can also tune in to Israel's Reshet-TV **[http://www.reshet-tv.com/live2.asp]**. According to its Web site, Reshet TV offers its signal live on the Internet on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. I have also had success with Channel 2 News, but when I last tried the site I got no response **[www.israelnews2.co.il]**. Perhaps you'll fare better.

Some Israeli-based producers offer video on their Web sites. IsraTV calls itself the first international Israeli TV. **[http://www.isratv.com/]**. Its news page had reports about the recent terrorist attack in Tel Aviv, a feature about Israel winning the European Basketball Championship and a look at the possibility of Belgium arresting Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for crimes against humanity. The site also has sections on religion and culture. Some areas are updated more regularly than others, but I didn't know how often since they weren't dated. The reports are in English, French and Hebrew.

Jerusalem on Line is produced with assistance from the Jewish Agency, the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish National Fund and the *Jerusalem Post* **[http://www.go jerusalem.org]**. Their English-language shows are produced weekly and several are archived on their site. You will find stories on Entebbe, the Banias springs in the Golan and a look at the changing roles of women in Israel **[http://www.go jerusalem.org/JOL33.rm]**. Unlike the other video sites which have "live streaming," you actually download the Jerusalem on Line video file onto your computer. It takes much longer to start watching so you will need patience.

While waiting for the video to download, you can read up on how Israel's television and cable industry has grown from its very humble beginnings **[http://www.israel-mfa.gov.il/facts/culture/elecmed.html]**. And you can find links to many of the country's most popular TV and cable stations on Televizia.com **[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/igalelon/televizia.htm]**. There are even links to sites for popular Israeli shows like *Zo Artzenu*, *Burganim* and *Zbeng*.

Happy viewing.

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USDS puts focus on child-centred teaching

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Lucy Cohen had a vision for United Synagogue Day School (USDS) when she took the helm of the school four years ago.

The director of schools (the position was formerly director of education) at USDS wanted "to focus on the learner more than the subject matter," Cohen said. "As the head of the school, that was part of the vision [for USDS]."

In 1999/2000, the school initiated the Alternative Strategies Project, a pilot project utilizing a child-centred teaching approach that incorporates the philosophy of multiple intelligences and learning styles. This year, grades 4 and 5 students participated.

Cohen said that in the last 15 years, research in brain function and learning theory had resulted in a shift in "what constitutes good pedagogical practice."

Back to School

Educators began to adopt a model of learning based on multiple intelligences theory. Harvard-based professor Howard Gardner put forth the theory of multiple intelligences with strict criteria as to what is considered as an intelligence.

All people have strengths or intelligences, as Gardner calls them, in various areas; he established eight categories of intelligence. For example, people can have highly developed linguistic and/ or logical mathematical, visual-spatial or interpersonal intelligences.

There are multiple ways in which people express their intelligence, and that affects their learning styles, Cohen explained.

"Kids learn in different ways… It's important for teachers to recognize the diversity of learning styles and to develop teaching strategies that support that diversity."

Traditionally, schools tended to teach all the students in the same way, Cohen said.

"The emphasis was on the curriculum and the subject matter being taught. While excellent teachers have always made accommodations for individual students' differences, it was not usual practice to centre the learning activity around the students' needs."

About two years ago, Cohen and Karen Oster, a child development psychologist, began exploring the possibility of making the school "really child-centred," by using alternative learning strategies in the classroom, Cohen said.

They held workshops with school administrators and teachers for their input into the project, and once additional funding was in place, they held information sessions with the parents of Grade 4 students, the project's first participants.

The Alternative Strategies Project is not funded by tuition money, Cohen said. "Our school instituted the Above and Beyond Excellence fund-raising campaign for innovative projects. This gave us the opportunity to try the pilot project."

Grade 4 was selected for the pilot because there is a big gap in expectations between Grades 3 and 4, Cohen said. "There is a heavier emphasis on subject matter [in Grade 4]."

Students with similar learning styles were grouped together in small groups and taught strategies for their particular learning style, she said, adding that the small groups required additional personnel, hence the need for additional funding.

The children were taught about the various learning strategies and to reflect upon their own progress through record-keeping activities, Cohen said.

"Part of the mandate of an educational institution is to help children become independent, life-long learners. They learned about their own learning style and how to utilize strategies that help them learn."

"If you know that you learn best by manipulation and you love putting things together, you're a visual learner," Oster said. "It's very important for you to see the materials that are being used and a demonstration of what you're being asked to do. You're going to learn faster this way."

She said there is a tendency to value the auditory and verbal capabilities learners have.

Children who are very kinesthetic – they excel at gym – have difficulty sitting still; they use their bodies to express themselves, Oster said.

They are the actors and tend to do well when asked to role play, she said.

"In this educational framework, we're always working from the basis of [students'] strengths. We're using their strengths to bridge the areas they find more challenging."

Oster gave an example of how differentiated instruction works in a language arts unit. The students studied the book *The Iron Man* and "used that book in a variety of different ways," she said.

"Some children built a robot; some of the children interviewed people in their communities about technology and how technology can support our life."

There were many ways to approach the subject and the children may have been involved in one or multiple projects, which reflected their learning styles, Oster said.

"The kids who built the robot may have also done interviewing or a piece for the newspaper on technology."

The Alternative Strategy Project saw more integration between the Judaic and general studies, Oster said.

For example, the study of Tu b'Shvat incorporated a unit on ecology and survival, she said. "The traditional was linked to the here and now."

Surveys were sent out to teachers, students and parents and the feedback was very positive, Cohen said.

"The parents are saying that the kids are happier, more motivated. [The children] are getting an understanding of the concepts that they previous had difficulty with."

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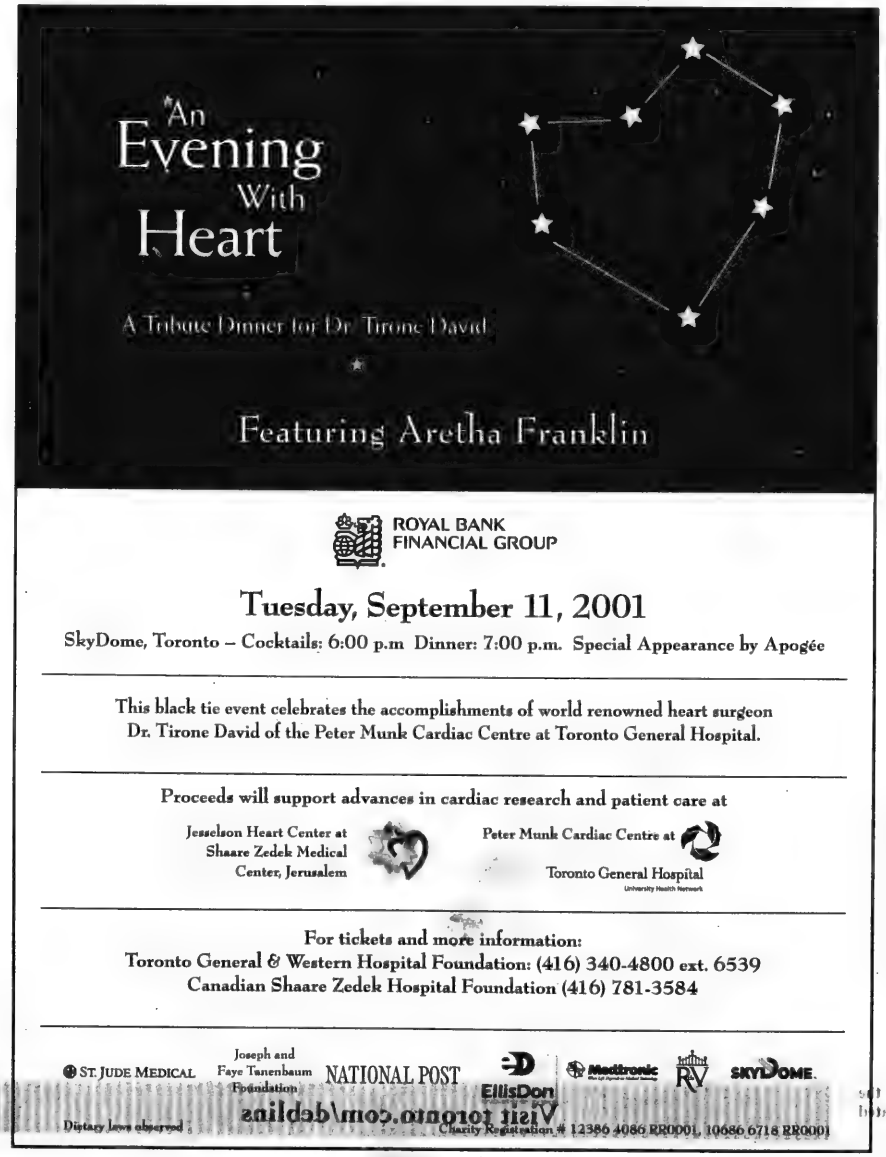
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Supplementary school changes teaching focus

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Haim Klein knows that the "overwhelming majority" of students enrolled in after-school Hebrew programs don't want to be there.

As principal of Beth Tikvah's supplementary school, however, Klein is implementing a cutting-edge program that he thinks will engage students.

Back to School

"When I arrived here three years ago, one of the things that became obvious to me was that kids don't particularly wish to attend," he says. "After a lot of thought and discussion I decided to change the nature of the system."

Klein explains that for decades, the after-school program, which teaches grades three to seven, was based on giving students a Hebraic education, with a focus on learning to read, write and speak Hebrew.

"It was believed that if one learns Hebrew and [teachers] play up the role of Israel in our lives, a strong Jewish identity could be formed. Learning the language can be contributatory, but given a lack of a Jewish framework, I don't believe this is sufficient," he says.

Klein argues that anything short of immersion will fail to enable children to be fluent, and notes that when graduates of the program go to public high schools, what they learned won't be used or remembered, making their Jewish education irrelevant.

"On the other hand, if you change the focus to a Judaic education, where Hebrew is a language of Judaism rather than a language of communication, and discuss the values and philosophies underpinning Judaism, we can make the experience meaningful and relevant."

Klein says that in the new program, to be implemented this year, students will learn to read Hebrew "to empower them to have basic synagogue skills," but there will also be a focus on understanding the concepts behind the prayers.

"If we want to educate kids, we've got to give them the opportunity to understand what they're asked to participate in [during synagogue]."

Children will be given the chance to air their views, engage in a discussion of complex issues and ultimately, Klein hopes, "develop a world view that includes Judaism as part of the thought process."

The programme is cutting edge, not only because the focus is on interaction rather than memorization, but also because for the first time teachers are going to "departmentalize."

"Students will have a Tanach teacher, another for Jewish values, Jewish history, Jewish lifestyle."

Klein says he's trying to establish the idea that schools should "take the best of teachers and have them teach what they are most talented in. Children can't succeed in a teacher-centred classroom."

Klein says that specialization is a logical concept, but he doesn't believe that the technique is being used to teach elementary-level students anywhere else in North America. Only recently have some public schools begun to employ the technique.

The success of Klein's program will be determined by the students. "Every Tuesday afternoon, all the students will be asked to write in a journal their reactions to the things they learned. Whatever they say is acceptable. We'll be looking for evidence that they understood the concepts," says Klein.

"Their response will give us [teachers] the opportunity to judge to what extent we're succeeding.

"The aim of the entire program is to help students develop the skills necessary to live a Jewish life. Unless we engage them, students will not get a glimpse of what Judaism has to offer them."

Child-centred teaching

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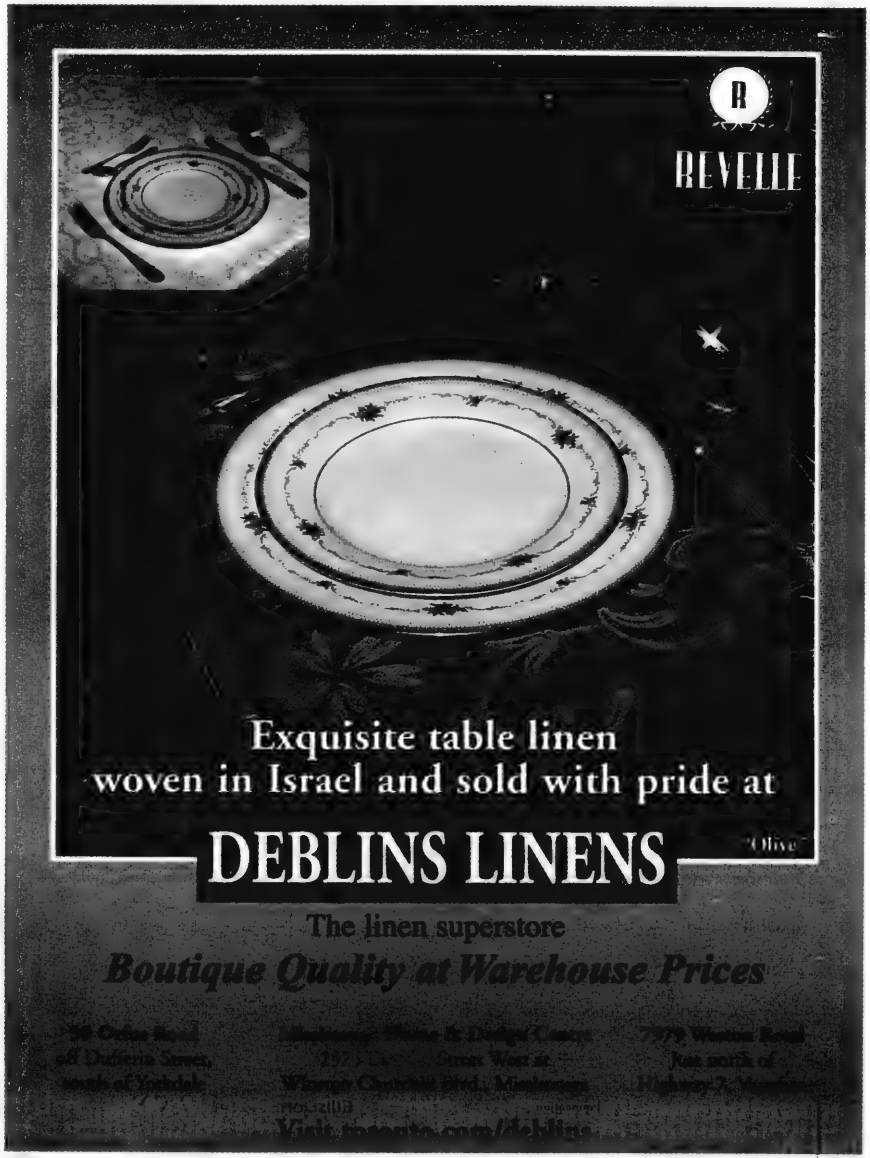
Some of the teachers were very enthusiastic, Cohen said. "One of the Judaic studies teachers, a very experienced teacher, said, 'This changed my whole way of educating the child.' It recharged her. She noticed a difference in herself."

"You don't have kids who become bored because you're hooking them," Oster said. "They are initiating the learning. They can take the activity as far as they want to go."

KIDS TURN OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Sephardic Youth Camp directors Esther Buzaglo and Jack Benaim organized a fund-raiser recently to raise money for Jewish Family & Child Service to buy gifts for the Foster Children in Care's Chanukah party. Over 100 people from Petah Tikvah, the synagogue out of which the camp is based, attended, and some $500 will be donated to the cause.



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Campaign Answers Israel's Call

A critical campaign to answer Israel's urgent appeal for help during this time of crisis was launched by **UJA FEDERATION** this week.

Campaign 2002 - Israel Now And Forever - which officially began on August 22, is a response to a pressing plea from Israel for financial assistance to ease the burden caused by rapidly escalating security expenditures.

In order to cope with the current crisis, Israel has been forced to re-direct $700 million U.S. from this year's budget. As a result, Israel's most vulnerable populations will be hardest hit by this transfer of funds.

A Surge of Support

Campaign Chairs **Michael Bregman and David Koschitzky** are among more than 60 community leaders who have stepped forward to be a part of the largest campaign leadership team in **UJA FEDERATION** history. "We are simply overwhelmed by the number of people who have come forth and committed themselves to making this campaign a success," notes Bregman.

Vice Chairs **Harvey Naglie** and **Carole Sterling**, as well as Women's Campaign & Advocacy Chair **Lesley Binstock Offman** join Bregman and Koschitzky in leading a corps of more than 800 volunteer canvassers who will be asking donors to increase their gifts on behalf of Israel. Additional dollars raised will benefit those most directly affected by government budget cuts in Israel.

Rising to the Challenge

A special Challenge Fund has been established by leading **UJA FEDERATION** contributors in order to motivate donors to increase their gifts. For every new dollar added to last year's donation, the Challenge Fund will release a matching dollar – multiplying each gift on Israel's behalf.

"Thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our leading donors, the Challenge Fund is inspiring many contributors to increase their gifts," reports Bregman.

"It's one more good reason for people to give as much as possible right now," adds Koschitzky.

Vice-President of IKO Industries Ltd, Koschitzky has always found time for community, both here in Toronto and in Chicago where he lived for several years after earning a MBA from the University of Chicago. Deeply committed to Jewish education, Koschitzky has served as President of Netivot Hatorah Day School, as well as member of **UJA FEDERATION'S** Board of Jewish Education.

(L-R) Michael Bregman, Lesley Binstock Offman and David Koschitzky.

The father of five says he agreed to chair the annual campaign because he feels very strongly about the cause and wants to serve as a good example for his children. "People have been very frustrated and disturbed by events in Israel over the last several months," notes Koschitzky.

"Supporting this campaign is one of the best ways possible for community members to provide direct assistance to the people of Israel during this difficult time."

Bregman, perhaps best known as Chairman of The Second Cup, has also remained active in the Jewish community throughout his successful career. A father of four and Principal of XDL Intervest, a venture capital fund, Bregman's commitments go well beyond the business world to include top leadership positions in Mount Sinai Hospital and **UJA FEDERATION**.

Having long contemplated what a great opportunity it would be to chair the **UJA FEDERATION** annual campaign, Bregman was more than happy to be asked to chair during what he calls a "critical time of need."

"I am deeply honoured and touched to be able to take on such an important role in the community," says Bregman. "I'm looking forward to working with an outstanding group of voluteers to demonstrate to the people of Israel that they are not alone."

Standing by Israel

"While our primary goal is to urge donors to increase their gifts, we are also going to be encouraging the entire community to participate in a wide range of events aimed at demonstrating our solidarity with Israel," says Sterling. One such event is an **Israel Now And Forever** rally being held at **Queen's Park** at **1:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, September 23**.

"It is more incumbent than ever on each and every Jew living in the Diaspora to band together and show our unified support to those on the front lines," adds Naglie. "We cannot simply watch in horror from afar and do nothing."

"Israel's very existence is at stake," emphasizes Binstock Offman. She reports a large number of women who have already stepped forward to increase their gifts and establish endowments in response to the current crisis.

If you would like to make a **Campaign 2002 - Israel Now And Forever** - gift or find out more about how you can help Israel through the campaign, please call **416-631-5705**.

Harvey Naglie

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ראש הממשלה
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August 5, 2001
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Detective Mark Mendelson. [Erin Silver photo]

Detective Mendelson helps keep city safe

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — The character of Toronto's police force has changed dramatically since Detective Mark Mendelson joined 25 years ago, becoming one of about three Jewish officers on the force at that time.

And while the city's police has aggressively recruited minorities, including women, Orientals, Blacks, Natives and Sikhs, there still aren't many Jews on the force.

"I have no idea why this is," says Mendelson, noting that it's important to have a police force that is representative of the community, but in Toronto, "the ratio of Jewish officers to the number of Jews in the population isn't there."

"[I guess] it's not something we looked at historically as a profession," he says, admitting that when he became an officer, his parents "were shocked for a while."

Meanwhile, in older American cities, "like Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia, there are many Jews in the police force. It's perfectly normal for cops to wear kippahs under their hats, and they don't work Fridays or Saturdays. Some cops are even Orthodox."

Despite being one of the few Jews in the Toronto police, Mendelson insists that in all his time on the force, "I've never encountered any anti-Semitism. Religion was never an issue.

"There's a difference between cracking a joke and being serious about dislike toward a particular group. I've never had anything more than a joke happen to me."

In fact, being Jewish may have helped his career. "In the early '80s I was utilized in undercover work. Drugs were coming in from the Middle East, and I guess it was felt I could understand the subtle nuances of the community."

Jews, he says, aren't immune to drugs, robberies or murders. "Jews are people and they commit the same kinds of crimes as anyone else."

In addition to working for the drug unit, he has also worked in intelligence and hate literature, and is now lead investigator of the homicide squad.

"I'm [probably] the second most senior person here," he says.

Mendelson has no plans to retire, saying that as a result of popular crime shows, it's every cop's dream to be promoted to the homicide squad.

Deciding to stick around no doubt provides comfort and inspiration to Jews who make it onto the force.

"A lot of Jewish officers make a point of calling me when they become an officer because they know I've been around a long time."

While there are still few Jewish officers, Mendelson says "we're certainly going in the right direction. Years ago you never saw Sikh officers and now they're even able wear turbans. Women used to have to wear skirts and weren't allowed to carry guns. Today women are respected [as equals] because it's hard to make it onto the force."

Toronto is a relatively young city compared to some U.S. cities, he says, and "ten years from now I think we'll see a lot more Jewish cops in Toronto [than there are today]."

ש'שאר פ'נ'נ

גידי קורן וחברים

ישראל, קיץ 2001

לאור הכתוב בעיתונים ציפיתי למצוא את ישראל של קיץ 2001 עצובה, שפופה, מפוחדת. ועל כן היתה הפתעתי כה גדולה ומשמחת. ישראל של 2001 היא מקום שבו אנשים חיים, יוצאים, נהנים, יושבים בטיילת, הולכים להצגות ולעשרות פסטיבלים. ליישובים רבים יש פסטיבלים ברמה בינלאומית, החל מפסטיבל תיאטרוני בובות ועד לפסטיבל ריקודי עם בכרמיאל שיחזור נכח בו ומדווח עליו. אין אומרים אצלנו'באתי לעדד וחזרתי מעודד. וחזה כף.

השליח הבלגי

זה ממש מדהים: עורך דין בלגי, עובד משרד המשפטים שם, הגיע ארצה כדי לאסוף ראיות האם ראש הממשלה שרון אחראי לטבח של סאברה ושתילה לפני עשרים שנה? באותם ימים היתה דרום לבנון בשליטה ישראלית, ואז, לילה אחד, רצחו אנשי פאלאנגות נוצריים עשרות פליטים פלשתינאים. הנושא אינו חדש. מה שחדש זו המודעה החדשה לחפש מנהיגים שעסקו ברצח עם. המדהים בכל הנושא הוא, שבעוד ששרון היה עושה הכל למנוע את הטבח, לו יכול היה, מאה קילומטרים צפונה, בלבנון, חי בשלווה האיש שארגן וביצע את הטבח. האם הבלגים מחפשים אותו? הצחקתם אותי. אם שליח כזה היה מופיע בלבנון הוא היה נעלם תוך שעה וגופתו המבותרת לא היתה נמצאת לעולם. ומה על סאדם חוסיין שרצח בצורה שיטתית כורדים ושיעים? האם ממשלת בלגיה כבר חתמה לאסוף מסמכים? האם היא כבר החליטה את מי לשלוח לשם מבין מאות המתנדבים שרוצים לאסוף עליו ראיות? מה שאנחנו רואים פה זו אנטישמיות ארסית מסוג חדש ומתוחכם שכל כך מתאים לאירופאים,, וכל אחד ואחד מאיתנו חייב להסביר לאנשים שמסביבו על מה מדובר. אבל שישאר ביניהם.

ספורט לאומי- יפורח ש'רונ'ן

בכל מדינה נורמה יש ענף ספורט לאומי שבו עוסקים רוב תושביה וזה בדרך כלל ענף ספורט שנולד באותה מדינה. לכן הקנדים מכורים על הוקי קרח, והאמריקנים ממציאי הבייסבול נאמנים למשחק התפנוק, והאנגלים שמעדיפים בעיטות מרחקים למגרש הכדורגל. או שלא נרגיש רגשי נחיתות, גם לנו הישראלים יש ספורט לאומי. ומי שלא ידע במה מעדיפים הישראלים לעסוק שישב על כיסא כדי שלא יפול: לספורט הלאומי שלנו קוראים ריקודי עם. ומי שלא מאמין יכול לבוא לכרמיאל באמצע יולי, שם נערך כל שנה פסטיבל המחולות הישראלי כאשר את העיר מציפים יותר ממאתים אלף מחוללים בצרורות, בבודדים, בוגנות. וכל כיכר בעיר, כל מגרש טניס או כדורסל הופכים לילה אחרי לילה לרחבות ריקוד ענקיות, בהם נעות אלפי זוגות רגליים בחמישים ויותר וריאציות של הצעד התימני חישן וחטוב. וכל להיט גדול וקטן, כל שיר ציר ויגון, מזרחי או מערבי חופך למחול מקורי חדש. וחמרקידים, שכבר מזמן הפכו לסלבריטאים מבוקשים, נלחמים ביניהם על כל לחן חדש כדי להמציא כוריאוגראפיה שתירשם לזכותם ולצלילים ירקדו החמונים. מסתבר שלכל עיר וכפר או סתם יישוב נידח יש להקת מחול ייצוגית שמדלגת על כל במה, פרקט או אולם ציבורי בכל הזדמנות. גם כל מתנ"ס, מרכז קהילתי או סתם מועדון שכותבי מקיים חוגים לריקודי עם על חשבון משלם המיסים, ולפי המספרים הרשמיים 400,000 ישראלים לוקחים חלק בחוגים, ובעיקר נשים. מה שמביא להחבת הריקודים צעירים מסוג חדש, וחכוונה לגברים, ולאו דווקא צעירים. ויודעי דבר טוענים שאחוז הגירושים בישראל נמצא בעליה לא מעט בזכות הרנסנס שעובר על החוגים למחול. ואני מכיר אישית כמה שמאלנים, וחכוונה לבעלי רגליים שמאליות, שהתחילו לרקוד בתקווה שימצאו בת זוג לחיים. חבל רק שבאולימפיאדות אין תחרויות ריקודי עם, שחרי אילו המחול היה מקצוע אולימפי, קרוב לוודאי שבצורת חמדליות של ישראל היתה מסתיימת בחפי אגד.

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RAISING FUNDS:

The students of the Leo Baeck Day School, through a variety of activities, raised over $5,000 for The Teresa Group, an organization that assists children and their families living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. Seen (from left) are Steven Roy and Penelope Holeton receiving a cheque on behalf of The Teresa Group and Michelle Black and Taiga Lipson, representing the students.

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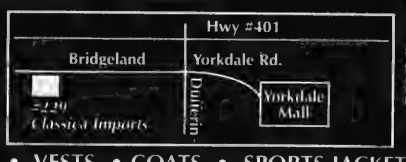

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Sunday, Aug. 26

END OF SUMMER BASH!
Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum at the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, says goodbye to the summer 2001. Activities include singing summer songs, making sun/moon art, tasting summer treats, hunting for gold leafs, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880, ext. 456.

OSTROVTZER MEMORIAL
Gathering in memory of Holocaust victims in Ostreoiec and vicinity, 11 a.m., Lambton Cemetery, Royal York Rd. (rain or shine) Speakers **Stephen Speisman** and **Israel Gurfinkel**. For information, **Al Speisman** 416-785-5688.

SINGLES BRUNCH
Dynamic Singles of Adath Israel in conjunction with the Intersynagogue Singles presents a barbecue featuring karaoke with **Zev Grossman** of Sing Your Heart Out. The brunch for singles 35+ is at 11 :30 a.m.at Adath Israel Synagogue. $15 if prepaid by noon Friday, Aug. 24, $18 at door. **Nilly** 416-635-5340.

CHARITY GARAGE SALE
Na'amat-Club Tamar charity garage sale, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 26 Barkwood Cres., Willowdale (Don Mills/Steeles). 905-886-1703 or 905-881-79022.

Monday Aug. 27

SYMPOSIUM ON JUDAISM
University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program features the first Shoshana Shier Symposium on Judaism and Modernity International Conference on the Ethics of Hermann Cohen. **Michael Zank**, department of religion, Boston University, public lecture on The Ethics in Cohen's System of Philosophy. 8 p.m., University College, Room 161, 15 King's College Circle. 416-978-8118.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

BEIT MIDRASH LAUNCH
The entire community is invited to the launch of the Toronto Women's Beit Midrash featuring **Rabbi Menachem Leibtag**, founder of the Yeshivat Har Etzion Virtual Beit Midrash. Topic: Modern Trends in Biblical Interpretation. 8 p.m., Beth Jacob (BYAD) Congregation, 147 Overbrook Pl. 416-633-5770.

Rabbi Leibtag will also run a 3-day Women's Beit Midrash program Wednesday, Aug. 29-Friday, Aug. 31, on the theme From Chumash to Machzor, 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Beth Jacob Congregation.

And What Else Is New

ISRAELI FILM NIGHT
Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, Beit Halochem Canada, annual Israeli Movie Night, Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Ontario Science Centre. Two showings of the Israeli Oscar-winning movie *Hahesder*, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Order tickets from the Beit Halochem office 416-787-8950.

HEBREW SCHOOL
Registration is now underway for Chabad Lubavitch of Markham Hebrew School. This twice weekly, after school program is designed to provide a venue where the Jewish child can cultivate a broad knowledge of Judaism in a stimulating and challenging environment. Two locations are offered: Westmount Collegiate Institute and Thornhill Secondary School. 905-886-0420.

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SHOWTIME

The Mel Lastman Variety Players present *Showtime*, a fast-paced production, old burlesque style, Aug. 30, Sept. 1,6,7,8, at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. at Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr., North York. Producer **Florence DeBonis**, director **Larry Westlake**, musical director **Flo Umphrey**, choreographer **Betty Arlin**. For tickets call 416-492-9348.

HEBREW READING COURSE

Learn Hebrew in time for Rosh Hashanah! Free Hebrew reading course, five 1½ hour weekly classes starting Aug. 22 at 8 p.m., presented by Anshei Minsk Synagogue. 10 St. Andrew St. 416-595-5723. Course offered in conjunction with National Jewish Outreach Program.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy offers bar/bat mitzvah lessons and preparations in Richmond Hill. 905-770-1082.

THE CHORALAIRS

The 40th year of the Choralairs of North York re-opens Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Room 2. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday 8:15-10 p.m. Repertoire includes pop, Broadway and folk songs. No auditions required. Membership fees obtain a full tax receipt. **Fay Cohen** 415-633-7233.

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CONVERSATIONAL YIDDISH

Conversational Yiddish lessons, fall semester. 10 weekly sessions-Beginners classes start Tuesday, Oct. 16, Intermediate start Wednesday, Oct. 17. **David Newman** teaches both classes at Adath Israel Congregation. **Louis Gula** 416-495-0919.

HEBREW LANGUAGE

Enrich your conversational and Hebrew language skills. Hebrew Culture Organization of Canada fall 2001 Hebrew language studies with **Channa Sargon** begin Sept. 5. Register now for day/evening classes , Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced (Chug Ivri) levels. Classes are held at 3995 Bathurst St. Suite 300. Information/registration, call Canadian Zionist Federation, 416-633-3988.

SENIORS BOWLING

Associated Hebrew Schools weekly seniors 5-pin bowling league. **Ben** 416-633-2428.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors pre-yom tov dinner, Tuesday, Sept. 11n at 5:30 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. $18. Reserve. **Goldie** 416-635-2860.

Every other Saturday night, **Mixed Bowling League** has a few openings available for seniors. **Sydney Fox** 416-633-7305.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Aug. 23, supper out; Tuesday, Aug. 28, trip on Lake Simcoe; Aug. 30, lecture. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

LZA Seniors special luncheon Wednesday, Aug. 29. Information about upcoming Miami trip will be discussed and registration taken. Tickets still available for *Sound of Music* on Oct. 4 in Stratford. Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the boardroom of the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. For more information, **Libby** 416-782-2959 or the office 416-630-9444.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Aug. 30, Cookstown Factory; Sept. 4, Square One Mall trip; Sept. 6, Casino Niagara; Soaring Eagle Casino and Hotel, Nov. 11-14. Casino Rama every Wednesday in August plus Sept. 12; Dances Sept. 2 and 23. Membership open. 416-395-7881.

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Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

Kosher meals are available for the High Holy Days. Price of each meal is $7.50 and may be ordered for as many days as desired. Under full supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress. Orders must be received no later than Friday, Sept. 7. **Dennis Wilson** ext. 114.

Israeli Club Etrog for Hebrew speaking persons meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnics. Aug. 28, sing-along with **Yitzack Argeman**; Sept. 4, movie; Sept. 11, medical lecture. Sept. 18, closed for Rosh Hashanah; Sept. 25, concert. **Anna** ext. 110.

Movie, *The Wedding Singer*, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2:30 p.m.

BLOOR JCC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre, now named the Miles S. Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211.

Tickets are now on sale for a special JCC dinner honouring longtime members and welcoming new members, Thursday, Sept. 13. Hosts **Eleanor Levine** and **Harvey G. Kotler**; emcee **David Usher**. Live music, comedy, freilich. 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner.

The new 2001-2002 Bloor JCC program book is now available. Programs for children, adults, seniors' fitness and sports, cultural arts, holiday celebrations.

Seniors events: Aug. 23, 2 p.m., movie, *The Honeymooners* with **Jackie Gleason, Art Carney** and **Audrey Meadows**; Aug. 30, 2 p.m. Tour of St. Anne's Anglican Church, see paintings completed in 1923 by 3 members of the Group of Seven. Seniors co-ordinator **Arlene Smith**.

BATHURST JCC

Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-636-1880.

Fun with Yiddish, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 1-2:30 p.m. ext. 259.

The BJCC School and Day care has limited openings in the Tic Tac Two Tuesday/Thursday program and the junior and senior kindergarten half and full day programs. All programs teach Jewish holiday content and include music and fun centre time. Nursery, JK and SK children have Hebrew language enrichment and Jewish Discovery Museum time. Ext. 248.

Through to Aug. 31, hands-on activity (in conjunction with Babel gallery show) participate in the creation of a Tower of Words. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Koffler Loggia.

SANDIE RINALDO HONOURED: Sandie Rinaldo, news editor and anchor of CTV News, was this year's special honoree and guest speaker at Na'amat-Toronto's annual Growing Up With Na'amat dinner held recently at Pride of Israel Synagogue. Pictured above are (from left) Marilyn Myers, national president, Na'amat-Canada; Judith Ross, Growing Up With Na'amat dinner chair; Sandie Rinaldo, honoree; and Vivian Silverberg, president of Na'amat-Toronto. [Mollie Rothman photo]

CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH ALIYAH: Toronto Hadassah WIZO acknowledges a very generous contribution to Youth Aliyah. Presenting the plaque is Carol Lou Spiegel (far right) to Joseph and Nigar Pilarski and Fela Pilarski, president, Shira chapter.

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Mr. Sim holds a business degree from the University of Western Ontario and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive. He joins the Reena Foundation with over 20 years of experience in the strategic and detailed components of conducting major campaigns and managing the cultivation and stewardship required for annual giving and planned giving programs.

The Reena Foundation is the fund raising arm of Reena which ensures that funds are available to support Reena's vital programs for people with developmental disabilities in the community.

Reena FOUNDATION

Aging Reena clients present new challenges: exec. director

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sandy Keshen has seen a lot of changes over the past 25 years.

When she became executive director of the then two-year-old Reena Foundation in 1976, the organization was opening its second group home. It had a summer camp, a $200,000 budget, and no government funding.

Today, it is known simply as Reena, while the Reena Foundation refers to its fund-raising arm.

The organization, which serves about 1,000 developmentally disabled people and their families, no longer has a camp but it has 21 houses and a multi-purpose centre in Thornhill, as well as more than $13 million in government funding, representing about 85 percent of its total budget.

"That's been exciting," said Keshen in an interview last month in her spacious second-floor office at Reena's Toby and Henry Battle Centre, reflecting on the variety of programs the organization now offers.

On a personal level, the 63-year-old grandmother of four has been a pioneer of sorts. An original member of the Reena Foundation's board of directors, her professional involvement began when Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Reena's founding chair, asked for her help in obtaining government funding.

With a background in pre-school education and experience working with developmentally delayed preschoolers, Keshen did not even imagine herself working. A woman of her age and background (she immigrated from Russia at age 10) would have been more likely to be a stay-at-home mother, she said.

Her husband Murray is supportive, she noted, adding that it was an adjustment for him when she went back to work and then to OISE to study adult education part-time, balancing those two commitments and life with him and their son and daughter.

Sandy Keshen

Over the past quarter-century, the face of Reena has changed. While it remains a Jewish organization, Reena serves a wider mix of clients of all backgrounds and ages (originally it was formed to meet the needs of developmentally disabled Jewish adults).

Today approximately 60 to 65 percent of Reena's 250 residential and 125 day program clients are Jewish.

But Reena remains strongly committed to its Jewish roots, said Keshen. "We've struggled with it. How do we stay who we are and stay open to people of all faiths and cultures?"

Of Reena's front-line staff, she estimates five percent are Jewish. However, they have "a slew" of Jewish volunteers.

Frankly, she noted, it's hard work and the pay is low. "I admire our front-line staff," said Keshen. "Their resilience is phenomenal. It's an often thankless job."

And while Reena's government funding may sound impressive compared to 25 years ago, cutbacks over the past eight years have affected the staff-client ratio, among other things.

A relatively recent challenge involves dealing with an aging clientele, some of whom need physical care. Reena's Al & Faye Mintz ElderHome, for example, houses 16 clients over age 60. The oldest is 84.

Earlier this summer, Keshen and one of her staff members presented a paper on Aging and Developmental Disability at a gerontology conference in Vancouver.

"We are actively involved in pushing the agenda in Ontario," Keshen told *The CJN*. "Our population needs to be recognized as a population in need of long-term [health] care services."

Developmentally disabled people age more quickly than others because of medical issues, noted Keshen. "They need more support sooner." Those living with aging parents are considered more urgent cases. Of a central Toronto waiting list, 88 of 2,000 were approved for funding last year.

"That's a shift," said Keshen. "We thought the people who were originally here in 1976 were complex at the time, but they weren't."

Increasingly complex needs are also partly a result of medical advances that save the lives of newborns with more complicated problems, as well as a lack of capacity to institutionalize people, said Keshen. Also, she noted, there has been a significant increase in children with autism.

Other changes include a philosophical shift in the way society perceives and treats the developmentally disabled, Keshen explained. The now-defunct, non-government funded Camp Reena, which was sold because it was not financially viable, is a case in point.

"Over the last while, we're talking about inclusion, of kids with disabilities being part of the community, not segregated into separate camps," said Keshen. She believes, however, there is still a need for some specialized programs.

Integration is also happening in schools. And although a number of local synagogues are involved in outreach, Keshen would "love to see all synagogues ensure that special needs congregants are included in youth groups more."

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Students, Tikkun Olam in Honduras and Israel

By MICHELLE LACKIE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A Jewish trip that goes to Honduras and Israel, you say? Where's the connection between these two countries?

The answer: an incredible connection based on tikkun olam – the Jewish tenet of repairing the world.

I am very fortunate to have been able to lead such a trip this summer. International Jewish College Corps (IJCC) brought together 25 American university students and five staff to spend seven weeks doing service around the world.

The trip was part of American Jewish World Service (AJWS), a New York-based, non-profit organization that provides grants of up to $30,000 (US) for subsistence projects to small grassroots organizations throughout the world.

We were divided into two groups – my half went to Honduras, in Central America, and the other half to Ghana, West Africa. It was four weeks of hard physical labour, immense fun, and a dose of reality.

We were welcomed into our home of Santa Rosita, a small village of 90 families that rests on top of a mountain. We settled into our rooms, and on the cement floor, we laid out our sleeping bags on foam mattresses covered by mosquito netting. We quickly began to adapt to the life of bucket showers, no running water, and bedtime at 9 p.m. (There was no electricity either!)

Our goal was to help the Santa Rositans create a water system that would bring running water to each family's home. Right now, they still send their six-year-old children for a half-hour walk, twice a day, up and down the mountain, with old gas cans to get water.

We soon became accustomed to our new routine: Wake up at 6 a.m, have a breakfast of oatmeal or other cereal, meet the villagers for work at 7 a.m., grab a pickaxe or shovel, and head off across the village.

Our workday consisted of digging three-foot-deep ditches, laying pipes, and filling them in. Some days we helped mix cement to build a water tank.

We learned that it was not the size of someone's muscles that counted, but what people could do with them. A 14-year-old boy could pick up a 45-kilogram bag of cement and easily pour it out on the ground, while it took me and a partner to move it an inch. It was harder than any work I've ever done before.

We worked side by side with the Hondurans, as each of the men over 14 had to give two days a week to the water project. Our Spanish was poor, but we managed to communicate.

We took an hour lunch break where we ate delicious vegetarian food made by some of the women of Santa Rosita. I learned that hard physical labour necessitates copious amounts of food to produce enough energy for the day. And finally, 3 p.m. rolled around, and the workday was done.

But, you may still be asking, what is the Jewish connection? Here is where it comes in.

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Stacey Schwartz and Corrine Hamvas mixing cement and (inset) children go on their way to get water.

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On Campus

Web site lists scholarships

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO – It's not too late to look for a scholarship.

Scholastic awards are given throughout the year and even if one isn't available right now, it's worth planning ahead and becoming knowledgeable about what is available, says Joe Freedman, CEO of www.studentawards.com.

The Toronto-based Web site has a data base of about 50,000 awards, scholarships, bursaries and grants, ranging in value from $100 to $50,000.

About a third of the awards are sponsored by private or not-for-profit organizations. "They're the ones students have had a hard time finding out about," said Freedman. Some of them have not been awarded for several years, he added.

His free on-line service informs students about awards that match their interests, backgrounds and areas of study. Registration involves completing a detailed profile, and students, who are invited to update their profiles to reflect changing interests and circumstances, continue to receive award updates unless they de-register.

They have a choice about allowing their names to be passed on to site sponsors or marketers.

Freedman co-founded the site here in Dec. 1998, and an American office was added earlier this year. There are 30 employees in all, mostly in their 20s (some two decades younger than the founders), who research and update the awards daily.

Tuition increases for 2000-2001 across Canada rose between three and seven percent over the previous year, according to a studentawards.com news release.

The chances of winning an award are higher than one would think, Freedman said.

He became aware of the need for such a service in Canada from his summer student employees at Envirimed, a company specializing in health care consulting and research. In less than three years, almost 350,000 students, from across Canada and elsewhere, have registered.

After all, where else would you find funding to study Turf Grass Agronomy (care of golf courses) or Asian Archeology in the Bronze Age?

Freedman also recalls awards for kayakers, discoverers of comets, and children of employees of specific companies, but he couldn't think of any unusual ones with a Jewish aspect.

"I would say we could use some more awards sponsored by Jewish organizations. The ones I've seen are Jewish studies or exchange programs [with Israeli universities]. We [may be] a bit under-represented."

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Students visit Honduras, Israel

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We spent much of our time discussing where we were. As Jews commanded in Deuteronomy to open our hands to the poor and needy – and just as people – we struggled every day with questions such as: What were a bunch of young Jews doing living in Honduras for four weeks? What is poverty and what can we do about it? If people are happy with their life, is it still a life of poverty? If children go to school with slightly distended stomachs and no shoes on, but still play ball and skip rope, are they not leading a good life?

Maybe they are, but what about the fact that only six of 30 children continued to Grade 6 last year, and only three of those went on to junior high school? Most families don't have the money for tuition for high school, or if they do, then they don't have enough for the books and clothes. Even if they have the funds for that, there's still the transportation costs to get to school. And even then, who would help on the farm?

The biggest question was: Are they happy in their life? The answer we found: A group of Santa Rositans were asked, "What makes Santa Rosita a special place?" Not one person could come up with a response.

The trip didn't end after four weeks in Honduras, but continued for three weeks in Israel, with the group that had gone to Ghana. Now the 25 participants were exposed to an aspect of Israel they had never seen before.

In addition to a few days of touring at the beginning and end of the trip, we spent a week helping run a day camp for three different groups – Russian orphans; Russian children who spoke some Hebrew and had attended a Jewish day school in Moscow; and new, young immigrants who had no family with them.

The last week was spent painting apartments in Jerusalem for people who were single parents, elderly, or unemployed. It was very disheartening to enter an apartment where an older man was living, with mold and water stains on the walls, a bathtub black with dirt and grime; and the only furniture was a bed. We can just hope that by painting walls white and scrubbing things clean we could help make someone's life happier.

Are you still asking what the connection between Honduras and Israel is? What better way is there to create a group of motivated individuals than to put them into a hands-on situation? Each participant and staff member walked away with a new sense of self, and a heightened awareness of social responsibility.

For more information on IJCC or AJWS, visit their Web site at www.ajws.org, or contact me at Jewish Campus Services at michellelackie@yahoo.com. Next year, it won't just be 25 Americans, but 25 Americans and Canadians!

Michelle Lackie is director of the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life at the University of Toronto.

Coast to Coast

Israel's civil service said to be a world leader in gender equity

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — For a small country whose very existence spans barely half a century, Israel is a world leader in the area of gender equity in its civil service, says the general supervisor for the Advancement of Women in the Civil Service in Israel.

Rivka Shaked was in Ottawa recently to present a workshop at the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) conference.

Shaked's department, established five years ago, has made great inroads.

Having worked in the Civil Service Commission for 25 years in varous positions, including employee ombudsman, Shaked was chosen to head up the new division when it was established in 1996.

"I am a pioneer, the first to carry the flag" she said. "We have to fight for this norm of equal opportunity, [and] we are succeeding.

"[Recently] I gave a report to the Knesset in which I showed that there was an improvement in the representation of women in the civil service from 1996 to 2000. This has been accomplished with training and networking among the women."

Consequently, Shaked said, "we have very radical legislation in Israel concerning the rights of women and equal opportunities, and we have the most radical [legislation] in the world concerning sexual harassment."

Israel has made great strides in its legislation, but is still lagging behind in enforcement. One of the items Shaked discussed with her counterparts was methods for ensuring that policies are enforced in the civil service.

As department head, Shaked oversees 80 supervisors from every ministry and government agency in Israel, including most of the country's hospitals.

The week-long conference attracted 1,000 women from all around the world, including a delegation of six women from Israel.

Shaked presented a workshop on how to make the prevention of sexual harassment an international norm. The workshop outlined Israel's policies and provided an opportunity for participants to discuss and share ideas.

She also addressed a group of 100 at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre and provided copies of Israel's legislation and other information on her department's progress.

As well, she met with several members of the Canadian public service in order to share ideas and experience. She said that Israel based its legislation on Canada's when it established the new department.

Winnipeg federation increases allocations

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) is taking on new beneficiary organizations this year, for the first time in many years.

"Our taking on new beneficiaries is a reflection of the fact that we have more money to distribute and that there are programs and services being delivered in the community that need our support," says Bob Freedman, the Federation's executive director.

The federation/CJA has approved a little over $1.6 million for 11 community organizations, compared to just over $1.5 million that was available last year. The Grey Academy of Jewish Education remains the largest recipient, receiving $642,000 this year, up from $600,000 last year.

The other major federation beneficiaries are the Jewish Child & Family Service, the Rady Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish Heritage Centre and the Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre.

B'nai Brith Camp and Camp Massad were both given 50 percent more this year, and the Aleph Bet Day Care again received funding.

The new beneficiaries are Ohr HaTorah, a three-year-old Orthodox day school housed at the Herzlia Synagogue, the Temple Shalom School, which holds classes evenings and Sundays, and Shalom Residences.

Shalom Residences has been in operation for more than 25 years. Based on Toronto's Reena model, the organization provides group homes and apartments for developmentally disabled Jewish adults. Currently, it has five group homes in north Winnipeg.

Despite some government support, its own fund-raising efforts and a strong volunteer base, Shalom Residences in recent years has been running into some financial shortfall.

"The Shalom Residences had built up a nice little endowment fund," Freedman says, "but interest rates and return on investments aren't what they used to be. We felt that Shalom Residences provides an important service which we should be supporting."

The annual CJA campaign has enjoyed three straight years of increased donations. Before the Asper Jewish Community Campus was built, the campaign stood at about $2.8 million a year. Over the last three years, donations have reached about $3 million, $3.25 million and $3.54 million.

The CJA's goal for 2002 is $4 million. Freedman notes that Winnipeg's campaign is consistently in the top ranks in North America in terms of percentage of donors contributing. As with most such community campaigns, a small number of major donors account for a large portion of the money raised.

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Canada's role in the Suez Crisis revealed

Canada's role in the 1956 Suez Crisis was more prominent than many may think, recently released documents indicate.

The department of foreign affairs just released the latest volume in the *Documents on Canadian External Relations* series, covering the period from January 1956 to June 1957.

Foremost among the subjects discussed in the volume is Canada's policy on the Middle East, particularly its role in the Suez Crisis.

Backgrounder

In July 1956, Egypt nationalized the Suez Canal and Anglo-French-Israeli forces attacked in order to regain control of the canal. The documents draw on material from the foreign affairs department's Top Secret and Confidential files to tell the story of the Suez Crisis from Canada's perspective.

Among other things, they document then prime minister Louis St. Laurent's harsh and unforgiving reaction to the news of the attack and trace the efforts of then external affairs minister Lester B. Pearson to prevent a major war in the Middle East.

For his work in creating the United Nations Emergency Force, heralded as the invention of modern peacekeeping, Pearson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957.

Lester B. Pearson

The documents reveal that:

• On May 10, 1956, Pearson met with his American counterpart, John Foster Dulles, during the NATO ministerial meeting in Paris. Dulles explained U.S. difficulties in supplying Israel with fighter aircraft and asked Pearson if Canada could fulfil that role.

• On July 27, 1956, in response to Egyptian president Gamal Nasser's decision to nationalize the Suez Canal, British prime minister Anthony Eden told St. Laurent that "we cannot allow Nasser to get away with this act of expropriation." St. Laurent responded with sympathy, but warned Eden that "the use of force in present circumstances, even as a last resort, will be surrounded by risks and difficulties."

• On Nov. 1, 1956, St. Laurent's cabinet gathered to learn about the conflict in the Middle East. For the first time, Pearson unveiled his proposal to resolve the crisis by implementing an immediate ceasefire and providing "substantial police forces stationed on the Israel-Arab borders to keep peace."

• On Nov. 4, 1956, the United Nations General Assembly voted to adopt a Canadian resolution calling on the UN secretary general Dag Hammarskjold to examine the possibility of creating a "police force" for the Middle East. Pearson reported that the "secretary general, who has been very pessimistic this past week, took some hope from the fact that the U.K. had not rejected the resolution out of hand."

• On Nov. 7, 1956, French and British forces agreed to a ceasefire, and the final resolution establishing the UN Emergency Force was adopted by the UN's General Assembly. U.S. president Dwight Eisenhower promptly telephoned St. Laurent to tell him "that he did not know of any government that had acted more admirably in the present crisis than that of Canada."

• On Nov. 12, 1956, Pearson met the Egyptian ambassador to the UN, Omar Loutfi, in the Drake Hotel in New York. Loutfi "astounded" Pearson by declaring that Canadian troops would not be welcomed in Egypt as part of the peacekeeping force. While he wrestled with this, Pearson urged the prime minister to keep it strictly secret, as the reaction in Canada would be "consternation and anger."

• From Dec. 11-14, 1956, Pearson attended the NATO foreign ministers meeting in Paris. Topping the agenda was the poor state of the alliance after the Suez Crisis, and the badly strained relations between Britain, France and the United States. Pearson was not optimistic that the damage could be readily repaired. "I would say," he cabled Ottawa, "that this council session confirmed that the breach between Washington and London and Paris is a serious one… A distrust has arisen between them – both personally and officially – which is going to persist for some time."

• In mid-December 1956, Pearson stopped off in London for a brief visit to discuss Anglo-Canadian relations. The result was a series of long and "embarrassingly frank" discussions with leading members of the British cabinet on Britain and the Suez Crisis. Many of Eden's colleagues expressed "growing doubts of his [Eden's] physical and temperamental suitability to face the problems ahead" and felt he should go.

Selwyn Lloyd, the British foreign minister, categorically denied the British knew of the Israeli invasion plans in advance (unlike the French, who had supported the Israelis), and said that London's real fear was that Israel would attack Jordan instead. The British would then have to intervene alongside Nasser's Egyptian army since both Egypt and Britain were allied with Jordan. Pearson found it "strange and a shade unhealthy" that Eden's colleagues were so willing to discuss his condition with a member "of another government." The exception, Pearson said, was Harold Macmillian [who succeeded Eden following the latter's resignation], who "was more inclined to worry about his own woes" than those of his leader.

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A frenzied week on the right

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

Events within the various and so-called "right-wing" camps over the last few days could snatch the breath away from even the most grizzled of politicos. The frenzy raised so much dust, it seems hard to tell the predators from the victims, the winners from the losers.

Stephen Harper made the first splash by signalling a possible return to politics as a candidate for the Alliance leadership. The only (absolutely) credible member of the original Manning Reform caucus – and the only fluently bilingual one at that – ostensibly left politics out of concern for the welfare of his family and a sense that Ottawa was a sorry and futile place. Of course, the real reason Harper left was his profound disagreement with his leader about the direction and orientation of the Reform Party. On that basis alone, score one for Harper's political prescience!

Preston Manning

Stockwell Day

Joe Clark

Then came the whammy in the *National Post* from Preston Manning, implicitly indicting his legitimate successor and endorsing the Benedict Arnolds who bolted the Alliance caucus and met last week with Joe Clark and some of his fellow Tories at Mount Tremblant.

Immediately after that bombshell, new revelations surfaced suggesting that some of the most distinguished players in the Reform-Alliance camp, including Deb Gray, have been plotting Stockwell Day's demise from the moment he defeated Manning in the leadership race.

In one respect, this almost seals the fate of the Alliance, let alone its besieged leader, as a political force bereft of any credibility. On the other hand, like all political calculations, the "Get Day" gambit has the potential for backfiring. Those close to the scene in Ottawa are sensing a palpable, if subtle shift in the momentum. The mounting evidence of treachery on the part of the Strahl-led rebels, the manifest betrayal of Day on the part of Manning and the duplicity of Joe Clark regarding unity talks paint a very different picture of Day.

Suddenly, people are beginning to ask, what did Day do that warranted this kind of reaction? To be sure, there was a healthy dose of incompetence and indiscretion, but no more so than that which attaches to Jean Chrétien regarding 'Shawinigate' and the APEC Conference.

It remains to be seen how a possible Harper candidacy would impact on the equation. But Manning must surely recognize, given the negative grassroots reaction to his recent intervention, his aspirations to re-claim the right are as futile as Clark's delusional vision of himself as the messiah who will lead a reconciled conservative family back to the promised land.

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Colombia's 'Iron Lady' urges Canadians to care about her country

By ESTELLE MELZER
Special to The CJN

Feature

In Colombia, Fanny Kertzman is known as the Iron Lady, but at the Israeli Embassy's Yom Ha'atzmaut reception, Kertzman, Colombia's Ambassador to Canada, was asked for proof of age before being served a drink.

Slim, dark-haired and attractive, Kertzman, at 41, does look young enough to be mistaken for an adolescent. Her appearance, however, belies her sharp intellect, steely resolve, and no-nonsense temperament – qualities that have contributed to her remarkable achievements and catapulted her into political prominence in her native Colombia. Kertzman is the Republic of Colombia's first Jewish ambassador to a country other than Israel.

While this is an interesting fact on a personal level, it is clear that her religious background was not, in any way, a factor in her ambassadorial appointment. Kertzman is one of Colombia's most respected economists and trade experts. Before being appointed ambassador to Canada, she was a highly effective member of the government of President Andres Pastrana, who was elected in 1998.

While still in her 30s, she was appointed director general of the Department of National Tax and Customs (DIAN) in the Ministry of Finance and launched an all-out war against contraband and tax evasion.

"Contraband was almost an accepted practice," Kertzman says. "We made it a crime."

She worked with the United States and the United Kingdom on an anti-contraband diplomatic offensive which included extensive money laundering investigations. She also brought in sweeping tax reforms which resulted in the collection of $1 billion US additional revenues annually. Asked how she achieved this, she says simply, "We got rid of privileges through political ties and got more people paying taxes."

No one likes paying taxes, but they will accept them if they feel that tax laws are fair and are being administered even-handedly. After her tax reform bill was approved by Congress, Kertzman launched the most ambitious advertising campaign in the history of DIAN, transforming the department's image and resulting in the collection of an additional $500 million US. She left office with a 67 percent approval rating, second only to the minister of finance.

Fanny Kertzman

Kertzman has been confounding the odds and winning superlative reviews throughout her life. Born and raised in Medellin, she is the daughter of Jewish immigrants from Romania, who came to Colombia in 1936.

The Jewish community of Colombia is very small. Numbering 20,000 at its peak, it is now 5,000 in a country with a population of almost 40 million. Most Jews came from Europe in the 1920s and '30s, seeking economic opportunity or escaping from anti-Semitism.

"They ended up in Colombia," Kertzman says, "because it was very difficult to get into the United States or Canada."

Canada's loss was Colombia's gain. Savvy and hard-working, these Jewish immigrants contributed enormously to the country's development, going into textiles, shoe manufacturing and the chemical industry. Many large fortunes were started by Jews who worked as door-to-door pedlars, building up capital by selling on credit and returning weekly to collect payments. (In the community they were called *semanalchicks*, a play on the word *semana*, meaning "week.")

In the 1980s, Jews began leaving Colombia, partly for security reasons (violence and kidnapping are endemic), and partly because of the depressed economy.

"Those with money went to Miami; those without went to Israel," Kertzman says.

Kertzman opted to stay. She earned a degree in economics from Los Andes University in Bogota and, like her parents and grandparents before her, put her entrepreneurial skills to work developing her country. Asked whether this was an unusual role for a woman, she responded that more women participate in government and finance in Colombia than in Canada.

She began as an investigator for a financial think-tank, doing research on unemployment and problems facing the commercial sector. She branched into journalism, writing on economic affairs, and in 1993, co-founded *Dinero* (money), an economic and financial magazine.

Under her leadership as director and editor, *Dinero* rapidly became the foremost business journal in Colombia. Kertzman later sold her partnership in the publication, then co-founded, developed and sold another business journal, *La Nota*.

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Violence in Colombia not a civil war: Kertzman

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In 1998, she worked as fund-raiser on the campaign of Andres Pastrana. When he won the election, she was asked to put her economic and business theories into practice by joining the government.

As Colombia's ambassador to Canada, Kertzman feels her mission is to make Canadians understand why they should care about Colombia.

"I hope that Canada realizes that there is a violent conflict five hours by air from Toronto which has the potential to disrupt the stability of the whole region," she says.

Kertzman refuses to call the violence in Colombia between the guerrillas and the illegal self-defence groups a civil war.

"Most of the people do not support either side in the conflict – only two percent of the population support the guerrillas," she says.

Nevertheless, the violence has been going on for 40 years. As a teen living in Medellin, Kertzman remembers that she was not allowed to go to shopping malls because of the bombings.

Today, much of the violence on both sides is fueled by the drug trade.

Kertzman is well aware that most Canadians think of drugs when they think of Colombia. Asked why the drug trade has gained such a stranglehold on the country, Kertzman ponders and then responds.

"In a way, our natural advantages have become our curse," she says. "We have two coastal regions, the Atlantic and the Caribbean, with fertile soil ideal for the growing of coca. Crops grow three times bigger there than normal. We also have a very entrepreneurial population and a weak judicial system. The demand is there, in the United States, Canada and Europe, and Colombia responded to that demand.

"At first, both the government and society somewhat accepted the drug trade. Drug producers became very powerful and wealthy and politicians were corrupted. Now our society realizes how destructive the drug trade is but combating it is a major struggle."

Kertzman speaks proudly of Plan Colombia, President Pastrana's strategy for national renewal, which has a strong anti-drug-trafficking component.

The first component of Plan Colombia, however, is to promote overall economic growth and employment through expanded international trade and foreign investment.

"Canada can play a role by opening its markets to free trade," Kertzman says. "Colombia has an unemployment rate of 18 percent, the highest in Latin America. More trade means more people working and more tax revenue for health and education."

Kertzman, who attended the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City, has no patience for anti-FTAA protestors.

"We are the elected representatives of our government," she points out. She feels the demonstrators did not represent her people and their needs.

"There were no Latin faces in the crowd. Here in Canada, you have everything. Colombia needs this trade to give our people more."

Kertzman has personally experienced the toll that violence and an unstable economy have taken on Colombia's Jewish community. Jews settled mainly in four major cities: Bogota, Cali, Medellin and Baranquilla, all of which had synagogues, Jewish schools and JCCs.

Because of the unrest, the community is now in serious decline, and Kertzman feels it will probably disappear soon through assimilation and emigration. After the 1997 recession, many Jewish-owned businesses and factories closed, including the shoe factory where her husband, Enrique Kacew, worked. (He's now studying computer science at Carleton University in Ottawa.)

"Many Jews hired each other, so the impact was felt throughout the community," Kertzman says.

Virtually all the community's children attend private Jewish schools, but in Medellin, the Jewish school now has only 15 Jewish students. The rest are non-Jews and their fees help support the remnant of the Jewish community, which is very poor.

Kertzman's husband is Jewish (they have two children, Perla, 18, now studying chemistry at Brandeis University, and Pedro, 16, a student at Lisgar Collegiate), despite the trend toward intermarriage and assimilation.

Kertzman's drive to improve the future of her homeland for all its citizens is evident.

"Colombia's democracy – the oldest in Latin America – is at stake," she says. "Canada, with its concern for human rights and its peacekeeping skills, can be a strong partner with us in helping solve Colombia's internal conflict and furthering peace in the Americas."

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Legendary Jewish pilot named to hall of fame

By DAVID LAZARUS
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — "I was very honoured by the company I found myself in," said Sydney Shulemson when he learned that he would be among the first group of 12 inducted into Quebec's new Air and Space Hall of Fame.

"It was nice to be among the first," Canada's most decorated Jewish pilot during World War II said during a recent interview.

But, he added, "I was just another Canadian who did his best."

Indeed, Shulemson, a Cote St. Luc resident who was honoured with both the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) and Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) medals, found himself among some august company indeed.

The other inductees included the late George "Buzz" Beurling, who died during Israel's War of Independence, and Canada's first astronaut, Marc Garneau.

Shulemson, 85, joined the Hall of Fame ranks in June. "I was one of the few live ones," he joked.

Eleven years ago, he married his wife Ella, inheriting stepchildren. It was his first marriage.

Now, when reminiscing about the war years, it is with a mixture of nostalgia, pride and sadness.

Shulemson was a Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) flight lieutenant who, for an 18-month period, from mid-1943 until the end of 1944, was in charge of a wing of four squadrons, part of the RCAF's Coastal Command.

It was the squadrons' mission to intercept merchant German ships transporting supplies along the European coast to Germany.

The ships were heavily armed, and Shulemson, along with his comrades, risked their lives every day, flying heavy-duty Beaufighter and Mosquito aircraft close enough to the sea to almost feel the waves slapping against the bottom of their planes.

They also faced anti-aircraft fire that downed far too many of them, fire that came not only from the ships, but from gun batteries on the shore.

Shulemson flew on 49 operational sorties.

Fight still rages over UN conference

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The United States, which lobbied hard to expunge such language, was expected to announce early this week whether it would attend the gathering. Observers agree a boycott, or even a low-level delegation from the U.S., would send a strong signal to the UN. However, Washington – as well as Ottawa – is under intense pressure to attend from dozens of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) representing a wide range of interests, including those seeking apologies and restitution arising from the African slave trade.

Canada's position is fluid. "It's better to have us there than not," said Carl Schwenger, a spokesperson for the Foreign Affairs Department. "We're still assessing the results of the prepcom in Geneva, and how that plays out will govern our decision."

An option open to Canada is to send a low-level delegation to Durban, Schwenger said, stressing, however, that "Canada is committed to the process."

"It's a fluid situation and it's getting more and more difficult," said Canadian Jewish Congress president Keith Landy, who will attend the Durban conference along with Manuel Prutschi, CJC's national director of community relations. "This is a global Jewish issue like I've never seen before."

Landy noted that eleventh-hour negotiations between Arab nations, the U.S. State Department and Israel were reported to have tempered the anti-Zionist language with more generic terms. For example, one clause is reported to refer to "the racist practices of an occupying power."

But that sort of semantic hair-splitting doesn't fool Western delegates. "There's a lot worse stuff going on than Zionism-equals-racism," according to Rob Ritter, national director of the Canada-Israel Committee. "There's a lot of insidious code words and nuance."

If any kind of anti-Israel or anti-Semitic language makes it to Durban, Landy believes that "there's a general view things will deteriorate to the point that nothing will be accomplished."

Indeed, observers note a huge irony: Getting bogged down in anti-Zionist language will leave less time to discuss how to combat racism and human rights in general.

None of the contentious clauses were dealt with in negotiation sessions in Geneva, but were "relegated" to informal discussion groups, said Karen Mock, who was at the Geneva prepcom and will attend the UN gathering as national director of the B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights and as chair of a special advisory group to federal multiculturalism minister Hedy Fry.

"Everything is still on the table, and that's a real source of concern," said Mock.

Mock, who also co-chairs the so-called Jewish Caucus that has arisen among several NGOs, helped lead a seven-member Jewish delegation at an Aug. 7 meeting with Mary Robinson, the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights.

"We let her know how marginalized the Jewish NGOs felt," Mock said. "and there were efforts to silence the Jewish caucus."

Mock said Robinson was sympathetic. "She said she felt the blatant anti-Semitism, and that it troubled her."

Two days later, Robinson issued a statement in which she said it is "understandable that this set of issues will require careful handling right down to the conference itself. We must all be realistic in recognizing this and give ourselves space and time to negotiate the difficult issues involved up to and including the conference."

Robinson was also quoted as saying that stemming an attack on Israel will be a measure of the conference's success: "There is a genuine feeling that this is going to be one of the real breakthroughs in Durban," she reportedly said.

Mock, on behalf of the Jewish Caucus, read aloud a statement in Geneva, in which she refuted the Arab rhetoric.

"Zionism is not racism," she stated. "We are distressed that the aims of the conference are being sullied by an attempt to introduce into conference documents, even indirectly, the discredited notion that Zionism, the national liberation and self-determination movement of the Jewish people, is a form of racism. This language targets Jews worldwide and is painful for us.

"Those who promote this discredited notion now, at the WCAR, act in direct contravention of the legal prohibition against incitement to racial and ethnic hatred. That the discredited notion is being promoted, even indirectly, by some at a world conference dedicated to combating racism and other intolerance is insidious, pernicious, and sad, and will only serve to divert and distort the goals of the WCAR."

Landy dismissed a recent report that quoted a senior South African official as saying the Zionism-is-racism issue will not be on the agenda in Durban.

"It never was on the agenda," Landy remarked. "That's why [the statement] is disingenuous. The situation is still fluid."

Also slated to attend the Durban conference is noted Canadian human rights expert David Matas, whose paper refuting the Zionism-is-racism argument was widely distributed to UN member states and was said to be well-received.

Meantime, Israel's president, Moshe Katsav, has written to 64 heads of state around the world, calling on them to use their "moral and political influence" to prevent the conference from "becoming a campaign of delegitimizing Zionism and the State of Israel."

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Make lighthearted cooking a way of life

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

When you plan to go on a diet, you plan to deprive yourself of food, says Rose Reisman, cookbook author, newspaper columnist and registered nutritional consultant.

"People need to learn new ways of dealing with food; they need the tools to live a lighthearted lifestyle," says Reisman, who also runs the Rose Reisman Cooking School, and a food and lifestyle coaching program.

Look at your cooking techniques, says Reisman, and learn where the extra fat comes from. "Watch your use of oil. Use non-stick skillets or use a spray bottle to spray a few teaspoons of oil.

"You can use less cheese in a recipe if you use a strong cheddar. Goat and feta cheeses have lots of flavour and lots of punch.

"Learn about the leaner cuts of meat such as chicken breast, and cook lots of fish. These are all simple rules but they are essential."

Most importantly, stop making excuses and take control of your life, says Reisman, who grew up "in a high-fat environment and always had a weight problem."

When she hit her teens, she says, she started reading about food and realized she had to change the way she was eating.

"I developed a passion for food. I loved to cook and I loved to create recipes. My first cookbook, *Toronto Dessert Scene*, came out 12 years ago."

People often call her, she says, and she realizes they do not know how to shop or how to cook. "I have taken them to restaurants to show them how to make healthy choices, and I have spent two hours with them in a supermarket teaching how them to read labels and how to choose foods.

"Some people don't know that a caesar salad can contain more fat than salmon, a baked potato, vegetables and a small dessert. By giving them this information I am empowering them; I am allowing them to take control.

"You have to leave a meal feeling satisfied, and a meal like that can be very satisfying."

Reisman offers the following recipes:

Picture from cover of Rose Reisman's new book, *divine indulgences.*

ROASTED CHICKEN WITH APRICOT ORANGE GLAZE AND COUSCOUS STUFFING

Couscous stuffing is a great dish to accompany other meals. Follow the instructions carefully for the apricot glaze. Glaze half the chicken without added cornstarch, the other half with cornstarch. The extra glaze serves as gravy. Do not stuff chicken until ready to bake; this will avoid bacterial contamination.

3-lb. roasting chicken

Couscous stuffing
1 tbsp. orange juice concentrate, thawed
1 tbsp. chopped fresh coriander or parsley
2 tsp. hoisin sauce
1½ tsp. honey
1 tsp. minced garlic
½ tsp. minced ginger root
1 tsp. sesame oil
1 tsp. vegetable oil
1½ cups chicken stock
1 cup couscous
1 cup chopped snow peas
⅔ cup chopped red onions
½ cup chopped carrots
½ cup chopped dried apricots

Apricot glaze
¾ cup apricot or peach jam
½ cup chicken stock
3 tbsp. orange juice concentrate, thawed
1 tbsp. soya sauce
1 tsp. minced garlic
1 tsp. minced ginger root
1 tbsp. cornstarch
1 cup chicken stock

Stuffing:

In a bowl whisk together orange juice concentrate, coriander, hoisin, honey, garlic, ginger, sesame oil and vegetable oil; set aside. Bring stock to a boil in saucepan; stir in couscous, cover and remove from heat. Let stand for 5 minutes; fluff with a fork. In bowl combine couscous, snow peas, red onions, carrots, dried apricots and orange juice sauce.

Loosely stuff chicken with some of the couscous stuffing. Place on rack in roasting pan sprayed with vegetable spray. Put remaining couscous stuffing in a casserole dish and cover. Set aside.

Glaze:

In bowl, whisk together apricot jam, stock, orange juice concentrate, soya sauce, garlic and ginger. Measure out ½ cup of the glaze; combine with cornstarch and ½ cup of the chicken stock and set aside. Pour remaining ½ cup chicken stock into roasting pan under chicken. Spread some of the remaining apricot glaze (without cornstarch) over chicken; bake for 1 hour, or until juices run clear when leg is pierced at thickest point. Baste chicken with apricot glaze every 15 minutes as it roasts. Put casserole with stuffing in oven for last 30 minutes of roasting time. Let chicken rest for 10 minutes before carving.

Meanwhile, remove juices, if any, from roasting pan and place in saucepan. Add reserved apricot glaze-cornstarch mixture; heat over medium heat for 2 minutes or until slightly thickened. Serve chicken with sauce and stuffing. Remove skin before eating. Serves 4 to 6.

Nutritional analysis per serving: calories 429; protein 23 g; fat, total 5 g; fat, saturated 0.9 g; carbohydrates 74 g; sodium 769 mg; cholesterol 53 mg; fibre 3 g

RIB EYE STEAK IN HOISIN MARINADE WITH SAUTEED MUSHROOMS

Wild mushrooms such as oyster or portobello are a highlight to this dish.

Marinade
¼ cup soya sauce
¼ cup hoisin sauce
¼ cup rice wine vinegar
2 tbsp. brown sugar
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 tsp. minced ginger root
1 tsp. minced garlic
1½ lb. rib eye steak
1 tsp. vegetable oil
1 tsp. minced garlic
3 cups sliced mushrooms
¾ cup chopped green onions

In small bowl whisk together soya sauce, hoisin sauce, vinegar, brown sugar, oil, ginger and garlic. Pour over steak and let marinate in refrigerator for 1 hour. Bring to room temperature before cooking.

In large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add garlic and mushrooms and cook for 3 minutes or until softened. Add green onions and cook for 1 minute longer. Barbecue or broil steak, basting with some of the marinade, until cooked to desired doneness (approximately 15 minutes). Bring remaining marinade to a boil and simmer for 3 minutes. Serve steak with mushrooms and sauce. Cut the steak across the grain thinly to ensure tenderness. Serves 6.

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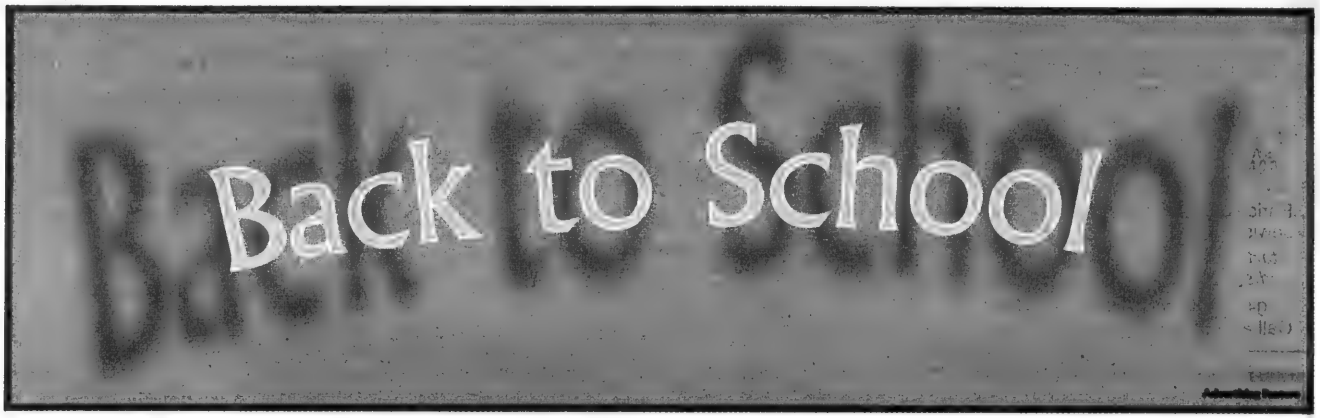

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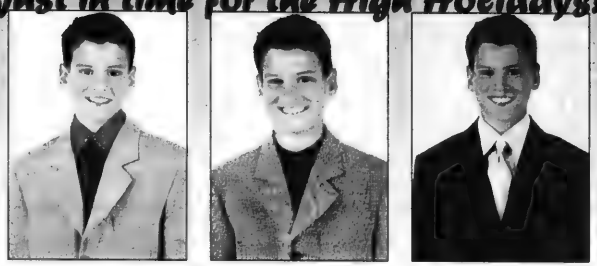

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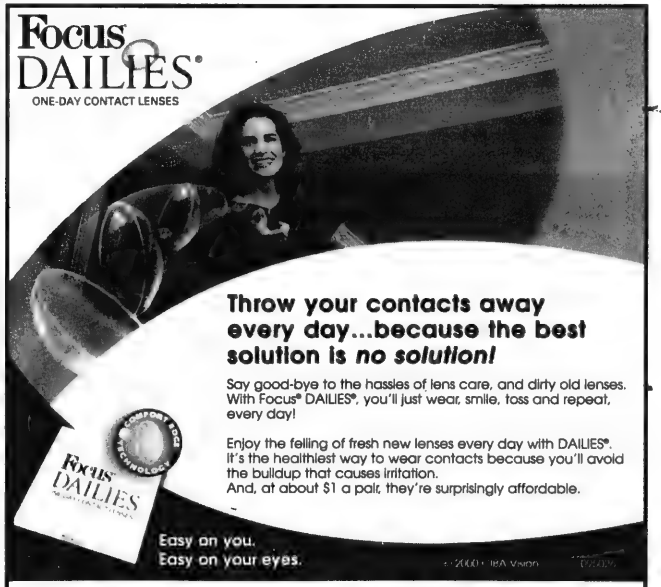

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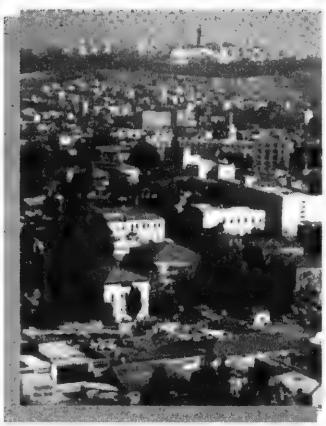

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Peres working on ceasefire

By NAOMI SEGAL
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is in contact with high-level Palestinian officials in an attempt to work out yet another ceasefire, despite the persistence of violence in the region.

This past Sunday, Peres briefed Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on his talks with Palestinian officials and his preparations for a possible meeting with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

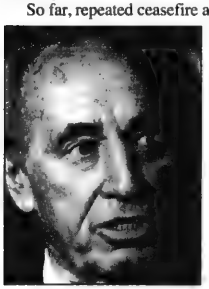
"Such a meeting could take place "in the near future," Peres told Israeli television.

Reuters quoted a Palestinian official as saying that Arafat is "prepared to meet" Peres "whenever he wants."

Peres has come up with a proposal that offers Arafat a staggered ceasefire on an area-by-area basis, with different steps for calming the situation for each zone in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The steps would be introduced gradually until complete quiet is achieved.

The proposal also includes suggestions for lifting Israeli restrictions on the Palestinian population while guarding Israeli security.

So far, repeated ceasefire agreements, including one Peres personally worked out with Arafat last fall, have failed to take hold.



Shimon Peres

Peres' contacts with Palestinian officials have been controversial in Israel, where Sharon has pledged that there will be no negotiations as long as Palestinian violence against Israel continues.

Last week, Peres received permission from Sharon for talks focusing exclusively on arranging a ceasefire, though many observers noted that it would be virtually impossible to prevent such talks from touching on more substantial diplomatic matters as well.

Indeed, the Palestinian official told Reuters that this is the Palestinian understanding.

"We consider these meetings political meetings and not only security meetings. [They] would be a retreat from the Israeli position that they will not talk politics without an end to violence," the official was quoted as saying.

Other Palestinian officials, however, dismissed Peres' desire for talks as a public relations stunt. Ahmed Karia, speaker of the Palestine legislative council and a senior negotiator for Arafat, was quoted by one newspaper as saying no such contacts would take place until Israel withdrew from Palestinian offices it took over in eastern Jerusalem and adjacent Abu Dis in retaliation for a suicide bombing in Jerusalem.

The spiral of Israeli-Palestinian violence continued over the weekend, with tit-for-tat strikes in the Gaza Strip.

Israel Defence Force helicopters rocketed the headquarters of Arafat's elite Force 17 bodyguard unit in Khan Younis after an Israeli civilian was lightly wounded in a Palestinian mortar attack on the community of Neveh Dekalim.

Earlier, Israeli tanks fired shells at Palestinian targets near Khan Younis in retaliation for mortar attacks over the weekend.

In other violence-related news, two Israelis travelling on a bus were wounded when shots were fired at the bus near the Pisgat Ze'ev neighbourhood of Jerusalem.

In Hebron, an Israeli officer was lightly wounded in the leg by Palestinian gunfire. Also, an explosive device detonated beside a bus carrying soldiers in the West Bank. No one was hurt.

Israeli soldiers killed two Palestinians in separate clashes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. One was killed after troops fired on Palestinians trying to avoid a checkpoint near the city of Nablus in the West Bank, while the second died when Israeli troops returned fire on Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, according to the IDF.

Last Friday, Israeli security forces said they averted a major tragedy when they arrested two Palestinian members of Islamic Jihad in an Israeli Arab town on the border with the West Bank. The two, who were carrying in their car a 22-pound bomb filled with bullets, said they were on their way to attack a disco in Haifa.

In another development, the Centre Party unanimously agreed to accept Sharon's invitation to join the unity government, making this the largest government in Israeli history. In exchange, the party received ministerial posts for leaders Dan Meridor and Roni Milo, and the chairmanship of a senior parliamentary committee.

The party's inclusion gives Sharon some additional breathing room should policy differences lead Peres to pull Labour out of the unity coalition.

At the least, then, the move was seen here as a warning to Peres that if he deviates too far from Sharon's guidelines, he should not consider himself indispensable to the government.

IDF advises against unilateral separation from Palestinians

By AMNON BARZILAI
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Forces is opposed to a unilateral separation between Israel and the Palestinians, believing that this is not the best solution for the current conflict, a senior IDF source told reporters this past weekend.

Rather than unilaterally separate from the Palestinians, the army believes that the government should continue with its current policy. This decision was made following considerable examination of the best strategy for dealing with the conflict.

Assuming that Israel believes the solution to the Palestinian problem lies between the border with Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea, there are three alternatives to current policy:

• Defining the Palestinian Authority as an enemy and declaring war on it.

• Agreeing to the renewal of peace talks to the point when they stopped in Taba and perhaps even under international auspices.

• Unilateral separation.

The IDF believes that this third option is the most problematic from a legal, international point of view, as well as diplomatically, politically and logistically. For example, while there was widespread agreement in Israel when it withdrew from South Lebanon that it was returning to the international border, there is no such consensus in Israel over returning to the Green Line.

The source said that huge investments would probably be needed [to build a fence and fortify] the Green Line area, and that the IDF does not recommend investing such a large amount of money in such a project.

The IDF will demand an extra NIS 2 billion per year from the government, said the source, if the conflict continues.

The army is currently considering extending military service for women to 24 months as part of a wider plan to reduce the burden of reserve duty.

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Jews, blacks seek common ground for Durban

BY MICHAEL J. JORDAN
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NEW YORK — As Jewish activists scramble to block an effort to resurrect the "Zionism is Racism" canard, they also are working to defuse potential problems with the Black community over the issue of slavery reparations.

In the run-up to the UN World Conference Against Racism, slated to begin Aug. 31 in Durban, South Africa, attention has focused on the Arab campaign to single out Israel as a racist state perpetrating a holocaust against the Palestinian people.

In response, pro-Israel advocates have enlisted as many allies as they can find – including America's mainstream Black leadership.

Lost in the shuffle, however, has been the cause celebre of some Black leaders, forcing the UN conference to address the legacy of slavery, even holding the Western powers accountable for their historic role in the slave trade.

That has placed American Jewish activists in an awkward position.

Jews have relied on the Bush administration to lobby against the attempt to denigrate Zionism as racism, as well as other perceived anti-Israel or anti-Semitic wording.

The administration has threatened that if such wording remains on the conference agenda, the United States may boycott the conference and keep Secretary of State Colin Powell at home or send a lower-level delegation of diplomats.

Any of those steps would likely undermine the credibility of any declaration to emerge from Durban.

Indeed, for Powell, America's first Black secretary of state, to attend would be "a prize for the conference," one Jewish activist said.

For that very reason, the U.S. congressional Black leadership insists that Powell attend to deal with the slavery issue, despite the anti-Israel rhetoric.

In exchange for their support for the Jewish cause – and to maintain harmony in occasionally bumpy relations – some Blacks want Jews to stand with them on slavery, which in Durban may include a demand for reparations.

Jewish organization have yet to formulate a position on slavery reparations, and the Black community itself seems divided on the issue.

The Bush administration rejects the call for reparations and has indicated that, if addressed at all, the issue must be tackled on America's own terms, not at an international conference.

Joining the Blacks would force Jews to lock horns with the one ally that has enough sway to make or break the conference.

Moreover, if Washington carries through on its threat to boycott Durban over the denigration of Zionism as racism – known as "Z=R" – there is concern that some Blacks would blame Jews for it. They also might accuse the Bush administration of using Z=R as a smokescreen to duck debate on America's slave-owning past.

Over the past month, anger has built in Congress against the Arab campaign to link Zionism with racism, culminating with a July 26 resolution sponsored by Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.) that condemned the direction in which the conference appeared to be headed.

Black politicians reportedly were irritated by what they considered the Jews' single-mindedness and their lack of reciprocity toward Black concerns.

That caught the attention of Rabbi Marc Schneier, president and co-founder of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Schneier said, were complaining to him that Lantos' resolution was "too one-sided" and did not "refer to the needs and aspirations of Blacks on the issue of slavery.

"We were very, very concerned that our colleagues should in no way interpret that we are being insensitive to their needs," Schneier said.

The solution, he said, was for Jews to better communicate the reasons for their visceral rejection of the proposed language at Durban, while simultaneously expressing some support for Black concerns.

In collaboration with the World Jewish Congress (WJC), Schneier formulated a letter that condemned the language and added that, "We also support the efforts of African American leaders to raise and address important issues surrounding the historic tragedy of slavery and the resulting efforts to seek reparations."

The July 31 letter did not commit the Jewish groups to supporting reparations per se or raising the issue in Durban specifically.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell

Schneier got 28 Jewish and Black members of Congress to sign on, including Lantos and such heavyweights as Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY); the Congressional Black Caucus Chair, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas), and Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.)

"The letter clarified that we are in unison, and it spoke to both issues of concern to our communities," Devona Dolliole, spokesperson for the Congressional Black Caucus, told JTA.

In addition, it didn't "cross the red lines" established by the White House, said Elan Steinberg, the WJC executive director.

"We don't operate in a political vacuum and we were aware of the political realities," Steinberg said. "We thought about what we could do to promote both Jewish and Black aspirations without causing harm to our group concerns. We've had our ups and downs over the years; we don't need to have this issue create a new wedge between our two communities."

Though some dismissed Schneier's warning of potential damage to Black-Jewish relations as a bid for media attention, his call also highlights the weight Jewish activists give to the half-century-old alliance between the two communities.

Without fail, Jewish activists note Jews' and Blacks' common history of persecution and their shared fight for civil rights and against prejudice.

Slavery's legacy one day might become another joint cause. Some Black leaders have solicited tips from Jewish activists on how they successfully extracted Holocaust reparations from Europe.

Other Black leaders – primarily from the fringe, activists say – have been less polite, pressing for Jewish support with an approach along the lines of, "You got your reparations for the Holocaust, now it's time to help us."

Jews caution against comparing the two epochs, emphasizing to their Black counterparts the uniqueness of the Nazi genocide against the Jews.

They also say that the Jewish community cannot be out in front on the issue of slavery, ahead even of the Black community itself.

The onus is on Blacks first to formulate a consensus – like Jews did with Holocaust restitution – toward the issue, Jewish activists say.

At this point, Black opinion seems mixed: Some push for monetary restitution, others for "moral" restitution – primarily in the form of an apology – and still others for increased aid to combat AIDS in Africa.

The Jewish activists "are right," said Dolliole. "We as a community need to determine what are the best ways to address the effects of slavery."

Once Blacks themselves have established a communal position, Jewish organizations could determine their take — and may very well follow their lead.

"We don't have a position on every issue, but slavery is certainly an issue to which we are open to discussion," said Jason Isaacson, director of government and international affairs for the American Jewish Committee, who will be attending the UN conference in Durban.

"The Jewish community recognizes the tremendous tragedy and criminality of slavery and is open to a full examination of the ways in which society can address that history," Isaacson said.

Gillon affair continues to occupy Danish media

By NITZAN HOROWITZ
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

COPENHAGEN — Carmi Gillon spent his first full day on the job as Israel's new ambassador in Denmark last week, getting acquainted with the embassy staff.

But Danish radio has already reported that the ambassador will not be attending an arts festival at the end of the month in Aarhus, where the Bat Sheva dance troupe is performing, because the mayor of the city, which is the country's second-largest, has declared him persona non grata. An Israeli consul will attend in his place.

Gillon will not be attending any formal affairs until he presents his credentials to the queen of Denmark in mid-September.

Gillon faces a difficult task. A television station poll showed that 53 percent of those polled said they had "negative" feelings about the Israeli ambassador. Only 15 percent said they were "positive" about him, and the rest said they had no opinion or refused to comment.

Gillon told embassy staffers that he was not surprised by his initial reception in Copenhagen last Wednesday. Embassy sources also said they had expected the demonstrations that greeted Gillon, and were relieved that they ended as they did, with no untoward incidents and no violence.

But the Danish media continues to deal intensively with the Gillon affair. The journal *Politiken* made his arrival the main headline of the day. Another paper, carrying the headline, "To Carmi Gillon: an apology in the name of the Danish people" over an open letter, also reported on Denmark's commitment to the UN Committee on Torture. The article said that Denmark would put people charged with committing torture on trial.

Meanwhile, Danish MP Soren Sorengaard said that he will go ahead with his plan to make a formal complaint against Gillon in a local police station, to be followed by a press conference at the parliament building, where the MP will be flanked by victims of torture from various countries.

The controversy over Gillon, a former Shin Bet security service chief, broke out earlier this spring when he told the Danish press that if suicide bombers continue operating against Israelis, Israel may have to resume using "moderate physical pressure," which was banned from Shin Bet interrogations by the High Court of Justice in 1999.

Israel to Arafat: Jerusalem is not Beirut

BY ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Analysis

Last Tuesday, Palestinian security forces – supporters of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat – could be seen making efforts to stop the shooting directed at the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Gilo.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office and the defence establishment said that the Palestinians had crossed a red line in Jerusalem by persistently firing at Gilo and the nearby Tunnels Road.

According to Israeli sources, the public government pronouncements – as well as the personal messages sent to Arafat – made it clear to the Palestinian leader that in crossing this line, he was inviting widescale Israeli action against targets in the territories and against those villages from where the firing came.

It is possible that as a result of these messages and statements, Arafat's people attempted to calm the situation.

Nevertheless, and in spite of these efforts, the security cabinet's decision to immediately and forcefully respond to intensive attacks on Gilo still holds. The decision is an attempt to establish a definitive red line for Palestinian violence, a line which Israel will not permit them to cross.

Israeli analysts say it can be seen as an incontrovertible decision not to permit Arafat to turn Jerusalem into a new Beirut, or a focal point for terrorist acts. Messages in this vein were conveyed to Arafat through various channels, including the Americans.

In the same way as the suicide bomber attack that occurred in the crowded Jerusalem restaurant led to the closing of Orient House and additional Palestinian offices in East Jerusalem and Abu Dis, Israel is now threatening that an escalation in the fighting at Gilo will bring a stepped-up Israeli response that will include air and ground operations.

IDF troops face Beit Jalla. [Israel photo]

Senior defence sources have made it clear that Israel's position on this is firm and it will not be deterred by Arab threats or American condemnation.

Last Tuesday's heavy Palestinian fire at Gilo from Beit Jalla was explained as an angry reaction to the IDF action in Jenin the previous night, in which a building belonging to the PA's security forces was destroyed.

The Palestinians also claimed that the IDF had another aim: to save several dozen Palestinians detained there on suspicion of collaborating with Israel. Israeli sources did not respond to this claim.

It is possible that it was against the backdrop of the action in Jenin – after the heavy firing in Jerusalem had continued for several hours – that Arafat ordered his people to take steps to put an end to the shooting at Gilo.

The significance of this instruction is not merely that there are groups among Arafat's people that instigate actions at their own initative and who can cause a serious deterioration in the situation, but also that Arafat – if he so desires – can curb them.

The Week in Israel

August 13

• Hezbollah gunmen in Lebanon have 8,000 rockets, Defence Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said. The Iranian-backed Hezbollah poses a serious threat to Israel's security, he told the Israel-America Chamber of commerce.

• Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon, will blast into orbit on May 23, 2002, the Prime Minister's Office announced.

August 14

• Israel is continuing to facilitate the transfer of food and humanitarian equipment into the PA territories; 459 trucks carrying food and fuel entered Gaza via the Karni crossing, and hundreds of trucks have transported goods to the PA territories through other crossings.

August 15

• Israel received $5 million (US) from Iraq for damages caused during the 1991 Gulf War. The payments were transferred by the United Nations from Arab oil purchases from Iraq.

• Israel's new ambassador to Denmark arrived in Copenhagen under heavy security. Carmi Gillon sparked outrage in some Denmark circles because he admitted to authorizing the torture of Palestinian suspects when he led the domestic security service between 1994 and 1996. *(Please see Perspectives.)*

August 16

• U.S. President George W. Bush called Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to offer condolences for last week's suicide bombing in Jerusalem.

August 17

• The Centre party will join the government coalition; party chair Dan Meridor will be minister without portfolio responsible for strategic planning and national security, according to a tentative agreement worked out by Meridor and Sharon.

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'They've got the story backwards'

According to Reports

"They don't get it. They just don't understand what we're faced with."

That is the frustrated reaction visitors hear from Israelis today, particularly from those in the peace camp, to how the international media have depicted the past year's events in Israel and the territories.

"We offered the Palestinians a way out of this conflict. We offered them a state, but Arafat rejected it. And the media turn around and blame us for aggressions and 'excessive force' when we defend ourselves against the violence and terrorism that have been unleashed against us."

"They've got the story backwards," Israelis say, so effective are the Palestinians in portraying themselves as helpless victims, and so willing are many in the media to go along with this depiction.

Israelis believe that the only time they receive sympathetic treatment is "when our women and children are blown up in restaurants." The sympathy lasts only as long as there is no retaliation; when Israel does strike back, even if "we try as much as possible to avoid innocent casualties, we still get criticized."

Talking about the media, another left-wing activist noted that "along with CNN, the Europeans are the worst. They're hypocritical. They don't understand that the Palestinians don't want to compromise with us; they don't want us here at all!"

These plaintive objections are not mere whining. They capture frankly what one hears on the street about much of the media's inability, or refusal (with noteworthy exceptions in the North American market) to understand the way things really are.

In his excellent two-part series in *The CJN*, David Margolis has summarized the reasons why Israel's case is not given sufficient hearing in the international community ("Why Israel is losing the media war," Aug. 9, 15). His main point is sound: "David has become Goliath" is the reigning reportorial framework in which many media reports and commentaries continue to be fashioned.

What would help substantial elements of the media to break out of this framework might be a greater variety of viewpoints from the Palestinian community. These voices would explain publicly what is often expressed privately to Israelis: that Arafat passed up a historic opportunity at Camp David, and so unnecessarily led his people, as well as Israelis, to further suffering.

Such an example is Yezid Sayigh, a Palestinian intellectual affiliated with the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) in London who also lives part of the year in the West Bank and Gaza.

In an essential article in the fall issue of the journal *Survival*, Sayigh argues that "Arafat bears much of the responsibility for this precarious state of affairs" not because he planned the violence, but because he has no strategy all. The violence has proven "counterproductive in the short-term," Sayigh says, to Palestinian interests.

If the Palestinians "have missed the post-Cold War opportunity to make the transition to statehood... Arafat's misjudgment in the autumn of 2000 would be of historic proportions."

For Sayigh, the door to a negotiated two-state solution is not entirely closed. But Arafat, objective assessments would indicate, is not the leader to seize that remaining slim hope.

Prepared by Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Writer 'always liked dumb blond character'

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Sari Colt hasn't quit her day job, but with her new book published on the Internet and ideas for radio and television shows in the works, this up-and-coming writer/comedian might be able to do just that in the forseeable future.

"Ultimately I would like to [write and perform] full-time but now I'm going to keep on juggling and balancing as best I can," says Colt, 34, who earned an MBA from York University before joining her father at her family's packaging company.

This balancing act began just two years ago when Colt enrolled in a writing and a comedy workshop at Humber College. After having a few short stories published on the Internet, she came up with the idea for her first book, titled, *The Dumb Blond Dick Shunary of Sex*, released in May, which she wrote, markets and publicizes on her own.

She says the book is unique because not only is it exclusively available on her Web site (www.thedumbblond.com), which makes her work more accessible to a wider audience, but she says there are no other dumb blond dictionaries written from the perspective of a character.

Sari Colt

"I've always liked the dumb blond character," Colt says of her new e-book, a clever and provocative dictionary written from the perspective of Daisy Macdonald.

"I just started writing and collecting definitions. I went through *Maxim* [a popular men's magazine], the Internet and other magazines to find interesting words I could play with.

"I kept paper and a pen in the glove compartment [of my car] because you can get an idea anywhere."

In her book, she gives quirky definitions for such words as "g-string" and "erection."

"The point was to make people laugh. I wanted to go as far as I could without going way over the edge."

Despite the sexual theme, Colt says her parents "have been very supportive."

"They were surprised at the type of book [I wanted to write], but my mom even helped me out with the definitions and gave me feedback. My parents are having fun with it. They're very proud of me."

Colt says a strong support network is essential, especially in this field, because "there are set backs and let-downs" on the road to success.

But the bottom line, she says, is that you can't be afraid. "I encourage everyone who has a dream to just go for it. Don't be afraid. What's the worst that can happen?"

Colt says putting a book on the Web was "a challenge" and even Stephen King failed to make the concept a success, "but I set it up as one piece [as opposed to chapter-by-chapter as King did] and it is reasonably priced [at Cdn. $6.95]."

She says the experience of working on "her baby" from start to finish was rewarding and fulfilling and has taught her not to take "no" for an answer.

"It surprised me that I wouldn't admit defeat," she says. "I learned to persevere and to take rejection."

Colt says that attending Associated Day Schools and growing up in a Jewish family, with a father and grandfather who were both entrepreneurs, put her up to the task.

"The structure in my life gave me focus and discipline. It helped me write my book and gave me the determination not to quit."

She says Jewish comedians, such as Jerry Seinfeld (who she met by chance 20 years ago), Gilda Radner, Eugene Levy and Rick Moranis, gave her the inspiration to perform and write. "I was influenced by *SCTV*, *Saturday Night Live* and the *Tonight Show*.

"There's sarcastic humour in being Jewish. It shapes the way you think and encourages you to know that it's okay to laugh. Jews and comedy are a very natural mix."

Colt says she has been getting "favourable comments" about *The Dumb Blond...* via the Internet and is working on publishing a soft-cover edition of her book.

What is Jewish literature?

By ADAM SOL
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — What makes a short story Jewish? What is Jewish literature?

I recently taught a six-week mini-course at Holy Blossom Temple which concerned itself with those questions.

We read stories by various authors – some Jewish, some not – and tried to parse out what exactly it is we mean when we refer to Jewish literature. We also read a number of writers, from Saul Bellow to Francine Prose, who described what they see as the essence of Jewish literature – Bellow refers to the simultaneous expression of "laughter and trembling," while Prose describes Kafka's *Metamorphosis* as the story of a "Jewish cockroach."

Given that any prescriptive definition of what Jewish literature is will invite exceptions or challenges to the criteria ad infinitum, all we have is the broken eggshells of an idea rather than the yolk.

But our class decided to throw caution to the wind and see if we could find some common ground between writers as diverse as Grace Paley, Nathan Englander, Franz Kafka and Delmore Schwartz.

The easiest definitions came first: "Jewish literature is written by a Jewish author and contains Jewish content."

This seemed simple enough. But the answer just led us to an even more troubling question: What is Jewish content? Here we ran into trouble, because whenever we tried to define it, the term seemed to slip through our fingers.

Some referred to the essentially Jewish feeling of being an outsider. Others referred to an essential moral stance behind an author's portrayal. Still others joked about the importance of family matters, declaring "public access to private matters" a common trait of Jewish literature.

All of these characteristics seemed useful, but none could be all-encompassing enough to include the variety and richness of Jewish literature.

We could all think of stories that did not fulfil this or that qualification, but still "felt Jewish." And of course we were fully aware that Jewish literature holds no monopoly on being an outsider, having a moral stance, using family as subject matter,or even airing private matters in public.

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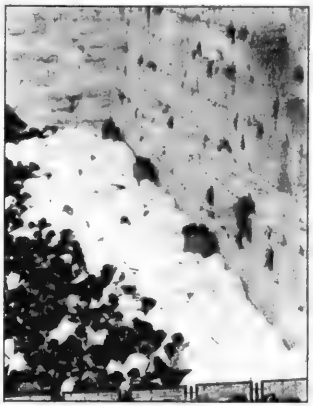
Renowned Israeli photographer opens Toronto studio

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Photographer Jacob El-Baz has a keen eye for the unusual, the sprightly and the poignant.



Haredim pray at the Western Wall.

Using a Nikon camera like an artist's paintbrush, he distills the essence of a situation with a few bold, telling strokes.

El-Baz divides his time between the United States, Canada and Israel. Last week, he opened the Tripod Gallery, located at 212 Avenue Rd. in Toronto.

Palestinian women in East Jerusalem.

A selection of his eclectic photos, going back some 30 odd years, will be on display until the end of this year. The mostly black-and-white photographs attest to his abiding interest in Israel's fate and in haredi life.

El-Baz, 55, was born in Morocco, immigrated to Israel, lived on a kibbutz in the Galilee, broke into photography in his early 20's and moved to Toronto, where he freelanced for *The Canadian Jewish News*.

Subsequently, he opened an art gallery, sold it and moved to New York City. Then he started a new gallery in the Soho district which still exists.

Now, with the Tripod Gallery, a sunny 1,000-square-foot space in mid-town Toronto, he has come full circle.

The photographs, some 70 in number, are almost evenly divided between Israel and Brooklyn.

One of the most arresting ones, snapped on the heels of a terrorist incident that claimed the lives of Israeli children riding on a school bus near the Lebanese border, shows Israel's defence minister, Moshe Dayan, consoling a distraught father.

In another photo, which conveys a much lighter mood, El-Baz zooms in on a female soldier handing a refreshing popsicle to a male soldier seated in a halftrack.

El Baz's light touch is apparent in two other photos: a toddler, in actuality his son Aviv, looks up curiously at a haredi man praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem; a woman soldier, taking a break from field duty, grooms herself in front of a mirror.

His forte for cross-cultural juxtaposition is evident in two additional photos. The first is a stunning canvas of two separate groups of haredi men pressed uniformly toward the Western Wall in fervent prayer. The majority are clad in a sea of white tallitot. The rest are dressed in standard-issue black garb.

The second is a stark study of a Palestinian woman in a traditional embroidered dress negotiating a set of steep steps in the Old City. It demonstrates El Baz's skill in handling diffuse light.

A photo of an old Arab man gazing in mock wonderment at a camel with its mouth agape underscores his penchant for humour.

His New York photos concentrate almost exclusively on the haredi community in Williamsburg. We a see a big-breasted black woman in a tanktop nonchalantly passing a young man wearing a black fedora.

An Israeli soldier grooms herself.

We see haredi boys caught up in the fun of a baseball game.

The insularity of the haredim is underscored by the reaction of a black teenager as a haredi man saunters past him, seemingly oblivious to the world.

El Baz also explores homelessness, and his picture of a down-and-out man sleeping on a New York sidewalk is like a thousand-word essay about poverty and alienation.

A viewer surveying El Baz's ensemble of photos at the Tripod Gallery can only conclude that he is a remarkably talented photographer.

Why Jewish literature matters

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Even the easy subjects became confused. Is a pickle inherently Jewish, we joked, so that if Timothy Findley included a pickle in a story, it would qualify as "Jewish literature"?

Very funny. But what about the Holocaust? Isn't Holocaust literature, of all kinds, ultimately Jewish in its content? Is Tadeusz Borowski's terrifying collection of stories, *This Way to the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*, less relevant to Jewish readers simply because its author was a gentile?

And what about other stories with Jewish content which have been written by non-Jews? Isn't Hemingway's portrayal of Robert Cohn in *The Sun Also Rises* as important a document for students of Jewish culture as J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye?*

What about John Updike's recent novel, *Beck*, which vividly evokes the type of Jewish character which Updike knows unmistakably well? Are we being unnecessarily particularist when we exclude these fine writers – who may very well know as much about us as we do – from our categories?

We also had trouble when one of our class members referred to a story as having a "Jewish tone" to it. What did that mean?

Some of us – the Americans in particular – could read a story by New Yorker Paley and immediately recognize its Jewish tone, but others thought her no more "Jewish-sounding" than New York Mayor Rudy Guiliani.

We wondered if we avoided some common ideas – Jewish loquaciousness, Jewish accents – because we were afraid of stereotyping ourselves.

On the other hand, maybe we could just include anyone who wrote a book, no matter the content, as long as he had a Jewish mother.

Then we started to wonder: was our debate completely circular, a complete waste of time?

As you've probably guessed by now, our class did not come up with any definitive solutions to the question of what Jewish literature is or is not. There are some writers whom we all could agree on were inherently Jewish: Shalom Aleichem, Henry Roth, and more recently, Allegra Goodman and Nathan Englander.

These are certainly writers worth reading. But I found that when we discussed the more "iffy" Jewish writers, we learned more about what we believe forms the substance and content of our Jewishness – why Paley or Salinger will ring true for some but not for others, why Philip Roth or Mordechai Richler might strike some as quintessentially Jewish, and others as quintessentially anti-Jewish.

In any event, these are some of the most important questions that literature can force us to confront. Literature, particularly that of an ethnic minority, must always be engaged with a search for self-definition.

After all, Jewish literature, whatever it is, is only useful as such if it helps us understand what Jewishness means to us. It seems to me that the members of this class were engaged in a crucial endeavour, one that can only benefit from further discussion and study.

For what is more important for the preservation and dynamism of our faith than a discussion over its essential character?

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

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Judaica Show: The 2nd annual Judaic Arts and Crafts Show and Sale is scheduled for Sunday Nov. 18th and Monday Nov. 19 at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Artists of all types of Judaica are invited to participate.

Profits of the show & sale will support the production of *B'Yadeinu*, a magazine dedicated to special needs children. Susan Mittelman Sokol, (905) 763-8858 or Jean Rodak, (416) 638-2502.

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For Children: Barney the Dinosaur, adored by millions of youngsters, is making two appearances at the Toronto Zoo this weekend.

Barney performs two 20-minute sing-alongs each day, including songs from his new video, *Barney, Let's Go To The Zoo*. Performances free with paid admission. Zoo officials advise parents to "bring your blanket and sunscreen and get ready for a "zoo-per duper" time!" They are also advised that there's no reserved seating and limited parking, so use public transit if possible.

Main Meadow, Toronto Zoo, Meadowvale Rd., Scarborough. Aug. 25 & 26, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. 416-392-5900.

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Saturday Night Fever: David & Ed Mirvish have announced that a limited Toronto engagement of *Saturday Night Fever, the Musical*, featuring a 33-person cast, will open Sept. 5 at the Canon Theatre. The stage show is inspired by the 1977 film and features songs from its soundtrack by **The Bee Gees**. The story focuses on Tony, an ambitious, talented, streetwise kid from Brooklyn with a burning desire to make it big in Manhattan.

Canon Theatre, 244 Victoria Street. $40 - $93. 416-872-1212 or www.mirvish.com.

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Arts Briefs

• The Markham Little Theatre presents the musical *Little Shop of Horrors*, a tuneful spoof of 1950s sci-fi B-movies. Sept. 12 to 15, 8 p.m. Adults $19. 171 Town Centre Blvd. 905-305-7469.

•**Mayor Mel Lastman** and his wife **Marilyn** will help launch the Toronto Philharmonia's 30th season opener, an all-Verdi evening featuring soprano **Barbara Collier** and baritone **Bruce Kelly**. $26 - $37. George Weston Recital Hall, 5040 Yonge St. Sept. 13, 8 p.m. 416-870-8000.

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Passages: **Larry Adler**, a harmonica virtuoso whose musical partners ranged from **George Gershwin** to **Elton John** to classical orchestras, died in London recently at the age of 87, the JTA reports.

Adler composed music for several film scores, including an Oscar-nominated score for the 1953 film *Genevieve*. Many classical composers wrote music specifically for Adler, including **William Walton** who once said, "The only two young geniuses in the world are **Yehudi Menuhin** and Larry Adler."

Adler grew up in Baltimore as the son of observant Russian immigrants. Like many of his generation, he abandoned formal Jewish observance and adopted left-wing politics. He moved to Britain in the 1950s after he was blacklisted during the McCarthy era.

In 1945, he played for concentration camp survivors. "I was playing to these living skeletons when one of them called out, 'Play *Mein Shtetle Belz*,' a Yiddish folk song. He began to hum and I began to play," Adler recalled. He was also one of the first overseas entertainers to play to Israeli troops during the 1967 Six-Day War.

Kudos for *Into The Arms of Strangers*

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
Special to The CJN

It is rare to attend a press screening and witness an ovation at the end of the film. But that is exactly what happened when I first saw *Into The Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport* at the Toronto International Film Festival last year.

It should not be completely surprising that this happened. *Into The Arms of Strangers* has won many prizes and awards in the past year, including the Academy Award for best feature length documentary.

The film deserves every kudo it has won. It is a moving and fascinating film about a piece of Holocaust history that few people knew about before it was produced.

Into The Arms of Strangers was produced by Deborah Oppenheimer, whose mother was one of the 10,000 children rescued by the kindertransport program. Most of these children were Jewish, and most of them never saw their parents again.

Oppenheimer knew very little about her mother's story. As long as her mother was alive, Deborah Oppenheimer was afraid to pry too much. But after her mother died, Oppenheimer came across a number of letters sent by her grandparents to her mother in England. This sparked her interest and led to the making of this film.

Her major obstacle, as with most filmmakers who decide to make a documentary, was raising the funds to produce the film. But Oppenheimer had the good fortune to also be the executive producer for a very successful television series, *The Drew Carey Show*, which is produced and distributed by Warner Brothers.

Oppenheimer approached the studio and Warner Brothers agreed to finance the production and distribute the film. The result is a first rate film that really should be seen by as many people as possible.

Its theatrical run was only moderately successful. But now that it is on video, *Into The Arms of Strangers* will give a lot more people the opportunity to see the film and to appreciate the quality of the final product.

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Another video that has just found its way to the video stores is the recent television mini series, *Anne Frank*. Although it was produced for TV, this was an excellent production that covers the entire period of Anne Frank's life and not just the time that she was in hiding in the attic.

The film explains how the Frank family wound up living in Amsterdam and also follows Anne after she and the others in the attic were arrested. It gives us the entire story, not just the little piece that is covered in her diary.

This film is also much truer to Anne's Jewishness than the 1959 film. This production includes numerous references to her religion and to her feelings about being Jewish and what her intentions were after the war ended. At one point Anne even talks about emigrating to Palestine.

Anne Frank features a terrific cast headed by Hannah Taylor-Gordon in the title role, Brenda Blethyn and Ben Kingsley.

If you didn't see this production of *Anne Frank* when it was telecast a few months ago, be sure to rent it or purchase it at the video store. It is an excellent addition to the growing library of Holocaust films that has been building up over the past few years.

Arts & Travel

Trip to Laos opens 'new world'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

ON THE MEKONG RIVER — The low-slung passenger boat carrying 10 inquisitive Western tourists rounds a scenic bend of the meandering Mekong River and chugs toward a white sandy beach adjacent to a jungle clearing.

Towering over us are pristine forests, dense with soaring tropical hardwoods and impenetrable shrubs. In the distance are implacable green mountains.

Under a wan sun, we disembark, gingerly hopping off the gangplank. Half-naked children, their brown faces smudged with grime, approach. Smiling shyly, they seem accustomed to strangers.

We walk into a Hmong hilltribe hamlet, a maze of simple bamboo huts on stilts set amid palm trees. Chickens and piglets run free in the dust.

In a squared-off area, Hmong people wearing traditional tribal costumes, mill around a collection of shiny pots and pans. It is market day. They glance our way, but mainly ignore us.

I feel like an early 19th century European explorer who has just stumbled upon a new world.

Welcome to Laos.

Off-limits to travellers until quite recently, Laos has opened itself to tourism. Convulsed by war and political instability, landlocked Laos, known as the Land of a Million Elephants, has emerged from its troubles and virtual isolation.

Hemmed in by Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and China, it epitomizes the spirit of old Indochine. Laos is rural, unpretentious and, best of all, unspoiled. A quiet, rustic backwater whose vistas are balm for the soul, it is a country where time, in certain respects, has stood still.

Caught up in the vortex of Western colonialism and turmoil in neighbouring Vietnam, Laos was continually buffeted by chaos and violence, and hardly knew the meaning of peace. At one point in the 1960s and 1970s, Laos was the most heavily-bombed nation, on a per capita basis, in the history of warfare. But those days are gone, and Laos is slowly developing.

A sparsely-populated land whose citizens could easily fit into a bustling metropolis like Bangkok, Laos imparts the spirit of pre-World War II Southeast Asia.

For the curious and adventurous traveller, Laos offers far more than remote hilltribe hamlets, where native trinkets, handicrafts and textiles can be bought for a song.

Near Ban Houesai, a village across the Mekong River from Thailand, I watched women making rice noodles, the staple of the Laotian cuisine, and men making rice whisky, a formidably potent drink.

After a night in Ban Houesai, a dull burg better left off an itinerary, we squeezed ourselves into speedboats, four to a vessel, and roared off like angry hornets.

Reaching incredibly fast speeds, the vessels whooshed and groaned over the placid surface of the Mekong, one of the world's mightiest rivers. Passing slow-moving barges, we stopped once for a cursory customs check. The inspectors were looking for opium poppies, which, though illegal, is the crop of choice in these untamed parts.

A Laotian woman in Luang Prabang's outdoor crafts market. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

In the afternoon, we arrived in Pak Baeng, a spartan encampment on a bluff. The hostel we repaired to was strictly basic, with hard beds and trickly, cold-water showers.

After breakfast, we piled into a long motorized boat with wooden seats. Then, withdrawing into ourselves, we silently watched the great wilderness float by.

Both banks of the Mekong, a major trade route that connects Laos with China, Vietnam and Cambodia, are clad in thick forest. Hmong settlements cling to hillsides. There are no towns and villages along this lonely stretch of river.

After several hours, we disembarked to explore the mystical Pak Ou caves, a Buddhist shrine famous for its Buddha images.

Then it was on to Lauang Prabang, Laos' former capital. A sleepy, compact town best seen on foot, Luang Prabang, 700 metres above sea level, brims with ornate Buddhist temples where the fragrance of incense mingles with the deep-throated chants of saffron-robed monks.

The royal palace, which is well worth a visit, has been converted into a museum. It is inside a tranquil garden dominated by graceful palms. The palace, with its rich furnishings and bric-a-brac, summons up the pre-1975 era, when Laos was a monarchy.

Luang Prabang's outdoor crafts market, renowned for its embroidered textiles, is close by.

And if you're in need of a soothing therapeutic massage, head over to the Laotian Red Cross.

There is an enchanting waterfall, with natural swimming pools, a half hour away by car from Luang Prabang. It is not to be missed.

The road to Vang Vieng, a backpackers' mecca, winds through a rugged mountain range that supports coffee plantations.

Nestled in an idyllic valley on the east bank of the Nam Song River, Vang Vieng exudes a supremely laidback atmosphere.

The main attractions are the network of caves, bristling with stalagmites, and the superb views of mountains of the gauzy kind found in classic Chinese prints.

There is an abandoned airstrip next to Vang Vieng's scruffy bus station. Built by the Americans seemingly eons ago, it is the only tangible sign of Laos' involvement in the Vietnam war.

Vientiane, the capital of Laos, is basically a steamy, overgrown village that hums to the monotonous drone of thousands of motor scooters.

Its sights include Wat Sisaket, an imposing Buddhist temple; Pha That Luang, a stupendous stupa and Laos' national symbol; and the Victory Arch, which symbolizes the victory of the Pathet Lao revolutionary movement in 1975, a seminal year in modern Laotian history.

A pleasant promenade hugs the curve of the Mekong River, which separates Vientiane from the low-lying Thai city of Nong Khai. The promenade is particularly delightful at sunset, when the sun bathes Vientiane in a magical, golden glow.

Long after you've left Laos, the memory of it sweetly lingers on.

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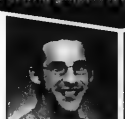

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Prevention urged to combat substance abuse in kids

By LEILA SPEISMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The effective way to deal with the growing number of children with substance abuse problems is prevention, not merely therapy after the fact, says adolescent counsellor Chezi Goldberg.

Goldberg, a former Torontonian, now lives in the Gush Etzion town of Betar Illit and practises in Jerusalem, specializing in, as he describes it, "adolescents at risk and risky parents."

He advocates meetings between parents, teachers and school administrators, and counsellors.

"Look at students who are in trouble right now. Then look back at what was going on 10 years earlier and what would have helped them," Goldberg said in a recent telephone interview.

For instance, did the child have an undiagnosed learning disability? Is he from a single-parent family, with no one to sit beside him at shul? Was testing too expensive?

Once those issues have been identified, he said, put solutions in place that will deal with the problems before they become a crisis.

Parents should go to their schools and encourage them to learn how to handle problems. Education on such matters as substance abuse, molestation or promiscuity should be added to the curriculum, he advised. "That is the first line of defence."

When a child is actually in crisis, Goldberg said, "that is the worst time to make decisions."

The right thing to do, he said, is to get help from a substance abuse expert, a psychiatrist, a social worker, whoever is knowledgeable about the problem.

"The family is important in dealing with substance abuse," Goldberg said. "They must be involved with other addicts and their families."

For instance, he said, a husband, wife and children might unknowingly be enabling the problem to continue.

Many parents come to Goldberg to "fix their kids. But the kids don't want to be fixed, because they think they know everything," he said.

"A lot comes down to the parents. It is a horrible responsibility – we are watched and imitated all the time."

This is not the same thing as blaming parents whenever a child goes astray, he said; it is just being realistic.

Goldberg had some harsh words to say about those in the Orthodox community who see Israel as a cure-all for youngsters with problems. "They send kids that they know have problems without telling the seminary or wherever he or she is going. Principals do the same thing."

It is their responsibility, then, if the child drags other kids down with him, he charged.

"You don't see the Kotel and become cured – that is not an approach that will work," he said.

The only responsible way to send a child in crisis to Israel is to set up therapy in advance and involve the school he or she is going to. "Otherwise, it is better to keep them here, rather than have them die there and get others involved too."

The Orthodox community, which is just like any other community in having problems with drugs, alcohol, and child abuse and molestation, he said, is still arguing about whether to keep quiet about those issues, or to make them public.

Meanwhile, Goldberg said, people who are known to have these problems, are merely moved from place to place, without getting help, and they then have the opportunity to harm others.

One approach, which he acknowledged is "not a perfect solution, but is more perfect than what goes on now," is under the auspices of Ohel, a New York organization that deals with children with many different kinds of problems. It was suggested by district attorney Charlie Hynes, Goldberg said.

In this plan, he explained, those guilty of substance or abuse offences, can choose to either go to jail, or join an Ohel support group. There are now 16 people in this program, he said.

He can be contacted by e-mail at cheziscorner@msn.com, or by phone in Israel at 972-2-5808-807, ext. 2.

LECTURE ON AGING: Dr. Gordon Winocur, senior scientist at the Rotman Research Institute of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in Toronto (standing, far right), recently delivered the Rosalee and I.C. Pollack Lecture in Montreal. In his address, Winocur dispelled the common perception that aging inevitably leads to memory loss. Pictured (from left) are Dr. Sidney Pedvis; Florence Pedvis; Lana Harper; Marvin Tanner, chairman of the board, Montreal region of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science; Nancy Pevis-Strohl, president of the Maurice Pollack Family Foundation; and Winocur.

About Nutrition

By LISA WEINBERG

Q. Are fast food restaurants making it easier for us to eat healthy foods there?

A. This is an excellent question. Many fast food establishments have added very healthy choices to their repertoire, like grilled chicken sandwiches, salad topped with chicken breast, soup, low-fat wraps and subs, turkey sandwiches, skinny lattes, frozen yogurt, baked potatoes, etc.

However, many of these foods have calorie-laden traps attached, like salads with mounds of cheese, dressing or nuts; subs and sandwiches with mayonnaise; and sugar-filled frozen yogurt.

The other huge trap is in the size of the portions. Just look at the language used to describe fast food these days – giant, mega, biggie, super size, extreme, super, etc.

When a portion is too large, it doesn't matter how healthful the choice, you can still blow it.

Beware. Assess whether the size of the portion in front of you looks "extreme" and if so, decide that you'll only eat half – that will probably be the safest bet.

Lisa Weinberg is a registered dietitian/nutritionist specializing in pediatric and adult nutrition in Toronto. If you have any nutrition questions send them to The CJN.

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Coast to Coast

Winnipeg's art scene changing

By MYRON LOVE
Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — New things are happening in the Jewish community's arts scene here – the Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble has found a new home, and a young Winnipeg dancer finished well in an international competition.

In a story in *The CJN* in June, it was reported that Winnipeg's famed Israeli dance troupe had been forced to move from its previous temporary rehearsal venue and was looking for a more permanent studio.

In response, a Jewish businessman, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated his vacant office building to the troupe.

"We finally have a place where we can rehearse whenever we need to," says Chai executive director Tracy Kasner.

"We have two studio rooms and the area is large enough that we will be able to run classes at the same time as rehearsals are going on."

Because the space is now available, Chai will be launching a school for the performing arts after yom tov, with instruction in dance, orchestra and singing.

"As we have become more and more professional, we need more talent," says Kasner. "It has been especially difficult to find musicians of the calibre that we need. With our school, we are hoping to be able to start training singers, dancers and musicians at a younger age."

Chai co-vocal director Arthur Shiffman notes that students as young as eight can take classes at the school.

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Fifteen-year-old Lindsay Nelko is making a name for herself in dance.

In late June, the Winnipeg Jewish high school student finished ninth – out of a field of 42 in the junior category – in an international dance competition in Slovenia. She was the only Canadian among the more than 2000 participants in the competition.

Nelko performed a piece to a musical number called *Fire and Roses,* which was prepared for her by choreographer Sharon Booth.

"She was judged on showmanship, prowess, acting and musicality," says her mother, Shelley Shearer, a former dancer and dance teacher in Winnipeg.

"It was a lot of fun being there. Because Lindsay was the only Canadian, the American contingent adopted her and cheered her on."

The competition was held in Maribor, Slovenia's second largest city. The family stayed at a health spa resort with Turkish baths, pool and whirlpool and Olympic ski runs nearby.

Shearer notes that one of the tourist attractions in Maribor is a restored 15th-century synagogue. "The Jews were expelled centuries ago," she adds.

Back in Winnipeg, Nelko is appearing in *Big*, the Rainbow Stage production, in a dancing role as both a child and an adult.

In the fall, she will be back to school and dance practice.

Booth has a new piece for Nelko to work on. For her next turn on the international stage, Nelko is looking to the senior competitions in Germany in the fall of 2002.

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Braves new world for Jason Marquis

By ELI SHUPAK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Legendary broadcaster Vin Scully has just about seen it all in his 52 years calling Dodgers baseball, including the 1965 perfect game thrown by Sandy Koufax. But he couldn't recall seeing a Jewish pitcher face a Jewish batter prior to a recent game in Los Angeles.

It came on May 12 when Jason Marquis made an emergency fill-in start, the first of his young career, that years from now could be remembered as the arrival of another Jewish major league superstar.

The Atlanta Braves right-hander retired Shawn Green in both at bats that night, but what stands out in the bigger picture is that Marquis matched Dodgers ace Kevin Brown through six shutout innings, allowing two hits and one walk, striking out five, while picking up his first major league hit.

Los Angeles prevailed 1-0 on a Gary Sheffield home run in the bottom of the ninth.

Marquis returned to the bullpen following that game, and he's pitched effectively as a reliever since. He was 1-0 with a 3.09 ERA in 32 innings through June 18.

The 22-year-old New Yorker was slated to make his second career start recently versus Florida as the team's fifth starter, taking a turn in the rotation for the injured John Smoltz. Marquis will then get an opportunity to pitch in front of his friends and family at Shea Stadium against the New York Mets.

"He's going to be around hopefully for a long time," said Braves manager Bobby Cox, prior to facing his old Blue Jays club in an inter-league series recently at SkyDome. "He's got a good-looking career in front of him. He throws hard, has an above-average fastball, breaking ball, change-up.

"He's a great athlete. It's just a matter of developing and getting his feet wet."

Marquis, a first-round supplemental draft pick in 1996, grew up in a Conservative Jewish home on Staten Island idolizing Don Mattingly and dreaming of one day playing in Yankee pinstripes. He didn't have any Jewish baseball heroes as a kid.

"At that time, it really wasn't a big thing," said Marquis, whose name is of English descent. "I know Sandy Koufax was Jewish, but he played way before I was born.

"Now, it seems more and more [Jews] are playing and hopefully I can be a role model for those kids growing up."

Marquis attended Hebrew school and celebrated his bar mitzvah before turning his focus primarily to his baseball career. He said one day he'd like to get back into Judaism a little more.

Marquis made his major league debut on June 6, 2000, against the Blue Jays and pitched well in a seven-week relief stint before being sent to the club's Triple-A affiliate in Richmond, Va., at the end of July. He struggled the rest of the season, going 0-3 with a 9.00 ERA in six starts at Richmond, before spending the final month back in Atlanta, where he finished 1-0 with a 5.01 ERA in 15 appearances.

He believes his mechanics were messed up. After reviewing videotape from his high school days and spending seven weeks of winter ball in Puerto Rico, Marquis straightened out his delivery and came to camp with a renewed sense of confidence.

"He has a much better idea of what he wants to do now," said Braves pitching coach Leo Mazzone. "He's using more than just a fastball. He's pitching now instead of trying to overpower people."

Marquis is expected to take a regular turn in the Braves rotation in 2002, at which time he should see a significant increase in his $205,000 salary, just slightly above the major league minimum.

As for that confrontation between the Jewish pitcher and the Jewish batter, Marquis said for him it was really nothing special.

"When I'm on the field, I try to block out everything but the task at hand," he said. "It doesn't matter whether it's a Jewish player or a Latin player, I take the same approach.

"It's nice for little kids of Jewish ancestry to know that there are guys who did make it and not have them be discouraged."

Landsberg's guests 'brawl' verbally

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — As host of The Sports Network's *Off the Record*, it's Michael Landsberg's job to engage guests in a verbal brawl.

Off air, Landsberg spends much of his spare time raising money for charity – but he wants his good deeds to go unrecognized.

"I realized very early on that recognition spoils people. They get recognized and think they're better than everyone else," says Landsberg, who has hosted two celebrity golf tournaments, raising a combined total of $195,000 for the Hospital for Sick Children.

As well, he hosts events for about 15 different charities over the course of one year. The Leukemia Research Fund of Canada and Parkinson's desease have been two of the recepients of his help.

Having no special personal connection with any of these charities, Landsberg says simply, "It's just so difficult to say 'no'."

But Landsberg's sense of responsibility to the community goes beyond an innate inability to turn down a request for help.

"Obviously [hosting an event] is not anonymous work," he says, but "you've got to look at what you've got and what you bring to the table.

"All of us have skills that relate to a way to make money, and what I have to offer is some profile, some ability to speak in public and some ability to draw on other high-profile people, and I can help raise money in that way."

Even though the sports talk show is a success, drawing in 80,000 to 100,000 viewers five days a week, up from 75,000 one year ago, Landsberg believes he has no more debt to society than anybody else just because he works in television.

"I feel that we all have some kind of debt to society which can be paid off in different ways...All of us have some responsibility to do some good while we're on this planet."

So why does Landsberg feel compelled to champion the causes of various charities?

"I think there's a selfish side to charity, which is that it makes you feel good," he says.

"When you do something nice for somebne you get something in return. That is the feeling that you did something decent, that your day wasn't wasted, that you weren't consumed with 'What's in it for me?' I think that's really important."

Landsberg's infinite supply of energy and his positive attitude seems to have followed him throughout his life.

"I got into broadcasting by having something inside me. I believe all of us have something we're destined to do, and I believe most of the population never figures out what that is," he says. "For me, it was broadcasting. It was talking on TV."

Despite this dream, he says it wasn't until he had tripped and stumbled a few times that he finally fell into the field.

Landsberg attended the Univesity of Toronto for three years, an experience that he says "was a waste of time for me because there was nothing I wanted there."

In his third year, he began at the university's radio station.

"I realized that I may as well take a chance, may as well step out and see, 'Can you do it?'"

He then enrolled in the Radio and Television Arts program at Ryerson University, then a polytechnical institute.

"I studied enormously hard [at Ryerson]," he says, explaining that he channelled all the boredom and frustration he experienced at U of T into the program.

"I took voice lessons every week, and I practised for hours every day. I volunteered at a cable station and worked at the campus radio station," he recalls. "I did everything I could to get better."

Landsberg says his initial feeling, especially as a Jew with no role models in broadcasting, was that he couldn't do it.

But, he says, "the attitude you must have in any field is that somebody's got to get the job. There are jobs out there...That someone might as well be me."

The first day after graduation, Landsberg landed a job at CHFI radio, where he worked until he began on TSN's *Sportsdesk* when the sports channel was created in 1984.

At that point in his life, he was ready to take a shot at television, although he laughs, saying he looked like a boy of 12. He followed up the description with a high-pitched impersonation of how he thinks he sounded nearly 20 years ago.

"I don't know why they ever put me on the air."

Not only did they put him on the air, but in 1997 they gave him his own show, which he says offers sports fans a different perspective.

ספרותנו

מאת: יעל זליגר

עבר בלא צל: בניית תמונת העבר ב"סיפור" הגרמני לילדים.
מאת: זהר שביט, הוצאת עם עובד

כל מי שמבקש לבחון את התמצית הערכית של חברה-מדינה צריך שיבדוק את הספרות שילדי חברה זו קוראים. כמובן, ילדים נחשפים גם לקריאה של ספרות זרה וקלאסית; גם בקנדה ילדים קוראים אגדות-עם גרמניות וסיפורי הרפתקאות מאפריקה. למרות זאת, עיקר התוכן הספרותי שמוגש לילדים נשאב מעולמה המוסרי-ערכי של תרבות המקום. הזיקה בין ספרות ילדים לבין החברה הסובבת היא זיקת גומלין.

בספרה החשוב של זהר שביט, **עבר בלא צל; בניית תמונת העבר ב"סיפור" הגרמני לילדים**, מנסה החוקרת לבחון את גרמניה שלאחר מלחמת העולם השניה באמצעות חקר הספרות לילדים. אם אכן מאפייני הספרות לילדים הם מדד לניטיבי לאידיאולוגיה של החברה הבוגרת, הרי שמצבה של גרמניה שלאחר המלחמה ועד עצם היום הזה, מעורר דאגה ואכזבה. מסתבר שהחברה הגרמנית כמעט ואינה מסוגלת להתמודד עם פשעי העבר הנאצי. לא ברור איזו חברה יכולה להסביר לילדיה פשעים כה איומים, אך עובדה היא עובדה: הגרמנים מצטיינים ביכולת הדחקה וסילוף האמת. מחקרה של שביט נרחב, יסודי ומזעזע.

עם הקמת הרפובליקה הפדרלית בגרמניה ב- 1949 חזרו לפעילות רוב הוצאות הספרים והסופרים לילדים שפרסמו סיפורי ילדים בתקופת הרייך השלישי. כמו כן, בשנים שלאחר המלחמה, במסגרת הגיוס התרבותי לטובת הבנייה מחדש של גרמניה, חייתה העדפה ברורה למתן ביטוי לערכים מסורתיים ומיתולוגיות היסטוריות. מובן שהערכים הגלויים של הרייך השלישי נעלמו אך בסגנון הגאווה והזהדות הלאומית לא חל שינוי רב. יותר מכל העמידה הספרות לילדים במרכז את סבלו של העם הגרמני. מקור הרשע: צבאות בעלות הברית וכן קומץ קטנטן של גרמנים רעים מאוד, הנאצים. רוב הגרמנים חפים מכל פשע וחם לחמו בפועל נגד המשטר הרע. בכל הזדמנות ותוך סיכון מירבי של עצמם, הושיטו הגרמנים עזרה לכל מי שסבל תחת הרייך השלישי. ההתנגדות למשטר מתוארת כתנועה שכללה את המוני העם הגרמני בכפר, בעיר, בקרב הצבא, הכנסייה, המורים ופועלי בתי-החרושת. קומץ הנאצים המושחתים מתואר בספרות לילדים כנטע זר שבכלל נעלם עם תום המלחמה ואין לו זכר.

הסילופים מדהימים; סיפורה של אנה פרנק הופך לסיפור קורותיה של נערה גרמניה שנאלצה להתחבא מהגסטפו. פה ושם מוזכרים מחנות ריכוז ורכבות האימה. מותם של היהודים מוצנע ביותר. קטעי המחקר המזעזעים ביותר הם טקסטים סיפוריים שבמודע או שלא במודע בונים משוואה בין הנאצים והיהודים. הן הנאצים והן היהודים קטנים בגופם, כהים, סובלים מעיוותים גופניים וגם לנאצים וגם ליהודים טקסים משונים.

באריכות רבה מתארים סיפורי הילדים את פרטי הפצצות בעלות-הברית. כל-כך הרבה גרמנים טובים מתו שבכלל אין מה להשוות עם סבלם של "אחרים".

אכן מסקנתה של זהר שביט מתבקשת: גרמניה ממשיכה לספר לילדיה סיפור מעוות ולא מוסרי.

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1/3 cup cornmeal	1 cup nonfat sour cream	3/4 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda	1/2 cup applesauce	3/4 cup apple, peeled & chopped
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder	1 egg	1/2 cup uncooked oatmeal
1/2 tsp. salt	2 tblsp. vegetable oil	2 tsps. cinnamon
1 cup sugar	1 tsp. vanilla	

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray 10" Bundt pan with cooking spray; flour lightly. In med. bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, baking soda, baking powder & salt. In large bowl combine sugar, milk, sour cream, applesauce, egg, oil & vanilla. Add flour mixture to applesauce mixture; stir until well blended. Gently fold in beaten egg whites. In small bowl, combine brown sugar, oatmeal & apples. Spread half of batter into prepared pan; sprinkle with oatmeal mixture. Spread remaining batter over oatmeal mixture. Bake for 1 hr.

About Food

Dear Norene

If you love beautifully illustrated cookbooks and if you love entertaining outdoors, *Bon Appetit's Outdoor Entertaining* (Conde Nast/Panthean, $44.95) is the book for you.

You'll find mix-and-match menus for 175 dishes to enjoy outdoors or indoors, plus creative theme menus and terrific tips. The luscious colour photographs are a visual feast for the eyes. Most of the recipes can be adapted easily to the kosher kitchen.

My cooking buddy, Kathy Guttman, tested the blueberry bars and said, "They were to die for. I used the food processor to make it easier than cutting in the flour the old-fashioned way for the base and topping."

Enjoy!

BLUEBERRY STREUSEL BARS

Crust:
1½ cups old-fashioned oats
1½ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup (packed) golden brown sugar
½ tsp. baking soda
1 cup chilled unsalted butter, cut into small pieces

Filling:
12 oz. package frozen blueberries, thawed
⅔ cup blueberry or raspberry jam
5 tsp. all-purpose flour
1½ tsp. minced lemon peel

Crust: Preheat oven to 375. Generously butter 13 x 9 x 2-inch glass baking dish. Combine first 4 ingredients in medium bowl. Add butter; rub with fingertips until mixture resembles coarse meal. Press half of crumb mixture onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake crust until light brown, about 15 minutes. Cool slightly.

Filling: Mix blueberries, jam, flour and lemon peel in medium bowl. Spread filling over crust. Sprinkle remaining crumb mixture over. Bake until golden, about 35 minutes. Cool in pan. Cut into squares. Makes 24.

Norene Gillett is a Canadian author of kosher cookbooks, including MealLeani'Yumm! (All That's Missing is the Fat). She gives lectures and cooking demonstrations throughout North America. Submit cooking questions to The CJN. *Contact Norene at goodfood@gourmania.com.*

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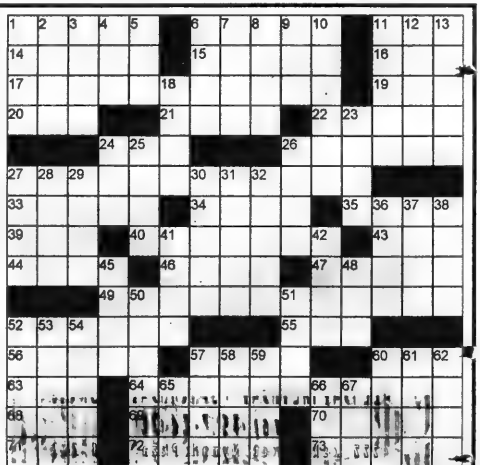
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Answers to the crossword are on page 45.)

By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across
1 Glickman colleague
6 Prepare, as meat
11 One of Paul Simon's many
14 Woody Allen title character
15 Shapiro defense
16 "A Chorus Line" song
17 ___, *Dumb Is Forever* (Judge Judy book)
19 Kenny G.'s instrument
20 Marx's ending
21 Anne Frank's father
22 Laughing beast
24 "What ___ you do?"
26 Brandeis concerns
27 Telling words
33 One with *smicha*
34 Fascistic concern
35 Explorer Hernando de ___
39 Greek letter
40 Atom parts
43 ___-practicing
44 One of Jon's "Saturday Night Live" costars
46 Barbra's "Funny Girl" costar
47 African capital
49 Fab Four manager
52 Jerusalem scholar of 2,000 years ago
55 Barak's nat.
56 Vichy shalom
57 They say Miller's words
60 ___-relief
63 Women of the house
64 Jackie Mason territory
68 "Now I've got you!"
69 Madonna role
70 Heart highway
71 Parental responses, maybe
72 Mr. Big Shot
73 Enemy of Gog

Down
1 1944 Physics Nobelist Isidor Isaac ___
2 French islands
3 Steven cast him as Oskar
4 Euromoney
5 Although
6 Silly
7 Middle Eastern resort
8 Dog's name
9 Playwright Burrows
10 First of twelve
11 Sprayed (down)
12 Silly
13 Kinky Friedman's home state
18 Entebbe name
23 Blabbers
24 Carl Bernstein, once
25 Take ___ (swim)
26 Meadow
27 Savage of television
28 Pro ___ (proportionately)
29 Statesman Abba
30 Kitchen drawer?
31 Refusenik name
32 Two minimal *minyanim*
36 Fairy tale start
37 Spelling out in Hollywood
38 Son of Judah
41 Stir up
42 Give lip
45 Not just ready and willing
48 Part of JCC
50 Brother of Dan
51 Heart of the matter
52 Esther got him hanged
53 Moses Alexander used to be its governor
54 "Friends" actress Kudrow et al.
57 Baby's place
58 Regarding
59 Strikebreaker
60 *Mad* cartoonist Dave
61 A woman's voice
62 Party type
65 Eggs
66 Half of a Manischevitz cracker
67 Big snake



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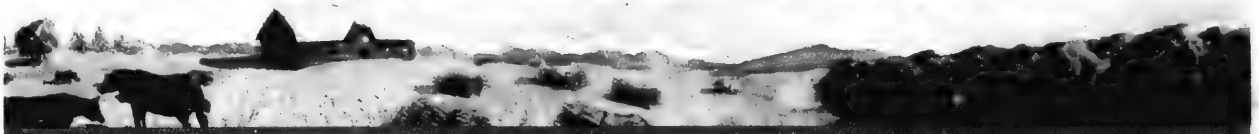

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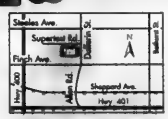

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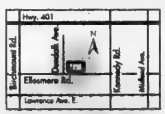

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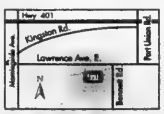

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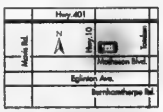

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Syrian election to Security Council opposed

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The election of Syria to a non-permanent position on the UN Security Council is a virtual fait accompli, but the government of Israel and Jewish community organizations are urging Canada not to back its candidacy.

Canada's support for the election of a dictatorship that flouts human rights – and UN resolutions – would send the wrong message to other countries that violate fundamental freedoms, they say. Instead, Canada should withhold its vote when the election comes up, probably in late October.

Canada has not announced its decision, though Southam News last week quoted unnamed diplomatic sources saying Canada would vote in favour of Syria as part of a strategy of strengthening its relationships with Arab countries.

A spokesman for Foreign Affairs, Michael O'Shaughnessy, said Canada never reveals its voting intentions. In a prepared statement, he pointed out Syria is the only candidate advanced by its electoral group for the Asian seat on the Security Council. "Since there are no other candidates for the Asian seat, there is not an election per se," he said.

"In the fall, the General Assembly will be asked to endorse the Asian group's decision, and thus, Syria is virtually assured of winning the seat," he added.

Canada's position on the Syria vote was applauded by Atif Kubursi, president of the National Council on Canada-Arab Relations. He called it "very positive," Southam reported.

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SUMMER FUN: At 15 metres high, the world's tallest pub opened at a Tel Aviv beach as part of a two-day beer festival. *[RNS/Reuters photo]*

Palestinian gunmen attack IDF base

By PETER HIRSCHBERG
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The Palestinians claimed a military success Saturday, when two gunmen infiltrated an IDF base in Gaza and killed three soldiers before being killed themselves, but the weekend was less rosy on the diplomatic front.

Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Yasser Arafat found his push for UN observers thwarted yet again, and U.S. criticism of his actions held firm.

Furthermore, the Palestinians were hit by an aerial bombardment Sunday morning, when Israeli F-15 and F-16 fighter planes destroyed police installations in the Gaza Strip in retaliation for the killing of the three soldiers and the shooting ambush on the Jerusalem-Modi'in road Saturday night in which two people were killed.

Earlier, IDF ground forces thrust into Palestinian-controlled territory in the Rafah area in southern Gaza, and attacked PA security positions.

Arafat is facing the fact that U.S. criticism of Israeli retaliatory actions has become increasingly muted. President George W. Bush refused to criticize the IDF action in Hebron's Abu Sneina neighbourhood last week, and on Friday, he blamed the Palestinians for paralyzing the peace process, and he backed Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's refusal to negotiate under fire.

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The News in Brief

CANADA

Order of Canada

OTTAWA — Several Jewish Canadians were among the 104 new appointments to the Order of Canada announced last week by Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson. Named as officers were Mark Greenberg of Toronto in the field of health care, and Mark Wainberg of Montreal, also for health care. Named as members were Rabbi Erwin Schild of Toronto, rabbi emeritus of Adath Israel Synagogue; Clara Balinsky of Montreal for voluntarism; Marjorie Bronfman of Montreal for philanthropy; lawyer Eric Maldoff of Montreal, a former leader of Alliance Quebec; and Herbert Sibblin of Montreal in the field of business.

Web site moves

TORONTO — A Web site that posted an "invitation to jihad" to recruit potential Islamic terrorists has changed its registered base from Canada to the United States, according to a report in the *National Post*. The site, www.Islamway.com, is being investigated by the RCMP following complaints that it was seeking recruits for terrorist training in camps in Afghanistan and that it included vicious anti-Semitic statements. A second Canadian Web site, www.qudscall.com, is also being investigated by the RCMP.

ISRAEL

Israel Helps PA

JERUSALEM — Israel is providing food and livestock to help alleviate a Palestinian food shortage in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israel reportedly is transferring to the Palestinian Authority some 17,000 cattle, calves and sheep. Earlier, 459 trucks with food and fuel reportedly entered Gaza from Israel.

Baby Delivered

JERUSALEM — Israeli border police delivered a Palestinian baby last weekend. The delivery came after officers heard cries coming from a vehicle at a West Bank checkpoint. Mother and baby were reportedly doing well.

Pride Flag Torched

JERUSALEM — Vandals last week attempted to torch a rainbow flag symbolizing the gay pride movement. The incident came on the eve of Mayor Ehud Olmert's first visit to the city's gay community centre. The flag, which flew from the centre's balcony, was partially burnt. A note left behind stated, "God will humiliate those who have pride." It was the third such attack since gay pride events began in June. Police are investigating.

WORLD

Rabbi Pam Dies

NEW YORK — Rabbi Avrohom Pam, one of the most respected voices in the Orthodox Jewish community, died Aug. 17 of cancer. Rabbi Pam, who was 88, was one of eight members of Agudath Israel of America's Council of Torah Sages and longtime dean of Yeshiva Torah Vodaath in Brooklyn.

Rich Questions

WASHINGTON — A U.S. congressional committee has sent former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak a list of questions it wants answered about his role in former president Bill Clinton's controversial pardon of fugitive philanthropist Marc Rich. According to White House notes of conversations between Clinton and Barak, the two leaders discussed the pardon on three occasions.

War Crimes Trial

EDINBURGH — Scotland says it will seek a second opinion on whether a suspected Nazi war criminal can stand trial. A first report on Anton Gecas, 85, accused of participating in the killing of Jews and other civilians in what is now Belarus, found that he is too ill to stand trial. Gecas suffered two strokes earlier this year and has been hospitalized since May.

Rabbi's Trial

TRENTON, N.J. — Jury selection began last week in the New Jersey trial of a rabbi who allegedly arranged his wife's murder. Fred Neulander could face the death penalty if he's convicted in the 1994 death of his wife, Carol.

Russian Arsons

MOSCOW — The Russian Jewish Congress and the Moscow office of the Anti-Defamation League are urging Russian authorities to take action against the increasing number of arsons and other anti-Jewish incidents. Since June, there have been nine cases of arson attempts against synagogues and Jewish schools. The frequency of cemetery desecrations has also risen.

Ontario Grads

NEW YORK — Six Ontario residents were among the recent graduates of Yeshiva University here: Tova Kalkstein, Naomi Ben-Nun, Michael Judah Levy, Mark David Tanenbaum, Danielle S. Erez and Yitzchak Motzen, all from the Toronto area, graduated from three of YU's colleges.

Birthright Boost

NEW YORK — A program that sends young Jews on free trips to Israel plans to send more people this winter than it did last winter, despite significant drops in North American Jewish travel to Israel during the Middle East violence. Birthright Israel has sent 22,000 Jews to Israel on group trips so far.

Bergson Raised Awareness of Holocaust

TEL AVIV — Peter Bergson, who raised awareness of the Holocaust in the United States during the 1940s, died here Aug. 18. He was 86.

Known in Israel as Hillel Kook, his birth and Hebrew name, Bergson was born in Lithuania, and was a member of the Irgun, the armed Jewish underground.

Bergson came to the United States in 1940. Two years later, he began concentrating on increasing awareness of the Holocaust through advertisements, rallies and even plays. In 1943, he co-founded the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews in Europe, spurring the U.S. government to create the War Refugee Board in 1944.

Bergson returned to Palestine in 1948 and was elected to the nascent state's assembly as a member of Menachem Begin's Herut Party. But he later resigned and left the country in protest when Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's promise of a constitution within one year was not delivered.

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'Urgent' campaign launched by UJA Federation

Social services affected by situation in Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The message of this year's UJA Federation of Greater Toronto Campaign launch was one of urgency.

Organizers were fuelled in large part by an "extraordinary request" from the government of Israel for assistance, as Miles Nadal, campaign launch co-chair along with Heather Reisman, put it.

The 1,250 community members attending the launch last Wednesday evening at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel received, along with their programs, a copy of a letter from Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon referring to Israel's increased defence and security expenses and their potential effect on social services and programs.

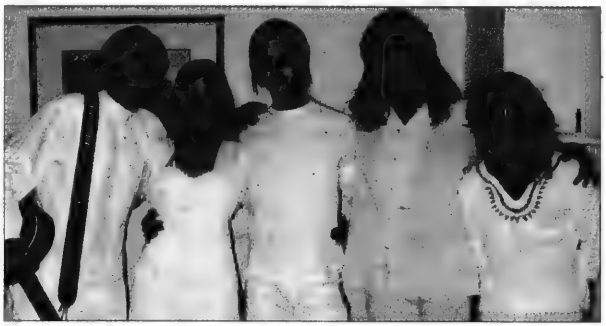
The letter read in part, "[T]he Government of Israel has issued an urgent appeal for Jewish Federations across North America to reduce the impact of these spending cuts [$700 million] through enhanced annual campaigns."

The answer to Israel's current challenges, said Haim Divon, Israel's ambassador to Canada, is a strong Israel and strong Jewish communities.

In addition to the financial challenges, Divon discussed the "disturbing and ugly reality" of the upcoming Durban conference and the expected efforts at delegitimizing Israel, as well as the "bizarre phenomenon" of the expected admittance of Syria – "of all countries" – as a member of the Security Council.

Divon lauded the efforts of keynote speaker Senator George Mitchell – whose May report on ending the violence in the Middle East is the basis for current negotiations – but cautioned that to implement the report's recommendations, Israel has to be strong, lest the changes prove to be a wrong move.

On a brighter note, Israeli singing group Gaya, in its North American debut, had the audience singing and clapping along to upbeat music with a message of peace and strength and a distinct Middle Eastern/North African accent.



From left: Gili Liber, Inbar Algov, Yishay Gazit, Ronen Ziony and Amir Yakoby – otherwise known as Gaya – take time out in their dressing room at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The group debuted at campaign launch. See related story, page 5. [Frances Kraft photo]

Band leader Gili Liber offered his music as "a prayer for better times."

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Isolated within a hostile world

From the editor's desk

Yossi Klein Halevi, one of Israel's fine young political and social commentators, recently wrote in *The New Republic* in an incisive, though painful article entitled *State of Despair*, that "Oslo tempted us with the promise of [a] rational Middle East... We lowered our guard."

In the article, Halevi records his conversations with Israelis from across the political spectrum. The common theme that courses through his many discussions is the return of the feeling, not too long ago thought to be obsolete, a relic of a lachrymose Jewish past, that Israelis feel once again isolated: isolated within a hostile Middle East, and increasingly, isolated within the wider international community.

It was assumed by everyone who believed the Oslo process was a worthwhile risk, that negotiations with the Palestinian leaders would be long, arduous, difficult, annoying, frustrating, even enraging, at times. But no matter how difficult the impasse, how insulting the name-calling, how jabbing the finger-pointing, there would be no more violence. "No more violence" was the explicit promise, thrice signed and often repeated (albeit in English) before politicians, statesmen, clergy and television crews by Yasser Arafat. Disputes, little or large, would be resolved at the end of a table, not at the end of a gun or bomber's fuse.

But Arafat's promise, alas, turned out to be no promise at all, but a ploy.

His ploy exposed, he has suffered no reproach, no recrimination, no censure in the western world to the shocked incredulity of Israelis and Israel's supporters.

What is worse is that many pundits, journalists and politicians make excuses for Arafat's behaviour.

And what is worse still, those same pundits, journalists and politicians reprove and censure Israel for deciding to actively, even aggressively, defend itself against Arafat's treachery.

It is therefore not surprising, given the rise of this attitude, the attitude that panders to one and punishes the other, that Israelis and Jews too, should once again feel that sense of isolation closing in.

The evidence of this attitude is ubiquitous throughout the Western world. For example, the Palestinian leaders are allowed to prescribe, if not define, the terms of the media's coverage of the conflict.

Unlike any other campaign of terror being waged on earth, Israel must find ways to defend its citizens against suicide bombers. For the suicide bomber, of course, the prospect of death is not a deterrent. He is, truly, in Franz Fanon's terms, one of the "wretched of the earth," embittered by his poverty, abandoned by his political leaders and exploited by the religious teachers who channel, if not inspire, his hatred and send him to his murdering death.

Israel strikes at the men who are known – often by their own boasting – to plan and direct the suicide bombings. The Palestinian leaders protest Israel's policy as one of "assassination" and "extra-territorial executions."

The terminology "assassination" is a clever manipulation. It engenders revulsion against Israel for killing the commanders of the bombers and at the same time, amnesia towards the PA and their Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah henchmen for planning and implementing the bombing.

It is also, of course, an inappropriate use of the term, which is generally used in reference to the killing of a political, non-combatant figure. The leaders who send the bombers to kill women and children in restaurants, coffee houses or discotheques can hardly be considered to be "political." They are military commanders waging war against Israel, even if they are cowardly commanders for never going themselves on the missions of murder and self-destruction. Nor do they ever send their own children on these missions. A pre-emptive strike at a military commander known to be plotting imminent attack against the people of another state is not an assassination. It is a morally and militarily justifiable defence.

By repeating the use of the word "assassination," we are simply walking along the propaganda path laid out by the PA leaders. We must not do so.

But we must, by contrast, point out that the outrages emanating from within the world of Israel's enemies go largely unreported.

Last week, the *Globe and Mail* placed a tiny two and a half inch "story" alongside a much larger photo of a sad Palestinian woman walking "among the debris of a house allegedly built without a permit and destroyed by Israeli bulldozers." The photo effectively depicted the woman's grief. The story alongside was curiously small given its subject. It should have been farcical but it was too alarming. Its lead paragraph read: "A senior Iraqi official described Jews as 'the sons of monkeys and pigs' at an international conference of 350 Islamic clerics for the destruction of Israel."

No western government was reported as having reacted to – let alone condemned – the sheer, undiluted, toxic hatred dripping from that conference into the minds and hearts of the people living under the regimes represented by the 350 clerics, oppressed by their leaders' policies and made more wretched for the poison they constantly, ignorantly swallow.

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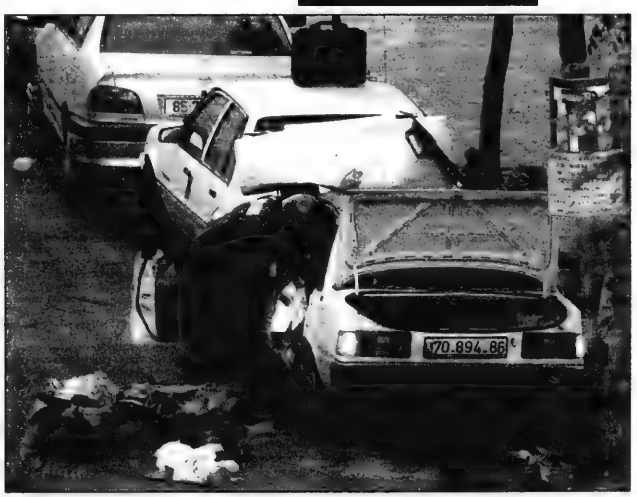

JERUSALEM EXPLOSION:

An Israeli sapper checks a car after an explosion in Jerusalem's city centre last week. A bomb set by Palestinian militants exploded next to a car in a popular entertainment district near Israeli police headquarters in Jerusalem, but no one was hurt, police said.

[RNS/Reuters photo

Israeli group debuts at campaign launch

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The name says it all. Gaya – the Israeli singing group that made its North American debut last week at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel for the campaign launch of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto – was named for Mother Earth, as personified in Greek mythology.

And Gaya's music – in fact, its whole philosophy of life – is all about love, peace and ecology, subjects the five band members, dressed in white for their Toronto gig, were happy to discuss in an interview in their dressing room before taking the stage.

"We want to connect with everyone, no matter their colour, age or race," said Gaya founder Gili Liber, a native of Haifa who studied jazz at the Rimon School of Music.

Their philosophy may be simple, but their music is more complex, combining elements of North Africa, Turkey, the West, the Mediterranean and Israel.

"Goddammit, they were good!" exclaimed one audience member at the end of their set, referring in particular to the work of percussionists Ronen Ziony and Amir Yakobi.

Liber, like his fellow band members, comes mainly from a rock background, although he also played jazz. Then, about eight years ago he began playing ethnic music, using instruments like the darbouka, bouzouki, ney (Arabic flute) and oud.

"I found, in eastern ethnic music, more notes to play, more scales, and I thought it's very interesting." The music, he felt, had potential to enrich his melodies. And playing instruments that didn't involve electricity also offered new possibilities.

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto

Liber teamed up with Ayelet Zioni, now his wife, and they began writing music together. She is Gaya's producer and they continue to collaborate on music – Zioni writes the lyrics, Liber the melodies. Their most recent collaboration, however, is their one-month-old son Shachar.

Gaya was formed in 1997 when Liber and Zioni decided their songs might have a broader appeal than just their own circle of friends. With two CDs to their credit, the band was described in publicity for their Toronto appearance as "Israel's hottest singing group today."

Current band members, all Israeli-born, range in age from 20 to 38.

In addition to Liber, Ziony and Yakobi, band members include bass guitarist Yishay Gazit and singer Inbar Algov, the only female member and the youngest at 22. Liber and Ziony, both 38, are the senior members of the group.

Despite the ongoing violence that began 11 months ago in Israel, Gaya members retain the positive outlook embodied in their music.

Reflecting on their performance in the Diaspora for an audience of UJA supporters, Liber said it was great to see that Canadians think about Israel and give their time to help it. "It makes my heart feel warm."

"Amazing," agreed Yakobi.

Gaya's biggest hit in Israel is a song called *Shir L'Ahava* (Song for Love). Its message, said Ziony (a cousin to Zioni), boils down to, "Let's stop with all the *balagan*, as we say in Hebrew."

"We want to live in peace with everybody," said Liber. "We prefer to deal with the positive things in life, because we know there's a lot of difficult things in Israel, and not only in Israel [but for] all the people in the world."

New band members are chosen as much for their philosophy as for their musical ability. "We are like family. We belong together," said Liber, who noted that he also plays with Arab musicians, "because music is peace, music is love, and it doesn't matter if you're an Arab or a Jew, when you play music you feel love."

Music, said Tziony, is an international language. The group will be performing along with an Israeli Arab violinist at a world music festival to be held next month in Israel, he said.

Ziony, like Liber, was drawn to ethnic music before joining Gaya, in his case after returning to Israel following 14 years in San Diego.

"It's pretty happy, it's groovy," he said. "It's a lot of challenge to expand your musical knowledge."

"We hope and believe that the situation is going to get better, and we try to help with our prayer, with our music," said Liber. "We use our music like a prayer."

He never felt any conflict between his beliefs and service in the IDF, he said. "This is my country. If you're born and grow up in Israel, you know that at age 18 you have to go to the army. This is your land, your people. I love my land, and I want to give, because I know a lot of people, a lot of men, have given their lives for me. So it was great to give to my country."

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UJA Federation sets campaign goal at $50 million

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Israel needs our help, said Michael Bregman, co-chair of Campaign 2002 with David Koschitzky.

"Our community here is mobilized with monthly solidarity missions to Israel," said Bregman, mentioning also the Sept. 23 Queen's Park rally scheduled to coincide with rallies in other cities internationally. As he spoke, a contingent of an estimated 100 Arab protesters demonstrated outside the hotel.

This year it's not business as usual, he stated. The original campaign goal was $47 million ($4 million more than last year), but it has been upped to $50 million.

"Our 3,000-year-old community is asking us to answer the call," said Koschitzky. "We cannot say no." He said that people could help in two ways: by volunteering and by giving money.

A challenge fund of nearly $3 million has been created by community leaders to match gift increases, he added.

In a 25-minute address, Mitchell spoke of his experience as chair of the peace negotiations in Northern Ireland in the mid-1990s and his more recent experience in the Middle East.

"It may sound paradoxical," he said, in light of ongoing conflict in Northern Ireland, "but I've come to believe more fervently than ever that there isn't a conflict that can't be ended. No matter how ancient the conflict, no matter how hurtful, I believe with all my heart and soul that peace can prevail."

Although there have been serious problems implementing the 1998 peace agreement on Northern Ireland, the level of violence is way down, he said.

Leaders must create an attitude of hope, the belief that problems can be solved and that things can be better, he stated.

UJA campaign co-chairs David Koschitzky (left) and Michael Bregman.

The current pessimism in the Middle East mirrors that which he found in Northern Ireland in 1995, he said. Leaders on both sides have endorsed the report and have told Mitchell and his team "in virtually identical words that life has become unbearable for their people."

The three main objectives outlined in the Mitchell Report involved ending the violence immediately and unconditionally, rebuilding confidence and resuming meaningful negotiations.

"Restoration of some level of trust is essential," said Mitchell.

Israel has been trying to implement the Mitchell Report, but there are parts "which are not easy for us," said Ambassador Avi Pazner, world chair of Keren Hayesod – United Israel Appeal. "But we did it out of a sense of responsibility, out of our yearning, our craving for peace."

Women's campaign chair Lesley Binstock Offman.

Israel has been trying for the past 27 years to reach peace with its neighbours, said Pazner, citing his own participation in the 1973 Geneva peace conference, and in 1978 talks at Camp David with then American President Jimmy Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, among other efforts.

"We are the good guys," he proclaimed. "We were full of hopes, all of us...on the right, left or centre. Israel was living with a dream of peace and was paying a very high price to materialize this peace, but we did it willingly."

It's not important whether former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is right, said Pazner. "What is important is that [the concessions he offered] showed our readiness for peace, our willingness for enormous sacrifices."

The Palestinian answer was rejection, he clarified. "This is not an intifadah. This is a war, a war against the very concept of legitimation of a Jewish State, and we did not understand it in the first few weeks and months."

Israel does not occupy any foreign land, he stated. "We came back to the land of our ancestors and we try to defend the tiny bit of land the best way we can."

By negotiating with Israel, PA Chair Yasser Arafat could have had much, said Pazner. "By violence he will get absolutely nothing."

Israel has been successful in thwarting up to 90 percent of terrorist attacks, claimed Pazner. "We are fighting terrorism with all our might."

He lauded the support of the audience. "Together we the Jews of Israel and you, the Jews of Canada, are united like never before. We will defend our country together."

Reisman, in her comments following Pazner's rousing speech, noted that he was speaking to the converted. "All of us have an obligation to spread the message to those who could not join us, Jew and non-Jew alike."

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To the surreal, now add the obscene

There has always been a large dose of the surreal attached to the deliberations of the United Nations. In its early days, in the aftermath of World War II, this was due primarily to the overlay of Cold War superpower geopolitics upon virtually all of the organization's operations and decisions.

Some two decades later, in the aftermath of the Six Day War, this was due to the cynical, even tyrannical subordination of UN organs and activities by the Soviet Union and its anti-western clientele of Arab/Islamic/"Non-Aligned" states.

Now, three decades later, the Iron Curtain no longer separating east from west, the Cold War a point of history rather than fact, the organization is tilted once again towards abject absurdity.

Seldom has the gap between its ideals and practices been wider.

The UN conference against racism, opening this week in Durban, South Africa, will publicly give over the gavel to a mean-spirited clatch of non-democratic, dictatorial, despotic, military regimes for the sole purpose of marginalizing Israel within the family of nations.

Now comes the likelihood that Syria will assume a seat on the Security Council in the fall. To the surreal, therefore, we must now add the obscene.

The primary purpose of the Security Council is to maintain international peace and security. That is its main responsibility. The very first words of the preamble of the UN Charter convey this purpose eloquently, if only, alas, as a dream and a reverie: "We the peoples of the United Nations determined... to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and... [for these ends] to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security..."

There could hardly be a more overwhelmingly inappropriate regime for governance upon the Security Council than the oppressive, totalitarian, brutish government of Syria. Its complete disregard of fundamental human rights is one of the key features that sets it apart from all western nations and from many others. Indeed, it is still officially listed by the U.S. State Department as one of the countries, along with such other exemplars of UN ideals as North Korea, Iran and Libya, as sponsors of international terrorism. And its chief foreign policy goals remains unchanged: the destruction of the State of Israel.

If decency and integrity are considered to be part of the hallmarks of Canadian foreign policy, there can be no doubt about Canada's vote on the upcoming question of Syrian membership in the Security Council. We must not vote in favour. An affirmative vote would endorse values most antithetical to our own.

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Merchant an anti-Semitic play

This is in response to your front-page article in the issue of Aug. 2. While Paul Soles is the first Canadian Jew to play Shylock at Stratford, one should remember that this part was once offered to the great Yiddish actor-director, the late Maurice Swartz, for a Broadway production. Such a long-running engagement would have brought him money and prestige. He turned it down, saying, "Audiences don't come to see Maurice Swartz eat pork on stage!"

No matter how skilfully an actor plays the role, a Jewish person watching the play cannot help but cringe at the shabby portrayal of Shylock the Jew. It is fine to say that "Shakespeare is full of blows to various ethnicities," but the scene where Shylock is defeated is particularly humiliating. He is forced to kneel, his yarmulke is yanked off his head and he is spat upon, compelled to exist, deflated, wearing a cross. This scene is followed by one with a frivolity and gaiety that is extremely offensive.

Soles refers to "the nuances intended by the playwright." Shakespeare masterfully created a play that assured box-office success, cleverly designing the plot so as to rouse the rabble at the Globe Theatre into hissing and booing. Yet *The Merchant of Venice* remains an anti-Semitic play. I shudder to think that busloads of Ontario schoolchildren will be taken to see it.

Nathan Garnick
Toronto

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Canada should attend conference

There is a certain ridiculous irony in the fact that the organizational meeting for the World Conference Against Racism took place in Tehran, Iran: there is no more repressive and terrorist-sponsoring nation on the face of the earth. It has been reported that the United States will boycott the conference if the odious Zionism-equals-racism resolution is put on the agenda, yet I think the United States, as well as Canada, should be present to vociferously oppose the resolution's passing and to reaffirm before all nations gathered the true and basic tenets of Zionism.

Bert Raphael
President, Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada
Toronto

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In defence of Sharon

With all the slander and accusations being levelled at Israeli Prime Minisher Ariel Sharon from all quarters, including the BBC regarding the Sabra and Shatila massacres, it is mind boggling that no one in Jewish PR has pointed out a crucial factor in his defence. I am referring to the fact that prior to 1982, the Muslims in Lebanon were massacring the Lebanese Christians by the thousands and burning their churches. The Lebanese Christians made six clandestine trips to Israel pleading for assistance and military intervention to help them in their plight. An Israeli coalition government under prime minister Menachem Begin acceded to their pleas for help in 1982.

With regard to the outrageous charges of genocide and war crimes of which Sharon has been accused, those in charge of Jewish PR should be counter-attacking and charging Sharon's accusers of their own war crimes and genocides.

Herb Landis
Toronto

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Responding to Karilani

I read with interest the column "About Teens" in your Aug. 2 issue dealing with the double cohort (university entrance) problem in 2003.

Karilani's advice to the worried Grade 10 Jewish high school student was well-balanced. She suggested looking at all the pros and cons before deciding to stay in a Jewish high school or to leave for higher marks. However, as principal of general studies at CHAT, I believe there were a few points missing from her list.

The double cohort issue and the perceived pressure for high marks is a province-wide problem and not just a Jewish high school concern. Summer school this year was jam-packed with classes of 35 to 40 students as worried individuals in every jurisdiction fast tracked to avoid graduating in 2003.

No one, it seems, trusts the government's promise to students and their parents that there will be enough places for those who are accepted into universities in 2003. This doubt exists even though the government announced in May a budget of $300 million for dealing with the anticipated demand for additional places. And the government followed up with another announcement in July that it will open a new University of Technology in Oshawa.

Will these announcements comfort the graduates of 2003? It seems to me that the seats will be available. The more important question is: will the student have a high-enough average to be accepted?

Achieving high enough marks to get into a university of choice has never been a problem for graduates from Jewish high schools. Past experience, in fact, supports the evidence that marks in Jewish high schools are competitive on average with that of any other high school in the Greater Toronto Area.

In addition, students who graduate from Jewish high schools tend to do better at university because of study, organizational and time-management skills acquired by attending a double curriculum program. The graduates' analytical and writing abilities are also stronger because of their work in Talmud, Tanach and Jewish history courses that they take along with their regular general studies courses.

The advice I would offer the student is to stay in the Jewish high school and take advantage of what it can offer.

Sheldon Friedman
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Jewish students' role on campus

By SIMON BENSIMON

In September 2000, the Hillel in Montreal organized the first in a series of free Shabbat dinners for university students. About 150 students gathered for kabalat Shabbat, dinner, a d'var Torah and an address by Dr. Bernard Shapiro, principal of McGill University.

Shapiro spoke about the impact of the university on Jews and the impact of Jews on the university. He said his office now has a mezuzah, and that he feels it is his duty to sensitize the administration to issues such as scheduling exams during religious holidays. He also encouraged the students present to take advantage of campus life and everything it has to offer.

I am sure that a number of them began thinking of their role as a Jewish student on a university campus. Was their Jewishness an issue at all? Must Jewish students feel compelled to involve themselves Jewishly, whether through courses or some sort of campus-based activism?

On campuses with large Jewish populations, there are two categories of Jewish students – those encountering the "outside world" for the first time and those finding themselves "surrounded" by Jews for the first time. On smaller campuses, Jewish students are often called upon to become representatives of Judaism. Whatever the case, it takes courage and maturity to position oneself Jewishly on campus.

As we approach the first anniversary of the current intifadah, which seems to have no real end in sight, Jewish students throughout North America will once again be called upon, under very difficult circumstances, to defend Israel's right to exist. On campuses throughout Canada, the Palestinian cause, and by default, anti-Israel/anti-Zionist sentiments, have become part of the anti-establishment, anti-globalization movement. All Jewish communal organizations, including Hillel, are considered to be reactionary and oppressive, not to mention fascistic. Frequently, only Jews who denounce Zionism and the Jewish State are considered to be sensible and progressive.

In spite of all this, thousands of Jewish students on campuses throughout Canada get involved, celebrate their Judaism, defend Israel and bring a Jewish component to student government, activism and the arts.

In Montreal, as in other cities, Jewish students from all backgrounds have mobilized themselves because of the crisis in Israel. They have developed educational materials, launched Web sites such as www.israelpride.com, published ads in campus newspapers, stood behind countless information tables, and organized Israel days, rallies and demonstrations. When push came to shove, this generation of Jewish young people did not sit back and do nothing.

> 'Being able to set aside peer pressure and concentrate on who you are'

Jewish involvement on campus is not only about reacting to anti-Israel propaganda. It's mostly about being able to grow Jewishly in a dynamic and interesting environment. University life is about learning, inside and outside the classroom. It's also about being able to set aside peer pressure and concentrate on who you are and what you will become. For many, it's a time when tastes, interests and habits develop that will remain for a lifetime. It's a time when we become who we really are.

Those of us involved in building Jewish identity and community must make sure that our outreach efforts and programming are dynamic and intelligent, and have added value to what is easily attainable on campus.

Hillel student centres throughout Canada must offer educational, social, cultural, religious and even food services that are second to none – or else we will find ourselves sitting alone, trying to figure out where we failed. We must also attract dynamic and committed student leaders who see in Jewish communal volunteerism the opportunity to enrich their lives and become full-fledged members of the Jewish community.

Students have always been ready, able and willing to lead and be masters of their own destinies. We fondly remember the student struggles for Soviet Jewry, activism on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry and Zionist student groups. When given the opportunity, students can make a difference.

Today, in communities such as Montreal's, they are once again being called upon to lead, and they are doing it with great energy. They organized a Purim party with 1,200 people here (only because 400 more were not allowed through the door), as well as Shabbat dinners with 400 people, film festivals, arts festivals, concerts, spiritual happenings, Shoah commemorations, late-night Torah societies, business cocktails and much more.

An impressive cadre of student leaders throughout the country are reaching out to thousands of their peers and engaging them in Jewish student life. They are the lifeline of our organization and the future leaders of our communities.

And our efforts as campus leaders are only the tip of the iceberg. There are hundreds – no thousands – of Jewish students out there who don't even know what they are missing. They are not coming through our doors for a variety of reasons. For most, we are still "too Jewish" and campus life is about "broadening your horizons," "leaving the ghetto." Only through openness and creativity will we be able to demonstrate what Judaism and Jewish life have to offer and that they reach far beyond all preconceived notions of Jewish communal organizations.

The Birthright Israel program, for example has enabled us to reach out to hundreds of students who do not understand what we are all about and are too frightened to take the plunge. The free trip not only exposes them to the wonders of Israel and the magnitude of Judaism, it also exposes them to other young people like themselves. The madrichim (group leaders) act as peer counsellors and become their point of entry into the Jewish world upon their return.

When you, the Jewish student, unpack your summer bag and start packing your school stuff, think about what you will do as a Jewish person on campus. Whatever you do, make sure it's meaningful and fun. And for those of you who decide that it's time to test those leadership attributes, give us a call – we have offices from Halifax to Vancouver. It would be really great to hear from you. The bottom line is that you are the future leaders of our community, and we need you much more than you need us. Let's think about that.

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The good old days

This column is addressed particularly to my older readers. I often hear friends and acquaintances in the "old age" category deliver themselves of the judgment: "There is no question that the good old days were better than what we are living through now. No wonder young people have a tough time of it. We were better off than they are today."

Rabbi Gunther Plaut in Toronto

Many of you have probably had the same experience that I have had. I particularly remember that when I was young, I heard older people say this all the time.

In my youth, they were referring to the days of the end of the 19th century, which to them were the golden years – unalloyed by the terrible experience of the first and second world wars, unemployment, horrible inflation, and especially the rise of anti-Semitism.

Perhaps some of my readers remember the "good old days" that their parents and grandparents experienced in the *shtetl* — forgetting, of course, that it was characterized to a large degree by great poverty, a narrow existence and rampant discrimination by the majority.

But this praise of the putative wonders of days gone by is already recorded in the Torah. When our ancestors were wandering in the desert and experienced thirst and hunger, they were recalling what they considered "the good old days" in Egypt, forgetting that the availability of modest nourishment was accompanied by the terrors of slavery.

I learned that the wondrous times of the 1890s were good for only about two or three percent of society; the rest had to make do with very modest incomes and, all too frequently, miserable living conditions.

I was still young when my dad called attention to a verse in the Tanach and found in Kohelet (Eccl. 7:10), which says: "Do not say that the olden days were better than today, for when you say this you do not display any wisdom."

During these times of intifadah, we are moved, as are many Israelis, to long for the imagined blessings of earlier times. In the end, however, we have always been – and hopefully will remain – optimists: we look ahead to better days than the ones we are living through. The Torah says, for instance, that poverty will always be with us, but we labour to reduce it as much as we can so that, if we are successful at all, we may say "the bad old days."

There is an old saying that comparisons always limp. Both sides of the equation have elements in their favour, and applied to human experience, that's the way it always will be. Hopefully, we will always look back, because history is fascinating and instructive, but it is the present and the future in which we invest our efforts.

Little ado about leadership

The Labour party leadership race is defined more by those who are absent from it than by those who are active in it. Neither of the two contenders, Avraham Burg and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, has succeeded in capturing the imagination of the party rank and file, nor, for that matter, of the public at large.

Shira Herzog in Toronto

Ehud Barak's resignation in the aftermath of his failure at the polls reopened a leadership race that had elected him party leader as recently as 1997. This time, however, Yossi Beilin, Shlomo Ben-Ami and Ephraim Sneh, candidates at the time, stayed away. In the shock of last February's defeat, all three preferred different options. Sneh, now minister of transport, was one of the seven Labour MKs elected to serve in the national unity government by the party central committee. Ben-Ami has been writing his version of the failure of the peace talks, while Beilin, true to form, is independently and indefatigably pursuing the potential for negotiations with the Palestinians.

Avraham Burg, described as the "perfect candidate," has nursed his leadership ambition for years. During the '80s, he was the wunderkind of Israeli politics who had burst onto the public stage with impassioned speeches against the Lebanon war once he returned from reserve duty on the front line. Later, as chair of the Jewish Agency, and more recently, as speaker of the Knesset, he has used these public platforms to aggressively promote his iconoclastic image. An observant Jew who believes in the separation of religion and state and a gifted public speaker, Burg positions himself as a bridge-builder who can appeal to religious and secular Israelis alike. In keeping with the current mood of the country, he has deliberately moved from his traditional dovish position to the centre.

Burg's critics argue that he has never held an executive position of responsibility, and that his rhetoric masks inexperience and superficiality. During this campaign, an expose in one of the leading tabloid dailies, alleging excessive spending on the perks of office in the Knesset's speaker's office, may have dealt Burg a fatal blow.

Ben-Eliezer (aka Fouad) is a lacklustre party man who now serves as Sharon's minister of defence in the unity government. He is competing by default, and has a chance just because no other candidates have emerged. A longtime Yitzhak Rabin supporter, Fouad is emphasizing his years of experience in government, and the various cabinet portfolios he held under Rabin. Since he has been historically identified with the "hawkish" wing of the Labour party, and since he has supported a harsh stance against the Palestinians during the current intifadah, his movement during the campaign has been to the left. Fouad now says that every effort must be made to return to the negotiating table with the Palestinians.

Burg and Fouad hail from different traditions and camps in the Labour party's historic Peres-Rabin rivalry. Burg is a Peres protégé, and was one of the members of the "group of eight" young liberals who tried to shape the party's direction over the last two decades. Fouad was a Rabin loyalist who stayed the middle course on security and social policy issues. Ehud Barak has endorsed him, while Sneh and Beilin have endorsed Burg. Each is trying to make inroads into his rival's natural constituency, and both are encountering apathy and indifference. Nearly 50 percent of eligible voters in the party have said they will ignore next week's vote.

The race is for leadership of a party that has been weakened (and some would argue rendered irrelevant) by a resounding defeat and a violent challenge to the peace policy with which it became identified in the last decade. Polls show that if an election were held now, Labour's Knesset representation would drop to an all-time low of 20 seats. In today's climate, neither Burg nor Fouad is likely to pose a successful challenge to Sharon – and certainly not to Netanyahu, who is plotting in the wings for his comeback chance. But Israeli politics often confound the pundits. If Sharon's coalition falls as a result of the defection of either its right or left partners, Labour will likely return to the wilderness of opposition. If it survives its term, Labour may become a reasonable alternative after all. Stay tuned.

To Jerusalem and back

Israelis and friends of Israel use the word *hamatsav* to refer to the troubled situation in the Middle East. While it is certainly true that life goes on in many normal and wonderful ways, it is also true that there is a grim sense of despair and anger that has taken hold. I just returned from a too-short visit to Israel, where I attended the World Congress of Jewish Studies. I heard very few Israelis responding with the traditional *ye'hiyeh tov* (things will work out). Here are some vignettes which capture the mood.

Marvin Wenfeld in Montreal

Before I left, more than a few Canadian friends and colleagues looked sombre when I told them I was going to Israel, particularly to Jerusalem. And frankly, for the first time, I thought twice about the issue of safety and whether or not I really ought to go, particularly after the bombing of the Jerusalem pizzeria. Even though I went, these feelings and hesitations are a triumph for Israel's enemies.

In Israel, for the first time, people on two occasions thanked me for coming. One was a cab driver, the other an Israeli delegate to the congress. Canadian Jews who want to support Israel should make a point of just being there. Tourism, which accounts by some estimates for up to 15 percent of the Israeli economy, has been devastated.

The conference I attended was notable for the relatively high proportion of Israelis who were present, compared to those from the outside, especially from North America. One organizer told me that about 150 scheduled delegates cancelled or did not appear, out of an already reduced number.

Life goes on, but people have changed their lifestyles to become more security conscious. I did not eat a meal in Jerusalem's downtown restaurants. Instead, I ate with some friends in an outdoor restaurant in the suburb of Talpiyot. During the meal, the ex-Montrealer and now Israeli who was eating with us was speaking on the cell phone to his son who was in or near his tank, trying to get home in time for his sister's wedding. The same person told us at the end of the meal that he had been scanning the street traffic while we were eating, just in case.

Speaking of cell phones, it is true that every Israeli over 10 seems to have one. But in Israel, it is far more than a fad or an affectation. When a bomb goes off, all phone lines are jammed as the whole country dials up to check if loved ones are safe.

The malls are packed, compared to other shopping areas. The reason is that the malls, with their stringent security at each entrance and in the parking garages, are now among the safest places in Israel, especially for children.

My relatives in Rehovot have a 10-year-old son. This summer, instead of sending him to camp as they had last year, they took him along on a family vacation to Europe, afraid that the field trips and sporting events might be too tempting a target.

The next few years will tax Diaspora Jewry like never before. Israel is not winning the full-scale public relations battle that is presently afoot. The official Israeli case, coming out of the Oslo accords and subsequent negotiations, is easy to make. It is logical and sensible. Its goal is a peace treaty between a Jewish State and a Palestinian state, with mutual obligations and responsibilities, emerging from compromise and negotiated agreements.

This is *not* what Arab and Palestinian spokespersons want. They want a Lebanese solution. They make no mention of peace treaties, of normalized relations, of agreements, or of responsibilities. All their rhetoric is aimed at achieving an Israeli withdrawal from (all) the territories, a dismantling of Jewish settlements, a sharing of Jerusalem, and a return of refugees. And as recent pronouncements reveal, these demands, at least for some Palestinian leaders, are in fact just a first step towards the dream of a greater Palestine stretching to the Mediterranean.

While Palestinian leaders have for years admitted that they recognized Israel – after all, Israel is a fact – they now seem less clearly committed to recognizing the "legitimacy" of Israel's existence, as a Jewish State in the Middle East. Perhaps they feel they can win through demoralization what they could not through war. There are two ways Diaspora Jews can help support Israel in these difficult days. One is by speaking up, confidently, as never before. The other is by visiting Israel whenever possible.

Right-wing political extremism in Israel

When Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old Bar Ilan University law student, assassinated Yitzhak Rabin six years ago, there was an audible gasp of shock and incredulity in Israel and the Diaspora.

How could a Jew murder a fellow Jew in a country besieged by Arab enemies?

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

That insistent question, though valid and understandable, was beside the point historically.

Throughout its pre- and post-state history, violence has been an ugly ingredient in Israel's domestic politics. From Chaim Arlosoroff's assassination in 1933 to Baruch Goldstein's pathological rampage in 1994, an extremist thread has run through the fabric of Israeli society.

Most recently, this unfortunate phenomenon asserted itself when Ehud Barak was prime minister. In a bid to hammer out an end-of-conflict agreement with Yasser Arafat, Barak reportedly offered the Palestinians what had, until then, been unimaginable concessions – more than 90 percent of the West Bank, all of the Gaza Strip and shared sovereignty in eastern Jerusalem.

Barak's offer, spurned by Arafat at last July's Camp David summit, enraged Jewish settlers in the territories, as well as right-wing Israeli politicians. Barak, they charged, planned to give the store away. Such was the backlash against Barak that the Shin Bet – Israel's internal security agency – warned that extremists might try to murder him. And Ephraim Sneh, then the deputy defence minister, said the recriminations reminded him of the atmosphere on the eve of Rabin's assassination.

Ehud Sprinzak, a Hebrew University scholar, knows a thing or two about right-wing extremism in Israel. In *Brother Against Brother* (The Free Press), a chilling and knowing account of the roots of violence in Israel's political culture, he suggests that Arlosoroff's slaying was a precursor of the malaise that continues to haunt Israel.

A young and promising Labour movement leader, he was gunned down by Zionist Revisionist thugs. Like ancient Jewish zealots in the last days of the Second Temple period and European fascists in the 1920s and 1930s, they were not loath to use violence to achieve political goals. In his case, they resented Arlosoroff's role in the negotiation of an agreement with Nazi Germany concerning the immigration of German Jews to Palestine.

The Arlosoroff affair, however, was symptomatic of the tensions that had already poisoned relations between moderate and radical Zionists.

At stake were deep policy differences over relations with the British colonial administrators and strategies regarding nation building. Civility and mutual respect were alien concepts during this acrimonious and long-running debate. Both movements believed that they held a monopoly on the truth.

The so-called Season, which ran from October 1944 to March 1945, exacerbated the mutual animosity. Having concluded that the Irgun's terrorist campaign against Britain was counter-productive, the Haganah – the primary Jewish military force in Palestine – cracked down on that Revisionist militia, severely damaging its operational capabilities. And in a number of instances, the Haganah turned over Irgun commanders to the British.

These incidents, the scuttling of the Altalena in June 1948 and the Irgun's assassination of United Nations envoy Count Folke Bernadotte three months later, widened the gulf between Israel's prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, and the leader of the Herut, Menachem Begin.

Violence flared again after Israel signed a reparations agreement with West Germany in the 1950s. Yet there is no evidence that Begin authorized the violence, writes Sprinzak, an authority on extremism, terrorism and religious fundamentalism in Israel.

During the early years of Israeli statehood, one of the most charismatic figures on the far right was Israel Eldad (Scheib), a former commander of the Lehi, a breakaway faction of the Irgun. Eldad spoke of the need to continue the War of Independence until Israel's borders reached the Nile River in the west and the Euphrates River in the east.

According to Sprinzak, Eldad, in 1949, inspired two yeshiva students to form an anti-government group. Known as B'rith Hakana'im, it vandalized and burned coffee shops, restaurants and movie theatres supposedly desecrating the Sabbath.

In 1951, former Lehi members founded an outfit called The Kingdom of Israel. Its operations were more eclectic, ranging from the burning of non-kosher butcher shops in Tel Aviv to the storming of Jordanian outposts near Jerusalem in retaliation for Arab terrorism launched from Jordan.

At the end of 1952, after the infamous Doctors' trial in Moscow and the Slansky show trial in Prague, the Kingdom of Israel set fire to the Czech mission and the Soviet embassy in Tel Aviv. The repercussions were serious. Within 48 hours, Moscow severed diplomatic relations with Israel. Then, following a Shin Bet investigation, Israeli police found large caches of arms and explosives belonging to the Kingdom of Israel.

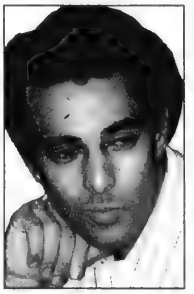
On March 3, 1957, a new chapter in right-wing violence broke out with the fatal shooting of Rudolph Kastner. Sprinzak claims that he was the first Jewish victim of political assassination in Israel.

A lawyer and journalist, Kastner headed the Rescue Committee in Hungary during World War II. In 1944, he negotiated a "blood for goods" agreement with Adolf Eichmann in a desperate attempt to save Hungarian Jewry from mass deportation. Though never consummated, the deal earned Kastner the enmity of Malkiel Greenwald, a religious Hungarian Jew who accused him of collaborating with the Germans.

The Kastner affair reaked of partisan politics. The attorney hired to defend Greenwald, Shmuel Tamir, had been a deputy Irgun commander in Jerusalem. He shared the Revisionist conviction that the Labour leadership in Palestine had not really tried to save Jews during the Holocaust. And so, Tamir viewed the trial as a redemptive opportunity to settle the score for the Season, the sinking of the Altalena and the German reparations furor.

In a separate chapter on haredi violence, Sprinzak reviews the riots instigated by the anti-Zionist Neturei Karta over Sabbath traffic in and around Mea Shearim, archeological excavations in the City of David and the construction of a Mormon campus on the Mount of Olives.

Not confining himself to right-wing violence, Sprinzak chronicles the extra-parliamentary activities of Siah, a Marxist movement that vehemently opposed Israel's settlement of the territories, and of the anti-Establishment Black Panthers, which championed the cause of Israel's Sephardi underclass.



Yigal Amir

The balance of *Brother Against Brother* focuses on the Jewish settlers' movement (which responded violently to Palestinian terrorism), Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula and the Oslo peace process.

As a result of the murder of six yeshiva students in Hebron in 1980, the newly-formed Jewish Underground blew up the cars of five Palestinian leaders, crippling two of them. And when another yeshivah student was killed in Hebron in 1983, settlers attacked the Islamic College of Hebron, causing the deaths of three students. Sprinzak claims that these acts of terrorism were condoned by rabbis in sympathy with the settlers.

The Movement to Halt the Retreat in Sinai (MHRS) never really considered violence to stop the evacuation of such Israeli settlements as Yamit and Neot Sinai. But Gush Emunim activists refused to leave these outposts, triggering a confrontation with the army.

Sprinzak says that Elyakim Ha'etzni, a settler from Kiryat Arba, was the first "to introduce the language of personal delegitimation" into the vocabulary of the radical right.

As early as 1985, he threatened Shimon Peres, the then prime minister, with death for considering the idea of an international peace conference to discuss the disposition of the territories. Since then, this maverick has devoted much of his intellectual energy to developing a strategy of civil disobedience in case of a decision by Israel to evacuate the settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

Zo Artzenu, founded after Olso, took this credo to new heights, mounting an aggressive campaign of civil disobedience in 1995. Its protests occasionally deteriorated into violence, and, psychologically, set the stage for Rabin's assassination.

Sprinzak does not believe that Israel will descend into civil war, even if a future Israeli government adopts a dovish policy with respect to territorial compromise. He is convinced that the trauma over Rabin's assassination will have a restraining influence on most Israelis.

He may be right. But who can be absolutely sure? Does another Yigal Amir lurk in the wings?

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Jewish Life

'Make yourself a heart of many rooms'

By RABBI HOWARD MORRISON

The story is told of a Jew asking the identical question to three rabbis. One rabbi responds to the query that whatever it is you are looking for, Jewish law forbids it. Another rabbi responds, whatever it is you are looking for, use your autonomy and make your own educated decision. The last rabbi responds, we'll send your question to a committee of scholars, which will ultimately deliver a split opinion.

During this week in the Jewish calendar, we have read Parshat Shoftim, which contains a specific verse about religious leadership: "You shall appear before the Levitical priests, or magistrate in charge at the time, and present your problem. When they have announced to you the verdict in the case, you shall carry out the verdict that is announced to you… You shall act in accordance with the instructions given you and the ruling handed down to you…" (Deut. 17:9-11).

According to the 12th-century scholar Maimonides, the sages used this biblical text to justify the blessings which state that God "has commanded us" – to read the scroll of Esther, to kindle the Shabbat and Chanukah lights – even though there is no record of its command. But "the instructions given you" tell us to follow the sages.

In the talmudic tractate Rosh Hashanah (25b), we learn from the biblical verse cited: "Can we then imagine that a person should go to a judge who is not in his days? This shows that you must be content to go the judge who is in your days. It also says: Say not, how was it that the former days were better than these (Eccl. 7:10)."

Today, we no longer recognize one definitive source of rabbinic authority. Some would suggest that there *never* was an absolutely agreed upon source of rabbinic authority. The 16-century Shulchan Aruch became a classically accepted code of Jewish law only when the comments of Rabbi Moses Isserles (the Rema), an Ashkenazi decisor, were joined with the comments of Rabbi Joseph Karo, a Sephardi decisor. In Israel today, one recognizes both an Ashkenazi and Sephardi chief rabbi.

In today's Diaspora, rabbis represent a broad spectrum of denominational and ideological perspectives. Even rabbis representing the same movement may appear philosophically apart in many ways. So how do Jews apprehend the Torah's statement, as expounded by our tradition, that one turn "to the judge who is in your day?"

On one level, for those who are synagogue affiliated, your congregation's appointed rabbi is your personal religious decisor. Yet while this approach may work on the local level, how does the collective Jewish community respond to the variety of rabbinic voices? Should only some be heard and others ignored?

As a former student of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, of blessed memory, I remember one of his most well-quoted statements. All Jews share in two kinds of covenantal relationship – a covenant of faith and a covenant of fate. Even where rabbis and the Jews they represent disagree on matters of faith, all Jews are interconnected by a covenant of fate that transcends all else.

In one of Rabbi David Hartman's most recent works, *A Heart of Many Rooms: Celebrating the Many Voices within Judaism*, he writes: "A person might think, 'since the House of Shammai declare unclean and the House of Hillel clean, this one prohibits and this one permits, how, then can I learn Torah?' Scripture says ... 'all the words have been given by a single Shepherd, one God created them, our Provider gave them, the Lord of all deeds, blessed be He, has spoken them. So make yourself a heart of many rooms and bring into it the words of the House of Shammai and the words of the House of Hillel,'" (Tosefta Sota 7:12).

As I complete my first year of rabbinic service in Toronto, I am grateful to be part of a community which appreciates a Jewish heart of many rooms, where Jews representing a wide array of beliefs and practices can unite for the overall good. The Toronto Board of rabbis had 10 rabbis, representing two denominations, visit Israel together on a mission of solidarity. On the lay level, Toronto can boast of its Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut commemorations.

Yet is there not more we could do together as rabbis and as members of the fastest-growing Jewish community in North America? In the biblical spirit of *ve'ahavta l're'acha kamochah* (love thy neighbour as thyself), and in the rabbinic spirit of *al tifros min ha'tzibbur* (do not withdraw from the community); can we not develop more vital programs which could deepen our collective involvement and concern?

As a new year dawns, I pray that appointed Jewish community leaders recognize each other's place within the fabric of the entire community. Without sacrificing our personal convictions, we can and must do all we can to share in the covenant of faith and fate in the spirit of Ahavat Yisrael.

Rabbi Morrison is the spiritual leader of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto.

Time for self-reflection

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

In these few weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah, we often engage in self-reflection. Rosh Hashanah is the start of our year; it is also the time in which God is evaluating our deeds and making Divine decisions about our futures. It seems that there is a distance between us and God at this time, and it can be quite intimidating.

However, the Talmud makes many references to how we should mould our behaviours toward each other based on God's modelling of appropriate behaviour. Keeping God as a model upon which to base our interactions is a way to keep the Divine close as we approach the Days of Awe.

The Talmud uses examples of simple etiquette that God has extended to human beings through daily communication. For example, the phrase that appears often in the Torah: "And God called to Moses and God said…" begs the question of redundancy. Why does God call first and not simply begin speaking? The Talmud comments that this teaches us to greet a person before engaging in a conversation.

In fact, we learn that we should initiate that greeting and not wait for another person to acknowledge us first. How often do we find ourselves in social situations where we recognize someone across the room but we wait for them to acknowledge us? If the others do not greet us first, we are hesitant to greet them. In some cases we are offended that they slighted us by not saying hello, but we neglect to recognize that we likewise did not say hello.

All kinds of assumptions then ensue based on the missing greeting and we walk away insulted, feeling negative about the other person. An entire silent interchange took place with negative results based on the absence of the word "hello." If God could exhibit humility in greeting Moses, how could we stand on formality with our fellow human beings?

Lessons of compassion and companionship are likewise brought out by the Talmud from the Torah for us to consider. When Abraham is recovering from his circumcision, God initiates a visit to Abraham's tent, and from this we learn the importance of visiting the sick. When we spend our days involved in hurting others and ignoring God and we are granted another year of life, God has demonstrated forgiveness and compassion. How could we not extend those same virtues to others?

Often, people study the Torah and are troubled by what they perceive as the negative side of the Divine. The awesome plagues and punishments, the sudden anger that is described in the text can be overwhelming. Yet not enough time is spent building our model for daily behaviour based on the attributes of God that are likewise described in the text. According to Genesis, we are created in God's image and therefore all those positive attributes are present within us.

The Talmud makes this point beautifully in its comment on the opening line of the Song at the Sea. Moses and Israel speak of God by saying: "This is my God and I will glorify Him."

The Hebrew word for the phrase "glorify Him" is *anvehu*. Abba Saul comments that the word should be split into two parts: "*ani*" which means "I," "*v'vehu*" which means "and Him." In other words, I and God stand together in one word in the book of Exodus.

My relationship with my fellow human beings can be a reflection of the union between "I" and "Him," and I can glorify God by striving toward this union.

Jewish Life

Resources on Jewish genealogy

By MARK MIETKIEWICZ

Next month, as we read the book of Bereshit, we will be given quite a clear record of the births and deaths of the personalities of the Bible. Thousands of years later, there is little doubt who begat whom.

Our extended family trees, however, are rarely that clear.

That's why it's ironic that one of the best tools to investigate our history is almost one of the most modern – the Internet. With a bit of research and luck, you may be able to shed new light on your family's history. In this week's column, I focus on the very best place to start your hunt.

Unlike most Web sites, JewishGen: The Home of Jewish Genealogy is actually many sites in one [**www.jewishgen.org**]. In addition to its own extensive resources, it also hosts other, related genealogical Web sites. Start off your hunt in the Frequently Asked Questions area [**http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/faq.html**]. This massive document will not only give you an overview of JewishGen but will tell you how to get started in Jewish genealogy with advice about everything from finding ocean liner passenger lists going back to 1800 to locating a local Jewish genealogy society. There are even recommendations for the best genealogical software.

When you visit the JewishGen Family Finder, you can hunt for your family name (or your ancestral town) from a database of over a quarter million entries [**http://www.jewishgen.org/jgff/**]. This incredible resource is the work of over 45,000 Jewish genealogists worldwide. It allows you to search for a name and will even forgive you if you are a bit fuzzy about the spelling. As with many other areas of JewishGen, you are invited to add your own information to the database.

There are many specialized Jewish special interest groups (SIGs) devoted to Jews from specific countries and regions such as Germany [**www.jewishgen.org/GerSIG**] and Galicia [**www.jewishgen.org/Galicia**] or another for Sephardim [**www.jewishgen.org/SefardSIG**].

One of the newest SIGs is a little different. The rabbinic ancestry special interest group has just been established to act as a central clearing house for rabbinic genealogy. According to this site, as many as one in 50 Jews alive today has a rabbinic ancestry. Also, the site says, for most Ashkenazi Jews, surnames are a relatively recent invention – less than 200 years old. Rabbinical families seem to have been the exception to this rule. The use and adoption of surnames for these families dates back to as early as the 15th century, if not earlier, thus preceding all other family names by about 350 years.

There are some extremely helpful online tools that will help you in your hunt [**http://www.jewishgen.org/jos/**]. The Calendar Conversion page calculates dates to/from Gregorian and Jewish calendars. If you need to know how far it is from Plonsk to Minsk, just plug the longitude and latitude into the Distance Calculator (it's a distance of 94.5 km). And if you want to find out more about the family's shtetl, go to ShtetlSeeker – Town Search [**http://www.jewishgen.org/ShtetlSeeker/loctown.htm**].

At some point in your travels, you will have questions about the best way to research your family's history. The JewishGen Discussion Group offers a moderated e-mail list and a newsgroup [**http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/DiscussionGroup.htm**]. Plus, there are specialized mailing lists for people with special interests [**http://www.jewishgen.org/listserv/sigs.htm**]. And because someone may have already asked and answered your question, you can check out the JewishGen Discussion Group Message Archives which go back to 1993.

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'May God be with you'

Guest Voice

By DAVID AND SARA BEDEIN
Special to The CJN

On the evenings before a young man goes in the IDF, neither he nor his parents sleep too much. The soon-to-be IDF inductee parties with his friends. But the parents also do not sleep, out of worry, fear and apprehension.

Last week, we accompanied our firstborn son, Noam, to the IDF army recruitment centre in Jerusalem, where he was inducted into an IDF combat unit, with three months of basic training lying ahead of him.

Our Noam, 19, was named after a soldier, Noam Yehuda, who was born in Philadelphia, grew up in Safed, and was killed by a missile at the age of nineteen, on the fourth day of the Lebanon War in 1982.

The enemy was then PLO chair Yasser Arafat and his army, who had set up a worldwide terrorist organization from his base in Lebanon and was held responsible for the murders and massacres of hundreds of Jews and Israelis throughout the world.

The irony is that our own Noam, 19 years later, is going to be forced to fight the same enemy – this time on our own land.

Unlike many other Israelis, Noam holds a U.S. passport. He could easily skip the country without too much difficulty and attend university in the United States.

But he chooses to stay and serve. When you take your son on that proverbial ride to the draft induction point, his entire life flashes in front of you. All those special moments are squashed into those twenty five minutes of negotiating Jerusalem rush-hour traffic. His moment of birth. His brit. His first crawls. His first day in nursery school. His first day in first grade. His performance in the local singing group and how he "cut" his first cassette. His bar mitzvah. His going off to yeshiva. His summer job with youngsters with Down syndrome. And his resounding Shabbat meal send-off with his friends, when they sang at the top of their lungs, when we heard varying sounds, varying from psalms to punk rock.

A few nights ago, we watched the evening news with Noam. Thousands of Arab rioters shooting guns wildly in the air, as they ran through the streets toting the teetering body of yet another *shahid* – holy martyr (a title given to terrorists who blow themselves up with innocent Israeli civilians for the "glory of Palestine"). Noam's comment was, "Well, wish me luck! I'm going to be in a war."

His mood on the day of his induction was enthusiastic and adventurous. He was joined by two friends from his yeshiva who were being recruited together with him as well as by three other friends who had come to part with him and wish him luck. Watching him joke with his friends while waiting to be called to get on the bus, our hearts swelled with pride at this wholesome, fine son of ours who was eager to serve his country despite the gruesome predicament it is in right now.

This past year has been a year of reflection for Noam. He was glad to have made the decision not to go straight into the army following graduation from high school. Instead he chose a yeshiva program with a curriculum that prepares students for the army service through deep philosophical discussions and basic physical education.

It has also been a year of funerals. Too many funerals. Noam told us after returning from the funeral of our daughter's 20-year-old youth counsellor who had been shot dead in a drive-by shooting that, "Now I know what I am going into the army for. Going to all these funerals has made me aware of what I must do: to protect the people of Israel."

At the induction centre, Noam's name was called out only a few minutes after we got there. The time had come to part, to hand over to the IDF a wholesome, happy, wonderful son. Noam stretched out his arms and held each of us in a tight embrace. The lump in our throats choked back the words we had planned to say. Instead, all we managed was: "Good luck. Stay safe, may God be with you."

Please God, we pray, return him to us unharmed, safe and sound.

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Richard and Mickey Filler with their daughters, from left: Rachel, 3½, Ariel, 5, and Tali, 6.

Family helps to enrich lives in the community

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — At age 19, Dora (not her real name) embarked on life as a foster mother, caring for medically fragile and developmentally delayed children and even adopting one child, Aaron, who has Down syndrome.

Though she finds her career rewarding, it is often difficult for her to ensure that her son is included with other children in the community.

"I totally love what I'm doing. Right now I'm just having trouble with the government. They don't understand how the disabled can function in the community. The disabled are still being discriminated against."

Dora, now 43, says that ever since kindergarten, she's been having trouble keeping Aaron, now 10, included in regular classrooms in the public school system.

"My son is the love of my life, but as he gets older it becomes more difficult to keep him from being segregated. I'm constantly advocating on his behalf."

Dora says that Jewish schools are no better at embracing children with special needs and including them in regular classrooms.

"If you want the inclusion component, it's hard to find a Jewish day school that will be accommodating. They say it's too expensive, but it's like that in all religious communities."

While Aaron is involved in Special Olympics swimming and bowling, Dora says it's important for her son to be around "normal" children.

"Social skills are important," says Dora, but if he's excluded, Aaron will be unable to absorb these skills from other children, who act as role models.

That's why Dora turned to Extend-a-Family, a government-funded organization that, for the past 25 years, has brought special needs children together with "buddies" in the community.

"I spoke to them about finding a big brother for Aaron, but there are so few people willing to work with special needs children that you're put on a waiting list."

About 2½ years ago, Extend-a-Family came through for Dora and her son, and brought them together with Richard and Mickey Filler and their three daughters, now aged 6, 5 and 3½.

"I initiated [contact with Extend-A-Family] because I thought it was important to have something to do as a family to be helpful to others," says Richard.

"It was important to have the opportunity for us to learn a lot, and especially for the kids to learn about others with differences.

"Aaron is funny. The kids laugh a lot with him, fight for toys. He's high-functioning, communicates well, plays well. He's very athletic and our girls are too. He keeps up with them," says Richard.

While he admits that other families stop and look at Aaron when they go on excursions, Richard says that "it's normal for my kids to be around people that are different. I want them to be comfortable with that and appreciate it."

The Fillers and Dora agree that Aaron has also benefited from having kids to play with.

"The Fillers have given Aaron another aspect of family life. They have given Aaron a different outlook. And Richard has been a wonderful role model. Because I'm a single mother, it's important that he got that."

As Dora cares for four foster children with demanding needs, she says the Fillers have taken Aaron places she can't.

"The Fillers take Aaron to birthday parties that their kids are invited to and have given him social skills, taught him how to behave and how to adapt to situations."

Aaron could not have gained these skills elsewhere, as Dora admits that Aaron is not invited to birthday parties. In all his life, Dora confides that her son has only been invited to three.

"I'm always thinking about how we might involve Aaron in some of the things my kids do," says Richard. "We've brought him to Purim carnivals, waterparks, birthday parties. Our friends are open and willing to involve Aaron," says Richard, who believes the community has the capacity to absorb more people into its fold.

"We've also been thinking of the other things we can do in the community with Aaron, like volunteering at Baycrest," adds Richard.

"Aaron feels like he's part of a family in action. We don't replace his family – Dora is his foundation. She provides lots of love for him."

But Aaron treats Richard like a surrogate father, making him Father's Day cards when the holiday arrives.

Though Dora says she hasn't had a vacation in 20 years, the Fillers have made her life easier, and no doubt, they have enriched the quality of Aaron's.

Associated gets ready to resume Yiddish classes

Ruth Gerlock (left) and Naomi Miller-Tureck.

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Yiddish songs floated through the air in a classroom at Associated Hebrew School's Atkinson Avenue campus last semester.

Some 15 students took part in the first extra-curricular Yiddish class in an elementary Jewish day school.

"We would like it to be part of the curriculum, as it is at CHAT," said teacher Ruth Gerlock, who, with co-worker Naomi Miller-Tureck, leads the class.

The class, which began in January, was financed by the Mary Berman Foundation. Through the efforts of Miller-Tureck, this year's extra-curricular project will be sponsored by the U.S. Fishman Foundation.

"We're hoping that the class will inspire these young girls and boys to develop a love of the language and speak to their parents and grandparents in Yiddish," said Saul Berman, who, with his brother Aaron, runs the foundation. Both Berman and his wife Chana, a teacher at Bialik Hebrew Day School, are board members of Friends of Yiddish.

"We think the class is a success because we teach Yiddish as fun," said Miller-Tureck. "We teach writing and reading Yiddish as well as conversation."

Often the students take part in skits involving simple Yiddish words. One of the class exercises involves counting from one to 20 in Yiddish. The students reel off the numbers, although some have difficulty getting their tongues around *dreitzen* and *firtzen* (13 and 14).

Another class exercise has them copying Yiddish words in simple statements made up by the teachers.

"Getting Yiddish to be part of curriculum in Jewish day schools is not easy, but we'll keep working at it," said Berman.

Nicole Foigel, 9, hopes to talk to her great-grandmother Ephima in Yiddish. Until now, they have had no means of communicating with each other.

Howie Freeman, a Grade 3 student, also hopes to speak Yiddish with his grandparents, who were at a class seder during Passover.

The same motivation drives Beverly Hetz, a Grade 4 student.

A voluntary assistant is Yoni Tulchinsky, 18, an Israeli who speaks Yiddish with his parents and attends Vaughan Secondary School.

Yiddish classes resume at Associated in October. Parents who want their children to take part in the extra-curricular class can call Ruth Gerlock at 905-881-2652.

CORRECTION

In the obituary of Meyer Nurenberger (*CJN*, Aug. 23), we reported that when Nurenberger pleaded with his family to leave Europe because he saw the writing on the wall, he never saw them again. In fact, although he lost many aunts, uncles and cousins, his immediate family was in London during World War II and survived. He still has two sisters living in New York.

In addition, it was at the Nuremberg trials in Germany that Nurenberger wore a huge skullcap and held a Yiddish newspaper up high, in order to send the message, "We are still here."

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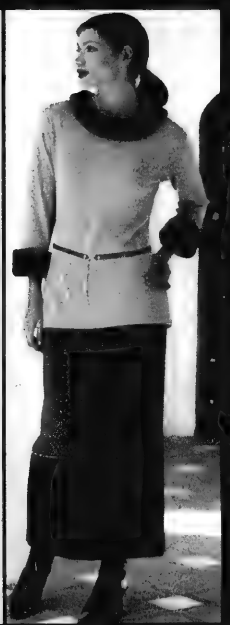

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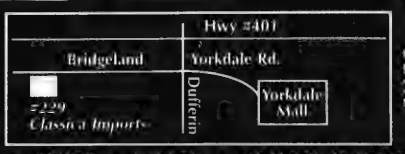

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Burton gears up for...Passover!

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As we all prepare for the High Holy Days, Elise Burton is gearing up for Passover.

Burton, 30, is director of the Passover Food Drive for the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, a full-time job from August until after Passover.

Working in the Jewish community is a natural progression for Burton who has done volunteer work since she was a student at Leo Baeck Day School.

"Volunteerism is part of what was taught there, and tzedakah and tikkun olam was always part of my home. I led a privileged life growing up, and my parents wanted me to understand how lucky I was. They instilled in me a sense of giving back."

After graduating from York University, she says, she decided to take her community work a step further and entered the graduate program in Jewish Communal Service from Brandeis University.

Her professional internships at school included running a dating service at Hillel for Jewish students and professionals, running an intergenerational program, and working in the cultural arts department at the Jewish Community Centre.

"They were good experiences and they left a great impact on me, but I always intended on coming home."

Her first communal job in Toronto was working on Israel at 50. "I came in on the ground floor and I watched something being created. It was very rewarding."

She then worked in her family's business for a while and worked for a secular social service agency, but always intended to come back to the Jewish community.

"I get a different feeling working here. The concept of helping others is very strong. It is pervasive, and it is more ingrained here than in the secular community."

When she heard about this job, she says, she knew it was a good fit for her. "At my interview, I told Terry [Winston, the executive director] about my dog, a Havanese. She jumped up and showed me a picture of her dogs. They were the same breed. I knew then that the job was bashert."

In preparation for this year's campaign, she says, she has put together a committee and is in the processing of finding someone to chair it. "I'm also going through all the files and learning everything I possibly can about the food drive.

Elise Burton is getting ready for Pesach.

"What started as a grassroots project that provided immigrants with the staples for Passover, has expanded and evolved into a community-wide service. We receive referrals from all over the city. We also feed homeless Jews, and we work with chaplains to provide food for Jews in jails."

Gathering food for a Passover drive is more challenging than a regular food drive, she says. "For most drives, people go into their pantries and pull out the food they have not used. Passover food, however, has to be from the current year. Donors actually have to go out and purchase the food."

It is not, however, just a matter of feeding the poor, she says.

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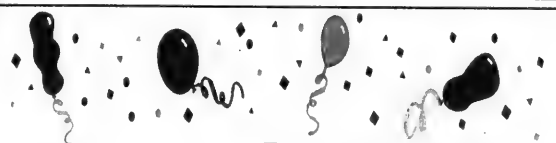

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Playwright Adam Pettle currently working on two new plays

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Adam Pettle, the author of *Zadie's Shoes*, has been commissioned by Theatre Direct Canada to write a play which has elements in it similar to the Matti Baranovski murder.

Matti Baranovski

Baranovski, a 15-year-old Russian Jew, was kicked to death in G. Ross Lord park in December 1999 by three young men after an argument over cigarettes and money. One of the suspects, Daniel Weiz, 20, an Israeli soldier, has been brought to Canada from Israel to face trial in the fall. Two other 17-year-old suspects are to be tried in adult court.

The play, as yet unnamed, currently has only two characters in it. A 10-minute excerpt was presented to a standing room only crowd at the recent Tarragon Spring Arts Fair with these two characters, a Russian Jewish youth, who talked about his life in Canada, and a young Israeli soldier, previously on leave in Toronto, now brought back to Toronto from Israel to face a charge in connection with the death of a Russian teenager. The two actors perfomed monologues, not speaking to each other for the full ten minutes.

Though the similarities are clear, Pettle says his play is not a recounting of the actual event.

"I was much affected by the Baranovski story, but my play is not about it, though it has similar elements," he says.

"I didn't know the Russian boy and I don't know those who have been charged with his murder and I don't want to offend anyone."

The full play will be about 90 minutes, Pettle, a member of the playwright's unit at Tarragon, says.

Pettle's previous play, *Zadie's Shoes*, was such a hit (the initial run was at the Factory Theatre) that it reopens next March at the Winter Garden theatre as part of the Mirvish subscription series.

In addition, Pettle is one of three Canadian playwrights and three British ones commissioned by the Royal Theatre in Manchester, England, and the Canadian Stage Company to write a play to be produced in both countries. He leaves for England in August on the theatrical exchange.

Pettle has titled this unfinished play, about two brothers, a divorce and a baseball game, *Sunday Father*.

"Like all my plays, there will be elements of humour in it," he says.

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A match made in a kosher café

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

TORONTO — The MentschMatch hotline has been ringing off the hook since Steven Kastner put his speed dating plan into motion.

For the first time in Canada, Orthodox Jews aged 23 to 33 will have the opportunity to participate in a MentschMatch program, which gives registrants the chance to find their soulmate in a quick, efficient and painless manner, says Kastner, who is organizing the Sept. 10 event.

"Many [Orthodox] are married using a matchmaker, but there are many the system doesn't work for," he says.

The traditional system also doesn't work for baalei tshuvah, who were born non-observant but have become observant, "because the matchmaker doesn't know their families," Kastner explains, adding that as a result, these Jews may not have had the opportunity to meet other observant Jews.

MentschMatch works as follows: on the specified date, registrants meet at a kosher café, the name of which is released only upon registration. At the café, each man and woman is sent to sit at a numbered table. They will have seven minutes to talk before switching partners. In total, each participant will meet seven people of the opposite sex that night.

After each encounter, every person checks off "yes" or "no" on their form in response to whether they would like to have a date with that person.

Orthodox speed dating began in New York in 1999, says Kastner, and while some elements of his program are similar, "modifications have been made to my program that have never been tried before."

For instance, unlike in New York, where participants are not called if no match is made, here, "everyone gets a call, even if nobody wants to date you. During the call, you're asked if you want a matchmaker to help you find your soulmate."

A match is made if both the man and woman indicate that they would like a date with each other, and then each of them will be called. "Usually only the man gets called. Here, women will also be contacted and told when to expect a call from the man."

All names and choices on the form are kept strictly confidential. "Not even the person who filled out the form can access the choices they made [afterward]."

Kastner is spreading the word by posting flyers at "kosher establishments and modern Orthodox and baal tshuvah-type synagogues" at cities within driving distance of Toronto.

"We've contacted places in Montreal, Kingston, London and even Buffalo to be sure that participants will meet people they haven't dated before.

"The system is based on being successful for everyone."

Based on the success of the Sept. 10 event, Kastner says he is open to repeating the program for different age brackets and for Conservative, Reform and non-observant Jews.

For more information or to register for MentschMatch, call 905-764-1818, ext. 378.

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On Campus

Concordia University nixes plans for massive Palestinian rally

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL– A planned anti-Israel rally that organizers claim will attract more than 20,000 people has been delivered a setback after Concordia University denied permission for the event to be based on university land.

Concordia rector Frederick Lowy said the administration was concerned by "the risk of confrontation and possible violence" associated with an event of this size.

The event scheduled for Sept. 15, organized by the campus group Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR), was to have begun with a "bazaar" on the vacant lot at the corner of Guy Street and de Maisonneuve Boulevard.

Demonstrators were to later march to the United States Consulate on St. Alexandre Street and the Israeli Consulate on René Lévesque Boulevard to denounce "Israeli colonialism." They would then return to the starting point.

In a statement, which he acknowledged may result in some public controversy, Lowy said the land is too small to accommodate so many people.

The lot has a maximum capacity for 2,700 people, Lowy said, and there were worries about "the potential for overcrowding, disruptions and confrontations…

"The university is ultimately responsible for all activities held on its property. The security and safety of participants and the public cannot be assured when so large a rally is planned. For these reasons, the university grounds are not considered to be an appropriate venue for any of the events," he said.

Lowy stressed that the decision was not taken lightly.

"Concordia has always been dedicated to critical thinking and social involvement. More than many universities, Concordia has often been a forum for the peaceful clash of divergent views on both local and international events. That is why it was particularly difficult to make [this] decision."

Lowy related that the Concordia branch of SPHR made a request to use the land on June 20. The university asked for more information, which was received by the dean of students' office Aug. 3.

On Aug. 13, SPHR made additional requests: to hold a rally on the same space for the period from Sept. 13-17 and to hold a teach-in concerning racism and discrimination against Muslim and Arab students at Concordia on either Sept. 5 or 6.

Lowy said the university regrets that SPHR extended invitations to other groups (100, according to the SPHR's Web site) to participate in the rally, and advertised the event widely before securing an agreement with Concordia.

SPHR says the event will take place as scheduled at the same place and that it is "shocked by the unilateral decision" made by the university.

The organization says it believes the decision is politically and perhaps racially motivated, noting that the administration has been "under pressure from pro-Zionist individuals and groups for the past year to rein in Palestinian human rights activity."

The SPHR statement described a contentious meeting it had with dean of students Donald Boisvert over why the university denied its permission. SPHR says it was not given an opportunity to address the administration's concerns before it made its decision.

SPHR maintains that the all-day bazaar, where participating organizations can set up information booths, will not attract more than 2,000 at any given time and will be controlled by security officers. The larger rally, it continues, will take place off university property beginning at 1 p.m.

The SPHR is promoting Sept. 15 as "one of the largest events for the Palestinian cause in North America" and has invited groups from throughout Canada and the United States.

In a letter to members, SPHR said the obstacles put up by the university "will only encourage us to work harder and motivate us even more."

The demonstration is timed to coincide with the 19th anniversary of the Sabra and Shatilla massacre of Palestinians in Lebanon by Christian forces during the Israeli occupation.

Formed two years ago, SPHR has branches at four Montreal universities and says it plans to open a fifth at Carleton University in Ottawa this year. It was particularly forceful in disseminating anti-Israel information at Concordia this past year, and Jewish students have objected that its tactics are confrontational and its material is hateful against Jews.

Hillel Student Society executive director Simon Bensimon said his organization is planning to hold a peaceful demonstration on the McGill campus Sept. 13 to counter the SPHR rally, which is on a Saturday.

Bensimon thinks the projected 15,000 to 20,000 attendance is probably wishful thinking, but Hillel is concerned over what type of rhetoric against Israel and Jews the Palestinian demostrators may use.

Details of the Hillel demonstration are being worked out, but Bensimon said Hillel will have "a positive message. We are in a pro-active, not reactive, mode this year."

The SPHR was behind the campaign this past year to have the Concordia Student Union adopt a resolution on behalf of the university's 20,000 undergraduates, calling on the Canadian government to cut ties with Israel unless it grants Palestinians a state and allows the right of return to all Palestinians.

More recently, it succeeded in getting the post-graduate society of McGill University to condemn Israel for violation of Palestinian rights and, specifically, the closure of Birzeit University.

SPHR says the goal of the Sept. 15 demonstration is to draw attention to "human rights abuses perpetrated by the Israeli occupation force" against Palestinians.

Participants will demand that Canada put pressure on Israel to stop its "violation of international law" and that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon be brought before an international tribunal for war crimes against the Palestinian and Lebanese people.

The SPHR has issued guidelines that there be no racist incitement during the demonstration and that potentially hazardous activities, such as flag burning and provoking police retaliation be avoided.

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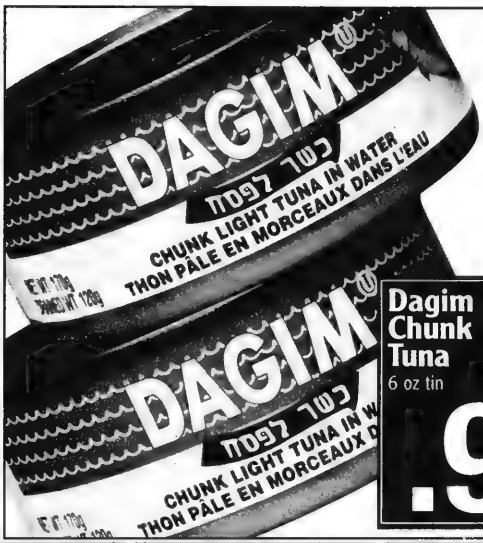

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UJA Past Chairs Set Solidarity Example

More than thirty years of community leadership will be represented on an important mission to Israel next month.

Past chairs of UJA Federation annual campaigns will personally deliver messages of solidarity to the people of Israel as they endure a prolonged period of crisis.

"We want to make a strong statement to the people of Israel that we are and will always be there for them," explains **Julia Koschitzky,** who is leading the Past Chairs Mission with Leo Goldhar, David Goldstein and Gerry Halbert. Koschitzky also heads the Israel Now Consortium of 50 organizations, led by UJA Federation.

Many of the mission participants headed the annual campaign during pivotal times in Israel's history such as the Six Day War, Yom Kippur War, and Operation Exodus.

The past chairs have also stepped forward together with an unprecedented number of community leaders to take an active role in UJA Federation's crucial Campaign 2002, now underway. Additional funds raised by the Israel Now and Forever Campaign will go towards helping Israel's most vulnerable population cope with the current crisis.

"Visiting Israel is the best way to show we care and to see for ourselves how the people of Israel are coping," notes three-time chair **Gerry Halbert.** "It is our duty as Jews to witness with our own eyes what Israel is going through to convey their ordeal to the rest of the world."

In addition to briefings by Israeli Defence Minister **Binyamin Ben-Eliezer,** Knesset Chairman **Avrum Burg** and former Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu,** the group will meet with Prime Minister **Ariel Sharon.**

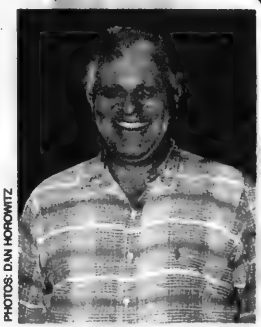
The 5-day mission will also include visits to Metulla's Canada Centre on Israel's northern border with Lebanon and the Jerusalem neighbourhood of Gilo which has been under heavy attack over the last ten months.

"Israel feels increasingly isolated," explains **Rabbi Gunther Plaut,** who led the annual campaign in 1970. "If we can breach that in some way, then we have to."

"If we believe in the importance of Israel, then we have to be there with them during the bad times as well as the good," adds 1998-Chair **Leo Goldhar.**

"This is a crucial time for Jews in the Diaspora to not only reach deep down into their pockets but into their souls to ask themselves what they can do," says **Neil Nisker.**

"Israel has always been in the forefront of UJA campaigns and this mission reinforces that commitment," adds **David Goldstein.** "It's easy to write a cheque, but 90% of life is showing up."



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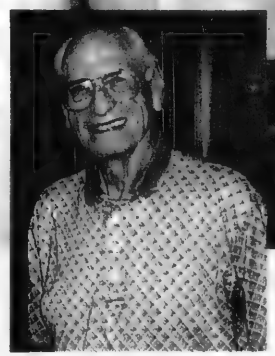

Julia Koschitzky (top), one of the co-leaders of the Past Chairs Mission, will be traveling to Israel with among others (clockwise from upper right) Harry Gorman, Rabbi Gunther Plaut and David Goldstein.

Monthly Missions Help Ease Israel's Sense of Isolation

The first two solidarity missions to Israel in what UJA Federation hopes will be a monthly series took to the skies this summer as Torontonians were eager to show Israelis just how much they care.

"This was my first visit to Israel," says participant **Sam Steele** of his July 8th maiden sojourn. "For some reason I had always put if off. But the current situation compelled me to go. It is crucial for Jews in the Diaspora to show their unity with our brothers and sisters in Israel now. They were so happy to see us there. I challenge every Jew to pick up the phone today and make arrangements to visit Israel."

Steele and his fellow travellers met with a number of Israeli leaders and security officials, in addition to touring neighbourhoods, such as Gilo, affected by violence.

PHOTO: AVIVA MALKA

Murray Kideckel shows his solidarity with Israel during the July mission.

Participants also met the Avrahami family whose son was among three Israelis kidnapped by Hizbullah.

Rabbi Phillip Scheim, religious leader of Toronto's B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation, and a seasoned veteran of more than 30 trips to Israel, is encouraged by people taking advantage of these missions.

"Missions such as this one attract a great group of people, people with a deep connection to Israel," says the rabbi.

Participants on the August 13-15 mission visited the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Centre, toured the Green Line and met with Jerusalem's mayor, **Ehud Olmert.**

"I can't stress enough just how important it is for North American Jews to visit Israel," insisted mission member, **Harold Brief.** "You could tell just how badly isolated and alone the Israelis feel when everyone from taxi drivers to shopkeepers kept thanking us over and over again for being there. It was actually embarrassing."

"Let's put it this way," adds Past UJA Chair **David Goldstein,** "every time you speak to someone in Israel over the phone they get such an incredible boost in morale. Just imagine how much more they get when you show up in Israel."

CJA campaign launched in Montreal

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Dennis Ross, former president Bill Clinton's special envoy to the Middle East, warned that Israel cannot use its military might to force the Palestinians to return to peace negotiations.

"Israel cannot impose peace on the Palestinians. No matter how much pain it inflicts on them, Palestinian aspirations will not go away," said Ross, who was keynote speaker at last week's launch of the 2001 Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA).

Dennis Ross

At the same time, Ross stressed that the Palestinians must realize that violence will not work and has already undone the progress they made toward achieving their national goals.

"The Palestinians are now far from fulfilling their aspirations. They have suffered a great deal – 550 dead, 1,200 wounded, many of whom will never walk again. Their economy is destroyed, they have lost the support of the peace camp in Israel and they have lost a lot of moral legitimacy in the world," said Ross, who left public life this year.

No solution is in sight, he said, and the only course to take now is to defuse the conflict and attempt to restore faith in the peace process. A "limited agreement" that addresses Israel's security needs and the Palestinians' desire for statehood is the most that can be pursued at this point, he said.

Issues like Jerusalem and the return of Palestinians refugees are too contentious for the foreseeable future, he argued.

The launch, attended by 800, was billed as An Evening of Solidarity with Israel. Ross, however, criticized Israel for such actions as demolishing Palestinian homes, setting up road bypasses and extending settlements. Much of the despair and anger expressed by the Palestinians stems from the day-to-day humiliation of living under Israeli control, Ross indicated. Palestinians think Israelis regard them as "subhuman," he said.

The greatest lesson Ross said he learned from his 12 years in Middle East diplomacy was that peace cannot be imposed from the outside either. The United States can't tell either the Israelis or the Palestinians what to do. "The role of the U.S. should be to put ideas on the table... but to stay in the background. Only when there is violence should the U.S. be more prominent."

For the two parties to return to negotiations, Ross said, both have to avoid behaviour "on the ground" that contradicts their stated commitment to peace.

For Israelis, that means not taking actions that give Palestinians a "sense of grievance," and for Palestinians, avoiding the promotion of hostility.

Ross, who played a key role at the Camp David talks, was critical of Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat for walking out because he did not get "everything," and for not preparing his people for what they would and would not get from peace.

"I conclude that Arafat can't do a permanent status deal," he said, adding that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is not going to make the concessions [Ehud] Barak was prepared to do.

Ross urged Jews here to make clear to Israelis that they are "with them," and the best way is by visiting the country.

CJA general chair Leanor Segal set this year's goal at $38.6 million, an increase of $1.2 million over 2000. By 2005, she said the Montreal Jewish community must raise $50 million because of increasing local needs and the crisis in Israel.

"For the first time in a generation, Israel is under siege. It is in great danger. The terrorists are intent on winning the war. We must convince them they cannot," she said.

Segal vowed to work to "significantly" raise the amount each community member gives to the campaign. For the first time, as a show of unity, the Sephardi Division did not hold a separate campaign launch, said division chair Armand Afilalo.

The local priorities for the campaign are to alleviate poverty, to increase scholarships to help families struggling to put their children through Jewish day schools, and to provide remedial programs for students having difficulty coping with the demanding curriculum of the day schools, professional development for teachers, and more services for children with special needs.

Spending abroad will focus on helping feed the Jewish poor in Ukraine, subsidizing Jewish summer camps for children and assisting the aliyah of Jews in the former Soviet Union.

More money must be sent to Israel to compensate for the cuts it has had to make in social spending to meet its increase military and security expenditures.

Women's campaign chair Sue Carol Isaacson read an "urgent" appeal from Sharon asking federations in North America to help reduce the impact of Israel's "escalating" defence costs.

Before the start of the launch, about 15 people held a peaceful demonstration across the street from Cummings House, demanding an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and protesting alleged repression of Palestinians.

"Solidarity with Israel means solidarity with the occupation," said Bruce Katz, spokesperson for Palestinian and Jewish Unity, the organizer of the protest with the Jewish Alliance Against the Occupation.

"This demonstration is our way of letting people know there is dissent in the Jewish community over Israel's policies," Katz said.

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Ottawa choir takes part in Zimriya choir festival

By DIANE KOVEN
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — In spite of the tense situation in the Middle East and cancellations by many participants, the Shira Ottawa Choir represented North America at the recent Zimriya choir festival in Jerusalem.

The Zimriya, which has been held in Israel every three years since 1952, attracted more than 1,000 participants from 17 countries in 1998. This year, there were barely half the number of participants, and the Ottawa choir, in existence less than two years, was the only Jewish choir from outside Israel.

Out of 55 choir members, the final contingent consisted of just 15, including accompanist Aviva Lightstone and director Cantor Daniel Benlolo. This reduced number necessitated changes in the choir's arrangements, but did nothing to lessen the enthusiasm of those who attended.

"The calibre of the singing was outstanding," said choir member Edie Landau. "Our program was excellent and we were very well received. We sang in Hebrew, Ladino and French, and the audience loved it."

The Zimriya, which took place from July 29 to Aug. 12, included daily workshops where the choirs were able to learn, teach and share.

"We exchanged music with other choirs as well," said Landau.

Being the smallest choir at the Zimriya, the Shira Ottawa Choir was paired up with a South Korean choir, which consisted of 29 professional singers.

"They had to learn five Hebrew pieces," said Landau. After the workshops, the choirs had to perform what they had learned. The choir directors had their own workshops as well.

The Israelis in the audience were grateful that the choir had come. Choir members, in turn, felt it was important to show solidarity with Israel by their participation.

Asked what the highlight of the experience had been, Landau was hard pressed to answer. "Every day was a highlight," she said. "We all felt it was like a dream that we were there. It was a highlight to mingle with all the different choirs and make connections and friendships. It was emotional for all of us."

Retired businessman offers expertise to those in less developed regions

By MYRON LOVE
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — When on an international assignment, retired Winnipeg businessman Morley Globerman notes that being Jewish rarely comes into play.

Globerman, who volunteers with Canadian Executive Services Overseas (CESO), an organization that arranges for retired and semi-retired professionals to act as business consultants to their counterparts in Aboriginal communities in Canada and in less developed countries, says, "My clients know I'm Jewish, but it has never been an issue."

One client in Guatemala, he recalls, asked if it was true that when Jewish boys turn 13, their fathers take them to visit prostitutes. Another client in Honduras, a Palestinian, had a Jewish wife.

"I had a client in Trinidad who was Muslim," Globerman adds. "We would often have theological discussions... The fellow was a modern Muslim who deplored violence and fundamentalists."

Globerman first applied to work with CESO in 1996 after he retired from his family-owned mattress factory.

He is currently away on his 64th assignment, and he is booked until the end of March. His travels for CESO have taken him to the Caribbean, Central and South America, Africa, Southern Asia and Eastern Europe.

In most cases, he says, the client pays the airfare and accomodation. Assignments average four weeks in length, but can be as long as nine weeks.

Before starting out, he says, he took a couple of training courses where he learned a lot about the importance of national differences.

"Quite often, what a client wants and what I think he needs when I get there are quite different," says Globerman. "Many of them want to export, but they lack modern equipment and methods and funding. I try to get across to them that they have to be strong locally before they can sell internationally."

One of the first things he tells clients is that there are two things he doesn't want to hear: 'We didn't have time,' and 'We've always done it this way.'

Globerman has helped a number of companies come close to Western world standards. In Eastern Europe, he notes, profit is a new idea. One client he had in Poland was still operating in the Communist manner.

Globerman says it takes him about 10 days to catch up on correspondence and recover from jetlag when he comes back from an assignment.

After that, he starts getting a little antsy. "The feelings are hard to describe," he says. "It's very rewarding [to get] people to the point where they can sell internationally, and hardly a day goes by when I don't hear from many past clients."

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By Miriam Herman

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Sunday, Sept. 2

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Feminist Book Discussion Group, Older Women's Network, discusses *Disgrace* by **J.M. Coetzee** at 1:45 p.m. at the North York Community Centre, 505 Lawrence Ave. W. (basement). **Ruth Goldsmith** 416-782-6414.

Monday, Sept. 3

SINGLES BREAKFAST

For all ages, Pickle Barrel breakfast, mix-mingle, lottery prizes, $2 extra charge per person donated to Out of the Cold charity. Honouring the 5th anniversary of JMG (Jewish Men's Group)-GTA. Call 24-hour information number 416-635-6489.

Wednesday, Sept. 5

JEWISH WRITERS

At Beth Tzedec Congregation, The Lives of Jewish Writers – And Their Anxieties with **Eleanor Wachtel**, CBC broadcaster, host of *Writers and Company*, 7:30 p.m. 416-781-3511.

CANCER AWARENESS

Man to Man and Side By Side prostate cancer awareness meeting, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. Speaker **Dr. Sidney B. Radomski,** The Toronto Hospital, Western Division. 416-932-8820.

Thursday, Sept. 6

ISRAEL UPDATE

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood and Entertainment and Cultural Connection feature **Brian Morris** former president of B'nai Brith Canada and former chair, Canada-Israel Committee, presenting an Update on the Israel Situation: Myth and Fact, 8 p.m.

FILM AND DISCUSSION

Temple Har Zion Sisterhood opening program of 2001/2002 features **Schlomo Schwartzberg**, director of programming for the Toronto Jewish Film Festival. A film of his choice will be screened and discussed. 8 p.m.

And What Else Is New

THE JEWISH DIASPORA

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Fall 2001 lecture series is on the History of the Jewish Diaspora – Past and Present. The inaugural lecture for Selichot, Then and Now: The Jews of Germany and Poland, delivered by **Prof. Michael Brown**, director, Centre for Jewish Studies, York University, on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 9:30 p.m.

KADIMA CENTRE

Kadima Centre, a social, recreational centre for developmentally handicapped adults, meets Tuesdays, 4:30-6:30 for Supper Club and on Sundays 2-4 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Come and join at the Welcome Back Dance, Open House and Registration Sunday, Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m. **Suzanne** 416-635-6800.

SELICHOT NIGHT

Selichot night, Saturday, Sept. 8, at Adath Israel Congregation features guest speaker **Eric Grossman**, department of Bible at the Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit, speaking on In Pursuit of Perfect Punishment: The Biblical and Modern Quest for Just Retribution at 9:30 p.m., questions and answers at 10:30 and. Selichot services at 11 p.m. led by **Rabbi Steven Saltzman, Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** and the Professional Choir.

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NCJW GENERAL MEETING

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section opening general meeting with guest speaker celebrity comedian **Carla Collins**, Thursday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. RSVP by Sept. 4. 416-633-5100.

JEWISH HEALING SERVICE

Everyone wishing to pray for physical, emotional or spiritual healing is invited to join in a Jewish Service for Healing, Sunday, Sept. 9, 3-4 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4th floor, 4600 Bathurst St. Service, led by **Rabbi Edward Elkin** and music therapist **Mary Rykov**. For information, **Michelle** 416-932-0730.

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JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service programs. Information/registration **Shawna Sidney** 416-638-7800, ext. 215.

JF&CS is conducting a focus group to explore the need for an ongoing support group for Jewish amputees. If you would like to participate, meet on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 6th floor, 4600 Bathurst St. Wheelchair accessible. RSVP.

Birthdays, Hockey Games and Holidays: Making It Work After Divorce, a workshop to help single parent families cope with life cycle events, Monday, Sept. 10, at the Promenade Mall Branch, Suite 313, 7-9 p.m.

When You're About to Separate: What Do You Tell the Kids? Workshop focuses on children's needs just prior to and in early stages of separation, Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Promenade Mall Branch, Suite 313, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

KIDS YIDDISH CLASSES

Free Yiddish classes for children, junior kindergarten to Grade 8, run by the committee for Yiddish, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and Toronto District School Board, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Sundays 9:30 a.m. to noon, starting Sept. 16. **Naomi** 416-635-2883, ext. 150.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors pre-yom tov dinner with entertainment Tuesday, Sept. 11, 5:30 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. Reserve. **Goldie** 416-635-2860.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Aug. 30, Cookstone Factory; Sept. 4, Square One Mall; Sept. 12, Casino Rama; Oct. 25, free symposium regarding Fire Safety and Falls Prevention, 10 a.m.; Nov. 11-14, Soaring Eagle Casino and Hotel, $529 Canadian per person; Dances Sept. 2 and 23. 416-395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Aug. 30, lecture. **Menachem Wallach** 905-731-7748 or **Malka Colla** 416-630-5771.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for the Miami trip; for information and registration, contact **Libby**, 416-782-2959 or the office 416-630-9444. Dance classes every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and the Cultural Discussion Group every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 416-225-2112.

Pharmacists from Main Drugmart discuss Herbal Medicine and Your Health, Thursday, Aug. 30, 1:15 p.m.

The Dreyfus Case and Theodor Herzl with **Sid Soban** Tuesdays, Sept. 4 and 11, 10-11:30 a.m. **Bookie Kwart**, ext. 116.

Personal eyecare consultant, optician **Nadine Walman** checks and adjusts glasses, Tuesday, Sept. 4, noon to 2 p.m. No charge.

Low Vision Support Group meets Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1:15-1:15 p.m. **Florence Carter** , rehabilitation teacher with the CNIB, shares her experiences and insights on Adjusting and Coping with Vision Loss.

At the Literary Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 5, at noon, psychologist **Anne Balaban** reviews *Icy Sparks* by **Gwyn Hyman Rubio**. Register at Ticket Sales Desk. For information, **Bookie Kwart**, ext. 116.

CNIB Service Day, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Become familiar with services offered by CNIB and meet with specialized staff.

End of Summer trip to St. Jacobs, Thursday, Sept. 6, departing 9 a.m. from the centre. **Barbara Zigler**, ext. 134.

Movie, *That Old Feeling*, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2:30 p.m.

Israeli Club Etrog, for Hebrew speaking persons, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for movies, lectures, dances, sing-alongs, bingo, picnics. Sept. 4, movie; Sept. 11, medical lecture; Sept. 18, closed for Rosh Hashanah; Sept. 25, concert. **Anna** ext. 110.

BLOOR JCC

Miles S. Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave, (Bloor/Spadina). 416-924-6211.

Volunteer Recognition Night, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 6-8:30 p.m., JCC Rooftop (in case of rain, it moves indoors) with entertainment. **Jay Jackson,** master of ceremonies, and music of Take Three Plus One! RSVP **Maureen McIlveen**,ext. 129.

The fall program offers something for everyone. Programs for children and adults. Community, cultural arts, and fitness and recreation. Register now.

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Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 416-636-1880.

Sept. 6-Oct. 28, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., **Rafael Goldchain**, *Familial Ground* exhibition, an autobiographical installation in which the artist explores his Latin American Jewish identity. Comprised of drawings, photographs, video, sound and film.

Thursday, Sept. 6, artist talk and gallery tour, 6 p.m. 7-9 p.m., reception for artists.

Theatre Outings: *Sound of Music* at Stratford, Thursday, Nov. 8, and *The Lion King*, Wednesday, Dec. 5. Tickets on sale until Sept. 6. Call **Janet**, ext. 259.

BJCC 55+ Department of Adult Services fund-raiser concert, Tribute to a New Millennium, with **Aelita** and Friends, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Reserved seating. **Teme**, ext. 364.

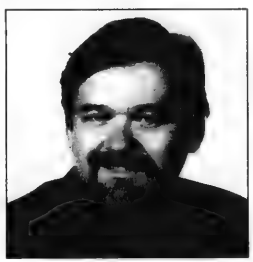
Fall courses include Bridge, Ballroom Dancing; Chai Dancers; Current Events; Drama – Habima Players; Painting; Needlecrafts; Folkdancing; Choir – Shalom Singers; Yoga; Line Dancing, plus Learning Experiences; Luncheons; Arts Unlimited Outings. Register.

A HOLE LOT OF FUN GOLFING FOR BAYCREST: **Enthusiastic Baycrest supporters participated in the recent 11th annual Baycrest Invitational Golf Tournament at Wooden Sticks course in Uxbridge, and raised more than $25,000 for Baycrest Centre. Pictured above (from left) are Richard Levinsky, Ed Sonshine, Malcom Marcus and Fred Steiner. Winning foursome was Shawn Marr, Steve Rogul, Wayne Rudson and Dr. Michael Gould.**

ABOUT PEOPLE

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Dr. Izchak Barzilay was recently awarded the Bruce A. Hord Master Teaching Award by the University of Toronto faculty of dentistry. The award is given each year to recognize teaching excellence at the faculty, where he serves as an assistant professor. Barzilay is also the past recipient of multiple awards. Currently head, division of prosthodontics and restorative dentistry at Mount Sinai Hospital, he maintains a .private practice in Toronto limited to prosthodontics and implant dentistry.



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Gitelman's 'aces' in world of bridge

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

Fred Gitelman showing his hand.

For 10 consecutive days at least three times a year, Fred Gitelman taps reservoirs of strength and endurance that might ordinarily be associated with triathletes or marathon runners.

He sleeps very little and eats even less. Operating on nervous energy, he manages somehow to keep body and soul together long enough to get him through the ordeal. He's not exactly sure how he does it, but some subconscious force marshals his bodily energy for the 10 days, so that on day 11 he's able to let it all go, relax and lie down for a good rest that might last a week.

Feature

Although not a professional athlete, Gitelman has been a professional in the elite world of competitive bridge for about 10 years, since he vaulted onto the international bridge scene with a second place showing in the world junior championships.

Since then, Gitelman has amassed a record worthy of his reputation as one of the top bridge players in the world. He was part of a six-man team that in 1995 represented Canada in the Open World Championships in China, where Canada finished second, its best-ever showing; he's placed first in the North American championships in San Francisco; and he's ventured onto the pro circuit, where wealthy American amateurs pay him US $1,000 a day to play as their partner.

He and his regular partner, Brad Moss of New York, make periodic trips to Las Vegas where they enter cash tournaments, rarely dropping below the top 10 and often taking top honours. Earlier this year Gitelman returned home from a tournament with US $10,000 in prize money.

In local bridge circles, Gitelman may be considered the sultan of slams and the baron of bidding. His renown has travelled far and wide, thanks in part to his other area of interest, computer software. A mostly self-taught computer programmer, Gitelman has combined his passion for bridge with his knowledge of code to author educational bridge software that he markets to the game's aficionados. One of his instructional CDs came to the attention of financial guru Warren Buffett,who one day seven years ago phoned him out of the blue to inquire if he had any other programs he could use to improve his game. After giving his sales shpiel, and making the sale, Gitelman asked Buffett for his advice on improving his company's business prospects.

Better than that, Buffett sent Gitelman's CD to his friend, Bill Gates Sr., who in turn passed it along to his son, Bill Gates Jr., him of Microsoft fame.

Both must have been impressed by the software, because awhile later, Gitelman received a phone call inviting him to join Gates; Buffett and another high-power executive in a bridge game on board a chartered train that was taking Gates and Buffett on a luxury vacation from Alaska to California. He boarded the train on a stopover in Montana and spent the next two days playing as Gates' partner. "We got along well and I gave them useful instruction," Gitelman recalls.

Since then, he's teamed up with Gates at various tournaments, and the two were scheduled to play a game on the Internet last weekend. They're also slated to play together in a tournament next December in Palm Springs.

Gitelman considers Gates a friend – if not exactly a bosom buddy – and the two have a lot in common. Both are adept computer programmers, both run their own software companies and both love the game of bridge. Gates, however, walks around with a little more pocket money than Gitelman.

Gates, Gitelman says, has a good deal of natural ability and fire for the game. He could become a world class player if he devoted more time to it. Buffett, by contrast, is a good social player.

While he has helped Buffett and Gates improve their knowledge of bridge, the two star students have reciprocated by helping raise the game's profile. It's sort of like having Tiger Woods endorse your clothing line or Wayne Gretzky support your brand of cereal.

Bridge, Gitelman said, suffers from an image and marketing problem. "People see it as something older people play in smoke-filled rooms where they yell at each other," Gitelman said. In reality, "anyone can play. It's fun and it's challenging."

Still, he acknowledges most good players are getting close to retirement age. At the recent north American championships, held in Toronto's Royal York Hotel, the average age of the 10,000 competitors was between 60 and 65, and they've been playing for about 40 years each, he said.

Gitelman, 36, wants to expose younger people to the game. Along with his partner, Sheri Winestock, he's created a Web site (www.bridgebase.com) with free downloadable learn-to-play program and other bridge-related features.

"I'm hopeful I'm making the game learnable through software and the Internet," he said.

Their company, Bridge Base Inc., carries a line of 15 instructional CDs, but Bridge Master 2000 is the most popular. It is available at bridge clubs and by mail order.

Gitelman, who has been dabbling with computers since the days his 8K Commodore Pet was the Ferrari of personal computers, wrote all the code for the CDs. He's brought the competitive fires he developed in bridge to the business world. "Now, I want to be the best bridge programmer in the world, to be successful and to make bridge a more popular game," he said.

He's itching to win a world championship and recognizes that he's not likely to do so in Canada. The second place finish in 1995 surprised almost everybody, including the Canadian contingent, which was five-sixths Jewish. Everything fell into place for the team that year, and since then, they haven't come close to duplicating their achievement. Furthermore, the team has gotten older and there isn't any young blood available to make Canada a contender in the near future, Gitelman said.

With his peak playing years around the corner – most top players are between 35 and 45, he said – he's considering a move south of the border – North Carolina sounds nice – where he would take up U.S. residence and qualify to compete for the United States in an international tournament.

The move isn't imminent but it's something he's been mulling over for some time.

If he decides to go, Canada's hope for a world championship will be that much farther from reality.

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Cabinet shuffle likely in December

Will he or won't he? As the Liberal caucus meets in Alberta, the question everyone is pondering right now is whether the prime minister will shuffle his cabinet, and if so, when will he do it?

The truth is, your guess is as good as ours. Political leaders – even the most calculating – often determine a course of action on the basis of a seemingly trivial or petty consideration. It is widely believed that the prime minister stuck around for the last election only because he was upset at a meeting arranged by Martinites in Toronto on the eve of the last Liberal convention.

However, in an effort to share some of the important considerations that would likely factor into his decision, we thought it would be fun to present the following scenario.

The Liberals are poised to win over Alberta during the caucus retreat. An announcement about a $120-million research facility going to the University of Alberta will open the show. Rumours have moved beyond idle speculation concerning the candidates being recruited by the Liberals for the next election – including the popular, charismatic former Calgary chief of police, Christine Silverberg, who is likely to run in the byelection this year after Preston Manning resigns.

Scene in Ottawa

By G.K. SIMCOE

While the Tories, NDP and Alliance flounder, similar efforts at rehabilitating the Liberal presence out west are under way in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Thus, the prime minister, the only one who makes decisions about cabinet, has to balance several competing issues.

First, he has to decide whether he is sufficiently tempted by the current political landscape to take a run at an unprecedented fourth consecutive majority government. It's tempting because he knows he can do it. But for a variety of reasons, let's assume that he will call it quits before the next election.

Then, he has to consider how he can most effectively control his caucus – and those frisky leadership hopefuls – until he exits 24 Sussex Dr. following the G-8 scheduled for, yup, Alberta next year. The only effective way to ensure discipline is by keeping everyone on their toes. Those already in cabinet will behave because they want to stay in cabinet. Those who want to get into the inner sanctum will not cross the PM for fear of blowing their chance for the prestige, power and privileges of cabinet membership.

All of this points to the PM passing over the national caucus as an opportunity for a shuffle. Our best bet is that the PM will have moved beyond a preoccupation with an election and will want to be remembered as the Liberal leader who facilitated reconciliation with the western provinces. He can only do that if he signals an intention to leave. And he can only leave the Liberal party secure if he provides enough time for his successor to establish his or her imprint on the job. So look to December as a likely time for a shuffle, leaving ample time for the contenders to position themselves for the future race.

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דאַס פֿאַלגנדיקע דערציילט מיר א באַקאַנטער, וועמען מיר טרעפֿן יערעס יאָר אין פֿלאָרידע. בעת דער מלחמה האָט ער געריכט אין דער פּוילישער אַרמיי, מיט דער ראָנגע פֿון א פֿאַרטשוניק (לוטענאַנט). געווען אין עס זומער 1942, לובלין איז צו יענער צייט שוין געווען באַפֿרייט. נאָך זייער שווערע קאַמפֿן, אין וועלכע זיין רעגימענט האָט פֿאַרלירן א סך וועלכע, האָט מען די לעבן געבליבענע צוריק נעצוווּנגן קיין לובלין אריך אָפּרו.

אין לובלין איז געווען דער פּוילישער געוועלטיקער שטאָב. דאָרטן האָט געאַרבעט א יידישער לוטענאַנט מיטן נאָמען צימערשפּיץ, וועלכער האָט געשטאַמט פֿון קראָקע. ער איז געווען א שטרידטער אין א געווענדער ישיבה־בחור. וועגן די רוסן האָבן פֿאַרטומען לובלין, האָבן זיי אויך געמאַכט אין דעם בּין פֿון לובלינער ישיבה א מיליטעריש שפּיטאָל.

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וואָס איז געשען מיטן לוטענאַנט צימערשפּיץ? גענוען איז עס מיט א צייט שפּעטער. די רוסישע אין פּוילישע אַרמייען האָבן שוין געקעמפּט אויף דער דייטשער ערד. אין איינעם א טאָג, נאָך א זייער פֿאַרציטערטן קאַמף, האָט מיין באַקאַנטער מיט זיין רעגימענט מאַרשירט פֿאַראויס. אויף ביידע זיימן שאָסעע אין אויף די אַרומיקע פעלדער זיינען גאַנצע גלעזער שטיינדעטע און טויטע סאָלדאַטן.

מיט אמאָל האָט ער דערזען צוויי די פֿאַרוווּנדעטע זיין באַקאַנטן, לוטענאַנט צימערשפּיץ. ער איז שנעל צוגעלאָפֿן צו אים זיך דערוווּסן, וואָס עס האָט פּאַסירט. יענער איז נאָך געווען בייים פּולן באַוווּסטזיין אין אים דערציילט, אַז די קאַמפֿן זיינען געווען זייער שווערע. עס האָבן אויסגעפּעלט אפֿיציר, האָט מען אים אַרויסגענומען פֿון נעגעראַל־שטאָב אין געשיקט אויפֿן פֿראָנט. אפֿשר איז עס געווען אַן אנטיסעמיטישע שפּיצל...

ער האָט געוווּסט, אַז ער איז שווער פֿאַרוווּנדעט אין ער גלויבט נישט, אַז ער וועט בלייבן לעבן. האָט ער געבעטן מיין באַקאַנטן, אַז אויב ער וועט איבערלעבן די מלחמה, זאָל ער זאָגן קדיש נאָך אים. מיין מיטשטודענט עדיקט זי מעשׂה: כאָטש ער איז נישט קיין שול־יִד, פֿאַרגעסט ער נישט אין דעם טאָג צו גיין אין זאָגן קדיש נאָך זיין באַקאַנטן, לוטענאַנט צימערשפּיץ פֿון קראָקע, פֿוילן, וועלכער האָט געבראַכט די הייליקע ספֿרים פֿון דער ישיבה חכמי לובלין.

Holiday Food Ideas

L'Shanah Tovah

from

The Canadian Jewish News

The High Holy Days are a time of looking forward to the new year, and just as importantly, of reflecting on years past.

Traditions play a prominent role in our celebration of the holidays, and the customs of our parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents are never far away as we prepare for the yamim tovim.

Among our traditions, we pray to God to inscribe us in the Book of Life for the coming year, we throw bread crumbs into a body of water to symbolically cast away our sins, and we blow the shofar during the synagogue services as an expression of God's sovereignty.

We also eat traditional foods to symbolize our hope for a sweet and prosperous new year. We dip apples in honey, we bake round challah that represents the never-ending circle of life, and we eat pomegranates whose seeds represent a new year filled with many mitzvot.

In this year's *CJN* food pages we have sought out recipes that incorporate some of these traditional foods. Some recipes are lightened up, slimmed down versions of old favourites, some are just like the ones our grandmothers made, and still others are recipes that can put an elegant and festive touch to our holiday tables.

Whichever recipes you choose and however you celebrate the holidays, we hope you will spend your time celebrating with family and friends, and remembering those who have brought their traditions to our tables.

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Research makes this more than a cookbook

By JUDY BART KANCIGOR
Special to The CJN

When Hana Lustigova Greenfield returned to her native Czechoslovakia in 1945 after liberation from Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, she found her sister and her rabbi. He was preparing the synagogue for Rosh Hashanah. He had the sisters slice an apple and dip it in honey, telling them, "As bitter as was our past life, we should have a sweet future."

This is just one of hundreds of stories in *The Foods of Israel Today*, the latest book by Joan Nathan, the award-winning author of *Jewish Cooking in America* and host of the PBS TV series of the same name.

More than a cookbook, it is an exhaustively researched and compellingly told saga of a vibrant land and its diverse people, from its rich ancient history through its beleaguered present.

Nathan is a fearless investigator and a good listener. She gained entry into the kitchens of both ordinary Israelis and popular restaurants, gathering stories as well as recipes.

"I couldn't write the book now," says Nathan. "It would be very difficult. I went to places I couldn't go to today, and people couldn't have been nicer to me."

While working in the early '70s as a foreign press attache for the mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, she noticed how cooler heads prevailed when disputes were settled over a shared meal. "Food became a means of breaking down political and ethnic barriers," she notes.

Having grown up in Rhode Island in an Ashkenazi home, Nathan quickly became intoxicated with the new flavours of Israel. "Rosh Hashanah always meant chicken and matzah balls and apples dipped in honey. Then I went to Israel and it blew my mind. I remember going to a Yemenite home for Rosh Hashanah and thinking – where's the apples and honey? They had pomegranate. In Israel, there are all these different taste sensations. That's what got me interested in writing about food."

Out of that experience came Nathan's first cookbook, *The Flavor of Jerusalem*, with Judy Stacey Goldman, and now, 25 years later, with *The Foods of Israel Today* she has come full circle.

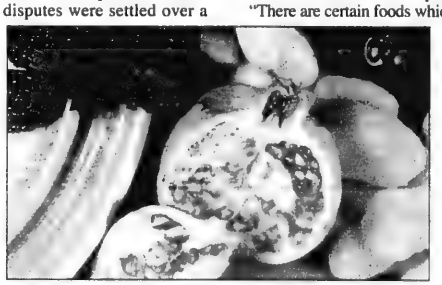
When Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated in 1995, Nathan decided to memorialize the slain leader by capturing the "dynamic spirit of Israel... through the medium I knew best – food and culinary traditions.

"I wanted to show the richness of Israel's past and present through its many cuisines."

Note, she says, "many cuisines," not "Israeli cuisine." The melting pot ideal envisioned by David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, never came to pass, Nathan tells us. Instead of a blend of 90 nationalities and diverse cultures and religions into a cohesive identity, she says the cuisine of Israel is a "multicultural mosaic."

"There is a link to ancient Israel that is showing itself in food," says Nathan. "It is becoming Israeli, but it is not Israeli. I don't think it will ever be, quote, a cuisine.

"There are certain foods which to me seem Israeli. Mediterranean ingredients, for example. If you go to a Sephardi restaurant, you'll have a Libyan this and a Moroccan that. Israelis are taking the best of immigrant foods and incorporating them."



Pomegranates, a favourite in Yemenite homes

Much has changed in Israel in the decades between her two books.

"When I lived in Israel, you rarely went to restaurants except for falafel stands or cafes."

Now this tiny nation, where, Nathan says, more cookbooks are being written per capita than in almost any other country, is competing internationally with its foie gras, olive oil, fine cheeses and wines.

"Today Israeli chefs are going to culinary schools around the world, coming back and using local ingredients."

And Nathan's enthusiasm for those ingredients is contagious. "I particularly love bulgur and frika, the parched wheat mentioned in the book of Ruth, chick peas in so many dishes, pomelos, and, oh, the figs in Israel are the best in the world. They're so fabulous, literally sunkissed."

The saga Nathan tells of the survival of Israel's native foods is almost as compelling as that of its people, from the seven original ingredients mentioned in Deuteronomy (barley, wheat, figs, dates, pomegranates, olives and grapes), to the harrowing tale

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Author Joan Nathan tells saga of survival of Israel's native foods

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of the introduction of 7,000 smuggled Iraqi date saplings, to the decimation by lice of the grape vines planted by Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

But it is the stories of ordinary people that are the real heart of the book. Like the Kurdish great-grandmother, married at 14, who makes 60 kubbeh (semolina and bulgur dumplings) for her family each week, sitting cross-legged on a blanket, a telephone at hand.

"I love seeing these very simple people taking pride in their cooking that a lot of us who are so sophisticated just don't have.For the holidays and Shabbat, people aren't the way we are, all over the place. They're together as families."

ISRAELI CARROT SALAD

If there were a signature Israeli dish, it would be carrot salad.

2 cloves garlic
8 sprigs (1/2 bunch) fresh parsley, stems removed
1 lb. carrots, peeled
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. orange juice
4 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
several grinds of pepper

Place the garlic and the parsley in the bowl of a food processor equipped with steel blade and chop or julienne. Add the carrots, lemon juice, orange juice, and salt and pepper. Pulse until the carrots are well chopped but not puree. Adjust the seasonings and serve. Note: You can add orange slices and/or radish slices to garnish this salad. Add a grated or julienned celery root with the carrots in winter. Yield: 6 servings.

BOULETTES DE POISSONS MOROCCAN FISH BALLS

A Rosh Hashanah tradition, originally from Spain, perhaps the forerunner of gefilte fish.

3 lbs. whiting, cod, haddock, or whitefish fillets
2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
1 small onion, diced
8 cloves garlic, crushed
1 large egg, lightly beaten
2 tsp. cumin
1/4 tsp. mace
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 large tomatoes, peeled and diced
2 carrots, peeled and cut into tiny rounds
1 orange or red bell pepper, diced in 1/2-inch pieces
2 tsp. hot paprika
2 heaping tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
1 tsp. salt
1 cup water

Chop the fish with the parsley and the onion, using a grinder or a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Add 4 cloves of the garlic, egg, cumin and mace to the fish, mixing well with your hands. Refrigerate for about an hour.

Heat the oil in a nonstick frying pan with a cover and add the tomatoes and the remaining garlic. Cook for a few minutes, then mash the tomatoes with a fork. Add to the pan the carrots, peppers, paprika, and cilantro. Sprinkle on the salt, add the water, and simmer, covered, for about 15 minutes, adding more water if the mixture becomes too dry.

Mould the chilled fish mixture into balls the size of walnuts and place in the sauce, adding more water if needed, just to cover the fish. Cook for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve the fish balls immediately, covered with the sauce, or refrigerate and serve later at room temperature. Yield: 40 balls, serving about 10 people.

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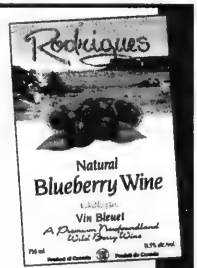

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The Web: a world of food delights

By NORENE GILLETZ
Special to The CJN

It's hard to believe that summer is rapidly drawing to a close and the High Holy Days are just around the corner. When I asked my culinary Internet friends for their favourite holiday dishes, I received several recipes for brisket and cabbage rolls. There were a few recipes for chicken, turkey and salmon, but beef was definitely the top choice. When it comes to preparing for the holidays, meat still takes centre stage.

Meat dishes are excellent for the busy cook because they can be prepared in advance and frozen successfully. If you click on www.jewishfood-list.com, you will find 16 recipes for brisket and seven recipes for cabbage rolls, including a variation for unstuffed cabbage if you're too busy to roll your own!

Wendy Baker of New York wrote: "There are several things I always make ahead for most holidays. Chicken soup can be made well ahead and frozen. My caramelized brisket (the recipe is in the archives) also freezes well, but if you don't want to freeze it, can still be made a few days ahead and kept in the refrigerator. I find that honey cake freezes well.

"Apple or other fruit pies freeze well if frozen unbaked. They can be baked without thawing, by putting them in the oven right from the freezer and they taste as good as never frozen ones.

"Challah, if you bake your own, also can be made well ahead and frozen. I generally make a whole bunch of fairly small challot and freeze them for the whole month of holidays. If you have a decent bakery, this is something that you can buy and save that fuss if time is short."

Here are some traditional dishes that my friends near and far will be enjoying with family and friends at their tables for the upcoming High Holy Days. Enjoy!

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Dalia Carmel of New York has a collection of 5,000 cookbooks. She wrote: "Here is a favourite dish that I have prepared

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Brisket, a perennial favourite

Israel's native foods

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CITRUS ROASTED CHICKEN

An updated version from Nathan's first cookbook *The Flavor of Jerusalem.*

5 lb. roasting chicken
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 whole orange, well washed
handful of fresh herbs, such as rosemary, sage, and thyme, plus extra mixed herbs for garnish
4 cloves garlic
1/2 cup fresh orange juice
1 tsp. ground ginger
4-6 tbsp. honey
1/2 cup white wine

Preheat oven to 375. Sprinkle the chicken inside and out with salt and pepper. Insert the whole orange, the herbs and the garlic in the cavity of the chicken, truss closed, and place in a roasting pan, breast side down. Mix the orange juice and ground ginger and pour the mixture over the chicken. Roast, uncovered, for half an hour.

Remove the chicken from the oven, turn it over, smear the outside with the honey, and pour the wine over it. Return the chicken to the oven. After 5 minutes, baste with the juice from the roasting pan. If the breast seems to be browning too quickly, cover it with foil. Basting occasionally, roast until the drumstick moves easily, about 45 to 60 minutes more. Remove the orange, the herbs and the garlic, and place the chicken on a serving platter. Slice the orange and scatter around the chicken and garnish with the additional herbs. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

ROSH HASHANAH APPLE TORTE

From Czech Holocaust survivor, Hana Lustigova Greenfield.

2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1 large egg
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter or margarine, cut into small pieces
1 cup sugar
grated zest of 1 lemon
6 medium (about 3 lbs.) Granny Smith or other flavourful apples, peeled and cored
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Put the flour, baking powder, salt, egg, butter or margarine, 3/4 cup of the sugar, and the lemon zest in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Process until a soft dough is formed. Remove and roll the dough in flour, then cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, coarsely grate the apples in a food processor fitted with a grating blade or use the large holes of a hand grater. Toss with the remaining 1/4 cup sugar and set aside in a colander to drain for 30 minutes. Add the cinnamon.

Preheat oven to 450. Take 2/3 of the dough and with floured fingertips, press it lightly into the bottom and 2 inches up the sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Spoon the apple mixture evenly into the dough shell. Roll out the remaining dough to a 9-inch circle, about 1/8-inch thick, and place on top of the apples, crimping the edges of the dough together to seal them. Make a few holes in the top of the cake with the tines of a fork.

Bake on the middle rack of the oven for 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350 and bake for 30 minutes more or until golden brown. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

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in the past for the holidays. It has been adopted by friends and colleagues from work in the past, with great success. It is a super recipe, which I received from my friend Ani Stern, who got it from her Hadassah friends."

Ani Stern's story is fascinating. She is the owner of the notebook of recipes *In Memory's Kitchen*, handwritten in German and Czech by a group of women interned in the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Many years later, the notebook was brought to Ani from someone who had received it from someone else who was in Theresienstat and to whom Ani's mother, Mrs. Pachter, entrusted the notebook to deliver it to Ani in Palestine. Dalia Carmel was the catalyst in getting the manuscript published in 1996. She was credited by the director of the Holocaust Museum in Washington as performing "a great mitzvah."

DALIA'S BRISKET WITH CRANBERRY SAUCE

3 to 5 lbs. brisket, trimmed of as much fat as possible
1 can of light beer
16 oz. can whole cranberry sauce
1 pkg. onion soup mix
½ cup chili sauce or ketchup
2 onions, sliced
1 large bunch of parsley
5 cloves garlic, peeled (do not chop)
pepper and red pepper flakes, to taste

In a bowl, mix the beer, cranberry sauce, onion soup mix and chili sauce or ketchup. Mix well. In a heavy pot that can hold the brisket flat, spread the onions and parsley on the bottom, then throw in the garlic. Place the brisket on top and pour the liquid mixture on top.

Rub the meat with the liquid mixture, then with the pepper and red pepper flakes.

Preheat oven to 350 and cook for an hour. Turn the meat over and cook for another 30 to 60 minutes. If the meat is not tender yet, let it cook for another 30 to 60 minutes. When done, let it all cool. Store the brisket separately from the sauce. Refrigerate overnight.

The next morning, remove the fat from the sauce. Before serving, slice the meat into serving pieces. Blend the sauce into a smooth sauce with a hand blender or in the blender. Place slices in a Pyrex casserole, pour the sauce over the slices and reheat.

Bring to the table and serve with mashed potatoes, rice or couscous. Perfect with creamed spinach, carrot salad and cucumber salad. Makes 6 to 12 servings.

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Barbara Wasser of Schenectady wrote: "I have been making this brisket for 35 years. I got it from the Jewish proprietor of a small neighbourhood grocery store when we lived in Pawtucket, RI. It's a winner! Our two older children who are now vegetarians still remember the taste of this gravy, and our youngest son always asks if I have cooked brisket."

BARBARA'S BRISKET

5 lbs. beef brisket, preferably first cut
3 large onions, chopped
6 cloves garlic, crushed
salt, freshly ground black pepper and paprika to taste

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½ cup ketchup
¼ cup steak sauce
½ cup chili sauce
¼ cup wine vinegar
2½ cups water (or more if needed)

Preheat oven to 375. Place ⅔ of the onions and garlic on the bottom of a large roasting pan. Rub meat all over with salt, pepper and paprika. Place meat fat side up on the bed of onions and garlic. Cover with additional onions and garlic. Combine ketchup, steak sauce, chili sauce, wine vinegar and water; pour over the meat.

Cover the roasting pan with foil or a lid and roast for 3 hours, or until fork tender. Check while cooking, adding more water if necessary.

Separate meat and gravy and put gravy in the blender to incorporate the onions. Allow meat to cool, slice and put it back in the gravy. Gravy may also be chilled to remove the fat. Makes 10 to 14 servings.

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This tasty recipe for tongue comes from Leah Perez of Montreal, who usually serves it as a side dish along with another meat or poultry dish. Leah wrote: "I learned how to make this from my Moroccan friend, Rutie, years ago. The last time I made it, the 'I don't eat tongue' people tasted it and were actually surprised! Too bad, because by then there was hardly any left."

LEAH'S TONGUE WITH MUSHROOMS

1 large beef tongue (or 2 veal tongues)
1 tbsp. oil
3 or 4 sliced garlic cloves
salt and pepper to taste
⅛ to ¼ tsp. turmeric
fresh chopped parsley (about ½ a bunch)
8 oz. sliced fresh mushrooms
½ cup water (about)

Boil tongue until tender, about 2 to 3 hours, depending on size. Peel and let cool. When cool, slice tongue into thin slices.

Heat oil in a large frying pan. Add garlic and saute on medium heat for 2 minutes. Add tongue slices and brown lightly. Season with salt, pepper and turmeric. Add parsley and mushrooms. Cook 3 or 4 minutes longer. Add water and cook until mushrooms are cooked through. Makes 6 to 8 servings as a side dish.

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Judy Sobel of Atlanta wrote: "This is my late mother-in-law's recipe for stuffed cabbage. It is quite different as it has no addition to the filling – just beef. The sweet and sour sauce is exceptional and I use it for other dishes. When I prepare this, I always make meatballs along with it for the kids. I haven't seen another recipe that calls for adding flanken. It is better when made in advance and chilled so fat can be removed easily and the flavours can blend. It freezes beautifully. My family likes it in mini-portions in grape leaves, served warm as an appetizer.

Leftover sauce can be frozen and used for meatballs or even chicken fricassee. It is necessary to experiment with the sugar and sour salt to get just the right taste. Go easy on the sour salt!"

ROSE SOBEL'S CABBAGE ROLLS (PRAAKES) WITH FLANKEN

2 large heads of cabbage
3 lb. flanken (short ribs)
2 tbsp. oil
3 lb. lean ground beef
1 tbsp. garlic powder
2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. pepper
3 large onions, sliced
1 large can of tomato paste
1 cup hot water (approximately)
2 tbsp. sugar
2 tsp. sour salt (citric acid)

Put cabbage in plastic bags and place in the freezer overnight. Take out several hours before using. Cabbage will wilt and it will be easier to roll. Leaves will not need to be cooked or steamed in advance. Take off the

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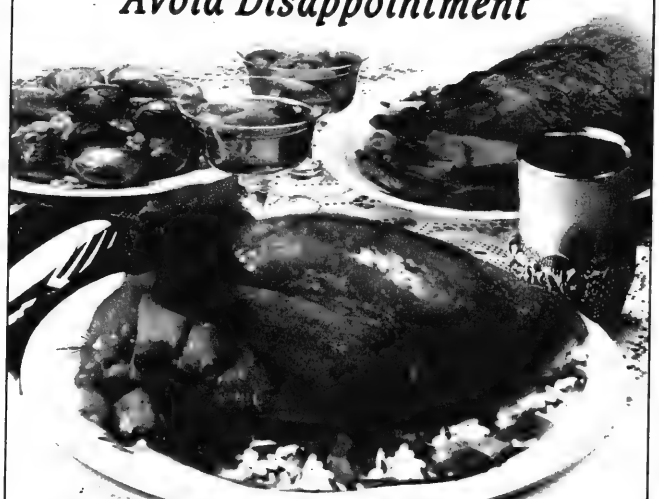

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Pomegranates–the versatile fruit

By RIVKA TAL
Special to The CJN

On Rosh Hashanah, the pomegranate (rimon) is one of the signs used to beseech God that He judge our merits to be as plentiful as the seeds of the rimon. According to tradition, the rimon has 613 seeds, corresponding to the number of mitzvot.

The pomegranate was one of the important plants in the time of the Mishnah and Talmud, and details about it abound. Various species were grown, both sweet and sour. They were cultivated throughout the Middle East and North Africa, eventually winning the greatest favour in France. Brought to America by European settlers, they are now grown primarily in California.

Pomegranates resemble nothing else on produce stands. The pomegranate's leathery red to pink to yellow skin with a parchment-like texture houses a tangy-sweet flesh bursting with juice. It is actually a collection of hundreds of tiny whole fruits, separated into clusters by a yellowish-white membrane. The shiny seeds have a translucent pulp that gives them an appealing sweet-tart flavour.

Good-quality pomegranates will be large, firm, smooth-skinned and heavy for their size. The colouring will be an even deep red and there will be few blemishes. Numerous brown or scarred areas on the skin or soft spots indicate an old product. Small fruit will mean smaller, less juicy seeds with more waste.

The rich, red seeds are the edible part of the fruit. Removing the juicy seeds can be a time intensive task. Here's one method: Slice off the stem. Make four cuts through the skin, each starting at the exposed stem end and meeting at the opposite end. Break the fruit into quarters. Remove the seeds from each quarter with your fingers. You may find it helpful to immerse the rimon in water to dig out the seeds – the seeds will sink.

You can keep whole pomegranates at room temperature away from sunlight for up to a week. For longer storage, remove seeds and store in plastic bags in the refrigerator, where they'll keep for three days. Pomegranates can be "shelled" several days in advance and kept refrigerated in a sealed jar. The juice can be extracted by placing chunks of the fruit in a food processor, whirring, and then straining shell, membranes, and seeds.

Seeds can be frozen in a single layer on a cookie sheet until firm and then packed in freezer containers and stored for up to six months. Remove only those seeds you need. Pomegranate juice keeps up to five days in the refrigerator. Freeze up to six months in airtight containers.

Pomegranate seeds can decorate salads, fruit desserts, cakes and puddings. They can garnish rice dishes, pancakes, waffles and ice cream sundaes. The juice can be used as a marinade or glaze for chicken or lamb.

CHICKEN WITH POMEGRANATES AND WALNUTS

2½-lb.-3 lb. chicken
4 tbsp. olive oil, divided
½ tsp. dried thyme
½ tsp. pepper
1 large onion, diced
2 tbsp. tomato paste
2 cups walnuts, finely chopped
3½ cups water
½ tsp. cinnamon
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1 cup fresh pomegranate juice
1-2 tbsp.sugar (if necessary)

Trim chicken of excess fat and cut into eighths. Heat 2 tbsp. olive oil in a large, heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add thyme and pepper.

Brown chicken, turning with tongs, until golden brown on all sides. Remove from heat and set aside.

Heat remaining 2 tbsp. olive oil in a separate, large skillet over medium-high heat. Saute onions, stirring constantly, for 4-5 minutes. Add tomato paste and continue to saute for a few minutes.

Lower heat to medium. Add walnuts and saute for about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Add water, cinnamon, lemon juice and pomegranate juice. Reduce heat to low and cover skillet. Cook for half an hour.

Correct seasoning; add sugar if sauce is too tart. Carefully arrange chicken pieces in sauce. Cover and simmer for 20-25 minutes or until chicken tests done. Yield: 4-8 servings.

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dark green leaves. Use the rest for other cabbage dishes (e.g., cole slaw or steamed cabbage). Turn each leaf over and carefully slice the thick vein parallel to the leaf. (This makes them more flexible and easier to roll.)

In a large Dutch oven or heavy pot, brown the flanken on low heat in a little oil. Meanwhile, mix the ground beef with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Take about ¼ cup of meat mixture and roll it into an oval.

Place in the middle of the cabbage leaf and fold over sides of leaf.

Bring up the bottom of the leaf and roll up very tightly. If you have sliced off the vein, you won't need string or toothpicks to hold it together.

Place cabbage rolls in a layer over the flanken. When you have a tightly packed layer, add ⅓ of the sliced onions and ⅓ of the tomato paste.

Repeat until cabbage leaves are used up. You should have leftover ground beef. Make small meatballs and add to pot. End with the onions and tomato paste. Add a cup of hot water. Sprinkle with sugar and sour salt, cover pan and simmer on low heat for 1½ hours, or until everything is cooked and tender.

Remove the cabbage and meatballs to a serving dish or a freezer-safe container. Remove bones from flanken and discard. Cut meat into serving size pieces, trim off any fat and add to cabbage rolls. Taste the sauce and adjust with either sugar or sour salt. (Add sour salt sparingly.)

Pour sauce over cabbage rolls and either freeze or serve. (I like to freeze it first so I can remove the hardened fat.) Makes 8 or more servings.

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Fry, Cotler to attend conference in Durban

By RON CSILLAG
Staff Reporter

Federal multiculturalism minister Hedy Fry and Jewish member of Parliament Irwin Cotler will head Canada's delegation to the controversial World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (WCAR), taking place in Durban, South Africa from Aug. 31 to Sept. 7.

Also slated to attend from the government is Toronto-area MP Jean Augustine, a powerful voice on behalf of African-Canadians.

The United Nations-sponsored conference has galvanized world Jewry. Arab countries have bucked Western-led counter-efforts and succeeded in reviving anti-Israel canards by placing the Zionism-equals-racism issue on the conference's agenda [*CJN*, Aug. 23].

Draft resolutions also refer to Israeli policies regarding Palestinians as "holocausts" and "ethnic cleansing." Most observers agree that unless such vitriol is expunged or tempered, the conference will deteriorate into a week-long orgy of Israel-bashing.

Cotler, the MP for Mont-Royal, told *The CJN* before leaving for Durban that he fears the conference will undercut the struggle against racism, compromise the integrity of the UN and even harm the Mideast peace process.

"The draft is far more pernicious than 'Zionism equals racism.' It is a country-specific indictment that promotes hatred and contempt."

Participants say the broadsides expected in Durban may denigrate Zionism as racism, accuse Israel of being an apartheid state, exclude anti-Semitism from the various forms of racism, minimize the Holocaust as merely one of many instances of genocide rather than a unique event, and equate the suffering of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to that of Jews under the Nazis.

Delegates are also bracing for huge anti-Israel demonstrations from South Africa's large Arab and Muslim population.

Over a dozen negotiators, advisors, policy analysts and officials from several federal ministries are expected to attend, including from the departments of Canadian Heritage, foreign affairs, Indian and northern affairs, and justice, as well as the Canadian Human Rights Commission. Observers from three provinces and two cities will also attend, as will some 100 Canadians from various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Canada's delegation, while "mid-level," is a sign this country is taking the conference seriously, says Karen Mock, who will attend the meeting as national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights and as chair of a special advisory group to Fry.

At one point, Canada did not rule out boycotting the conference if the anti-Zionist rhetoric was not softened or removed. But Canadian officials have said all along that attending would accomplish more than staying away.

Mock, like other delegates, believes that wrangling over anti-Israel and anti-Semitic language will continue "right down to the wire," and even after the conference begins.

But she's satisfied that the Canadian delegation is strong and could affect change.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Keith Landy, who will also attend the meeting, said Canada "has been playing a very positive role, especially as it relates to the anti-Israel in tive." He noted that Rabbi Michael Melc Israel's deputy foreign minister, pra Canada's efforts at the conclusion of a re preparatory meeting in Geneva.

Landy said there are two main options to Canada if the conference's agenda proc along anti-Israel lines: to refuse to endo final resolution, or to walk out midway.

The latter, while rather un-Canadian, w send a strong message, Landy said.

Delegates will also be on the lookou cosmetic alterations to language. For exan at the last Geneva meeting, some Arab s reportedly agreed to substitute the term cupying power" for "Zionism," leaving Je delegates unimpressed.

Also late last week, the world was wa for a decision from the U.S. State Depart on whether Secretary of State Colin Po would attend the Durban conference whether a low-level American delega would be sent.

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Palestinian leaders accuse U.S. of bias as Bush backs Israel

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"If the Palestinians are interested in a dialogue," said Bush, "then I would strongly urge Mr. Arafat to put 100 percent effort into stopping the terrorist activity, and I believe he can do a better job of doing that."

Over the weekend, the Palestinians were also forced to withdraw a draft resolution at the UN that included a call for a "monitoring mechanism" in the West Bank and Gaza, after it became clear that the United States was ready to use its veto power in the Security Council to scupper the idea.

Palestinian spokesperson Hanan Ashrawi harshly criticized Bush's remarks. "We have now a full and absolute American bias. An American president," she said, "is parroting the Israeli point of view."

Ashrawi told the Associated Press that the Americans "are providing support to the point where they have become complicit to the crime."

PA minister Yasser Abed Rabbo also lashed out at the Americans on Sunday, telling Palestine Radio that Bush's adoption of Sharon's no-talks-under-fire policy was intended to block a possible meeting between Arafat and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Abed Rabbo said the Americans have no interest in playing an active role in getting the two sides back to the negotiating table, and also do not want any other party filling this role. The U.S., he added, wants to maintain the present situation and is encouraging "Israeli terror" against the Palestinian people.

The Bush administration does not want to get involved in the conflict. Its major goal is regional stability, so as to ensure the price of oil is not affected, according to *Ha'aretz* diplomatic correspondent Aluf Benn.

While Sharon has twice visited Bush in the White House since taking office in March, Arafat has yet to receive an invitation. The White House has also consistently opposed sending observers to the region. The Bush administration's support for Israel, Benn said, has until now eroded Arafat's efforts to isolate Israel and precipitate international intervention in the conflict.

Benn added that at present there is "full understanding" between Bush and Sharon. "When he assumed office, Sharon decided that diplomatic co-ordination with Washington was his government's paramount interest," Benn wrote in Sunday's paper. "His anti-American positions of the past [only two years ago, as foreign minister in Benjamin Netanyahu's government, Sharon opposed the Kosovo operation] went into cold storage. The new Sharon is America's staunch ally in the Middle East, the keeper of regional stability.

"Bush accepts without reservation the principle established by Sharon that there can be no negotiations under fire, and he refuses to invite Arafat to Washington. In return, the president demands good behaviour from Israel and restraint in deploying force."

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NOW YOU SEE THEM... A study in contrasts took place last week in Israel when more than 270 youths from Russia and Ukraine, participating in the Jewish Agency Sela study program, arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport, bringing the total number of new immigrants during the week to 1,225, the largest number this year. Meanwhile, streets near the Russian compound in downtown Jerusalem were deserted, a day after a bomb incident in the area. Scenes like this are reportedly becoming more common as terror incidents keep away both local Israelis and tourists. [RNS & Isranet photos]

Syrian posting to UN Security Council opposed

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Canadian Jewish Congress president Keith Landy said he was astonished and dismayed that Canada would consider backing Syria's candidacy. In a letter to Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley, he argued, "Canada should not be a party to such a travesty."

Syria, he pointed out, has a terrible human rights record, is designated by the U.S. State Department as a country that supports international terrorism, and is run by a "ruthless dictator" (Bashir Assad) who "appears to be even more viscerally antisemitic and anti-Israel than his father, and that is no mean achievement." (During Pope John Paul II's visit to Syria in May , Assad claimed Jews betrayed and tortured Jesus and had committed treachery against the prophet Mohammed.)

Paul Michaels, a spokesman for the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), the Jewish community's lobby group on Israel, said the election of Syria would "send the wrong message regarding the credibility of the [Security Council] and what it stands for."

He said Syria violates several UN resolutions and principles, including respect for international peace and human rights. It opposes the Oslo peace process, it supports radical Islamic terrorist organizations and it occupies Lebanon in violation of UN Security Resolution 245.

"Canada should take a moral stand and withhold its support. That would send a signal to the world that Syria does not have a role in the Security Council," Michaels said.

Israeli Ambassador Haim Divon said the best that can be expected in opposing Syria's nomination is for it to have to go to a second round of voting.

Israel is vigorously opposing Syria's candidacy and has asked is friends in North America and Europe not to back its Mideast neighbour.

"No one is willing so far to give us their position, because the decision will be made later on. Some of our best friends say it is better to engage Syria... We don't agree," Divon said.

"We feel very strongly about the negative role that Syria plays in every platform."

Divon suggests a Syrian role on the Security Council would allow it to take an active role in advancing anti-Israel resolutions and it would give the more radical Arab states a prominently-placed ally.

Divon placed the Syrian candidacy in a wider context, saying its nomination by the Arab bloc is part of a trend on the international diplomatic scene to isolate, marginalize and deligitimize Israel.

But by raising "serious question marks [about Syria's candidacy], people can see how ridiculous things are," Divon said.

Prevention, not revenge is the goal

By ZE'EV SCHIFF
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

Israel has many reasons to want to try to kill Mohammed Def, one of the heads of the military wing of Hamas, but he was not the target of last week's operation in Gaza.

Analysis

It is quite likely that Def did indeed happen into the area by chance, as Palestinian sources claim. Def, no doubt, feels very lucky to be alive.

For Israel, this is yet further proof that Def was freed from jail and that he is active in the war against Israel. The account with Def is a long and bloody one. He is responsible for a number of Palestinian suicide bombings.

Yet despite this bloody account, Israel's policy is not one of revenge. At this stage in the conflict, Israel's focus is on preventing future attacks, and this is the criteria for Israel's pinpoint assassinations, which are aimed at reducing terror attacks and weakening, both professionally and morally, those who wish to harm Israeli citizens.

In any event, even if the IDF did not manage to strike its chosen target last week, the Palestinians can safely assume that Israeli intelligence services have reliable information about the movements of Palestinian activists.

Last week was a bad week for Palestinian military activists on the West Bank as well. Two Fatah cells that, for some time, have been engaged in laying roadside bombs on the road leading up to Mount Eibal were hit hard by an elite IDF unit.

In the first incident, a group of Palestinians was spotted planting a bomb at the side of the road. Two of its men were killed in the ensuing gun battle.

A message was sent to the Palestinian representative of the district security co-ordination committee that Israel would hand over the bodies after it had finished dismantling the bomb. Normally, representatives of the Red Crescent are sent to pick up bodies, but because of the bombs, they were told not to do so this time.

Less than an hour later, another group of Palestinians was spotted approaching the area. The lookout saw that they were armed, and Israeli troops opened fire. Two more Palestinians were killed. The Palestinians claim that the men had come to remove the bodies of those killed earlier, but they were also found to be carrying explosives.

FREEDOM TRAIN: Riding the freedom train – The fathers of (from left) Sgt. Adi Avitan, St-Sgt. Binyamin Avraham and Sgt. Omar Suwayed, kidnapped by Hezbollah in October, pose in front of the "Freedom Train" they rode Sunday to raise awareness of the plight of their sons, as well as that of Israeli businessman Elhanan Tennenbaum, also abducted by Hezbollah in October. Zionist activists from around the country rode from Beersheva to Naharia, stopping along the way for solidarity rallies.

August 20

• Eight Israelis pleaded not guilty in a U.S. court to charges they were involved in an international ecstasy drug-smuggling ring.

August 21

• Part of the retaining wall holding up the southern end of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is in danger of collapsing. A 35-foot-wide bulge could cause the wall to cave in. Israel lays the blame on the Wakf, or Islamic trust, which has done extensive renovations to an underground mosque on the Mount. Palestinians say Israeli archeological digs are damaging the wall, which was built around the eighth century on the site of the First and Second Temples.

August 22

• A group of 240 youths from the former Soviet Union arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport to begin new lives in Israel. Since the beginning of the year, 26,902 new immigrants have arrived, 20,006 of them from former Soviet states.

August 23

• The Israel Defence Force is taking steps to reduce the number of combat reservists it calls up. A spokesperson said the IDF wants to restrict call-ups to a maximum of about three weeks a year. He also said the IDF plans to carry through with its decision to release all reservists from military service at 45.

August 24

• A lawyer representing the family of missing IDF airman Ron Arad asked the Supreme Court to delay a decision that might allow the Red Cross to visit two Lebanese administrative detainees. A visit could hamper the chances of receiving information about Israeli hostages, the court was told.

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Spielberg foundation shifts to education

By TOM TUGEND
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LOS ANGELES — After videotaping the testimony of more than 50,000 Holocaust survivors, filmmaker Steven Spielberg's foundation is shifting to an even more daunting task – a worldwide educational campaign against bigotry and intolerance.

Spielberg launched the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation in 1994 after filming *Schindler's List*. Completing an archive containing testimony from 51,661 eyewitnesses was "a dream that became a remarkable reality," he said.

Each of the survivors interviewed has become "a teacher, putting a real face, a real voice, a real experience in front of this and future generations," Spielberg said.

"The archive is their perpetual link to our expanded long-range objectives of remembrance and education."

Using state-of-the-art media technology, the educational effort will be aimed particularly at a new generation of students, said Douglas Greenberg, president and CEO of the Shoah Foundation.

"We will pursue this effort with the same urgency as our original mission of interviewing aging survivors," Greenberg said in a phone interview.

To oversee the outreach program, the Shoah Foundation is establishing an education department with an annual budget of $2 million. An international search for a director to head the department is now under way.

Parallel to the new program, a staff of 69 researchers is tackling the task of reviewing and indexing the 117,000 hours of testimony by men and women – from 57 countries in 32 languages – who survived concentration camps, were in hiding during the Holocaust, lived under Nazi rule or rescued Jews.

It would take a single person scanning the videos 24 hours a day, more than 13 years to finish the job.

As it is, it will take the staff four more years to link the archived material through 25,000 keywords. It would have taken much longer but for an innovative technology developed in-house, which allows one person to catalog a single testimony – usually two hours long, but sometimes running up to five hours – in half a day instead of one week.

The final result, Greenberg believes, will be the largest available video database in the world, usable by scholars, teachers, students and, eventually, the general public.

Some of the testimony is already viewable at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. Other repositories will be the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York, the Fortunoff Video Archive at Yale University and the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem.

The Shoah Foundation also has reversed its previous ban on making the testimony available on the Internet, which was intended to avoid misuse by hate groups and others.

Now, Greenberg said, "we won't put the entire archive on the Internet, but we'll have some significant chunks of it. We'll find a sensible and secure way to do this."

Some testimony can be viewed on the Shoah foundation's Web site at www.vhf.org.

The foundation already has a head start in its educational outreach, mainly through CD-ROMs and film documentaries.

One CD-ROM is being used in American and German schools. Prize-winning documentaries that have used material include 1998 Oscar recipient *The Last Days*, as well as *Survivors of the Holocaust* and *The Lost Children of Berlin*.

Completed or in the works are documentaries by five international directors, drawing on survivor testimony in their own languages. *Some Who Lived* (Argentina), *Eyes of the Holocaust* (Hungary) and *I Remember* (Poland) already have debuted in their respective countries.

To be shown later this year are *Hell on Earth* (Czech Republic) and *Children of the Abyss* (Russia).

Asked whether the Shoah foundation would ever complete its mission and close up shop, Greenberg said, "When we first started in 1994, we thought that after collecting 50,000 survivor testimonies, our mission would be completed."

But with the prevalence of bigotry and the planned educational campaign against it, he said, there is no end in sight for the foundation.

"We started as a project," Greenberg said, "and are now on our way to becoming an institution."

One man's new attitude toward Israel

Joschka Fischer is a name that's been in the news a lot these days. Fischer is the German foreign minister and vice chancellor who is trying, with U.S. approval, to arrange a ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinians. He stands firmly behind the Mitchell plan as "the only game in town." That plan calls for an immediate halt to the violence as an unconditional first step to further talks.

Fischer gained media prominence two months ago when he happened to be in Israel during the horrific suicide bombing of the Tel Aviv disco that left twenty-one teenagers dead and over a hundred wounded. His outraged reaction led to his virtually dictating Arafat's plea for a ceasefire – something Arafat failed to adhere to before, or since.

Just who is Fischer that he should be playing such an increasingly prominent role in Israel-Palestinian affairs? Political and cultural critic Paul Berman has just written a lengthy and fascinating profile of him ("The Passion of Joschka Fischer," *New Republic*, Aug. 27/Sept. 3, 2001).

The story of Fischer's '60s and '70s left-wing radicalism – including his attack, as the leader of the Revolutionary Struggle's militant activities, on a policeman in Frankfurt in April 1973, has been reported before, especially in the European media. The value, however, of Berman's profile lies in the detailed picture he draws of Fischer's evolution from the new left extremism to liberalism – a shift exhibited also by significant elements of the radical movement as a whole. (The remaining radical leftists, along with radical rightists, stand united in their anti-Israel activism and account for much European anti-Israel – and, Berman argues, anti-Jewish – sentiment.) More than anything, Berman paints a detailed portrait of the shifting intellectual climate of the European left today.

In his radical phase, Fischer attended a meeting of the PLO in Algiers in 1969, where the PLO issued a resolution calling, in effect, for Israel's destruction. Thirty years later, with his radical leftism behind him, Fischer allied with the Green party, joined the German government, became foreign minister, and to the dismay of many of his colleagues on the left, supported NATO's bombing of Serbia as a justified defence of the Kosovars.

But what reshaped Fischer's attitude toward Israel? According to Berman, it was Fischer's shocked awakening in the mid-70's to the barbarities of anti-Israel terrorism, including German participation in the Entebbe affair (by people he knew) in which Jews were singled out from among the hijacked Air France plane to be murdered, that permanently changed him.

"Fischer seems never to have gotten over the shock of Entebbe," Berman writes.

So when Fischer heard the blast at the Tel Aviv disco – he was apparently just that close – he was moved to act. "It was Fischer, more than any foreign minister or religious leader or world leader of any sort, who took it upon himself to confront Arafat in person, who [so it has been reported] berated Arafat ferociously and even forced him into declaring some sort of ceasefire. The erstwhile militant for the PLO, now militant against Palestinian terror."

Prepared by Paul Michaels of the Canada-Israel Committee.

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New Jacobovici documentary premieres at Film Fest

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Toronto director Simcha Jacobovici's latest documentary, *The Struma*, will premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, which runs from Sept. 6-15.

The 92-minute movie, one of several films of particular Jewish interest at this year's festival, turns on a refugee ship which met with tragedy during the Holocaust.

The vessel, the *Struma*, set sail from Constanta, Romania, in 1941, bound for Palestine. Engine failure forced it pull into Istanbul. Under British pressure, Turkey refused to admit the 800 Romanian Jewish passengers.

The disabled ship was towed into the Black Sea, where it was sunk by a Soviet submarine under mysterious circumstances.

Combining rare historical footage and interviews with the grandson of two of its doomed passengers, *The Struma* zeroes in on a recent effort by an international expedition to find the watery grave of the ill-fated ship.

Jacobovici's previous films include *Quest for the Lost Tribes* and *Hollywoodism: Jews, Movies & The American Dream*.

Tim Blake Nelson's *The Grey Zone*, starring Harvey Keitel and Mira Sorvino, is set in the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

It tells the harrowing story of a squad of Jewish prisoners in a special unit forced to work against their fellow Jews.

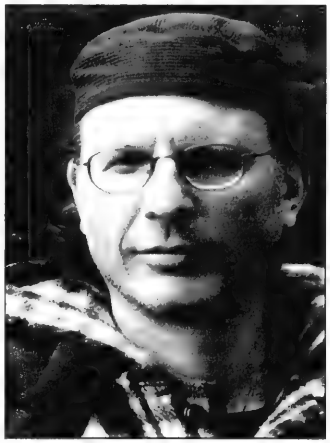
The Believer, directed by Henry Bean, is based on a real-life event. It's about a young, self-hating American Jew who joins a neo-Nazi movement and, in vain, attempts to suppress his true identity.

Istvan Szabo's *Taking Sides*, with Harvey Keitel and Stellan Skarsgard, is a drama set in U.S.-occupied Berlin at the end of World War II.

Keitel plays an army officer sent to Germany to interrogate a famous symphony conductor who supported the Nazi regime.

His grueling cross-examination makes him wonder what he would have done had he been in the conductor's shoes.

Enigma, adapted by Tom Stoppard from a best-selling Robert Harris novel, is a romantic thriller about British code-breakers pitted against Nazi U-boats in 1943.



Simcha Jacobovici

Directed by Michael Apted, the film stars Dougray Scott, Kate Winslet and Jeremy Northam.

Late Marriage, from Israeli director Dover Kosashvili, revolves around a thirtysomething man from a conservative family who wants to see him married according to Jewish tradition.

Afghanistan's repressive Islamic fundamentalist regime is the topic of *The Sun Behind the Moon* by Iranian filmmaker Mohsen Makhmalbaf.

It follows an Afghani journalist in exile who, after receiving a desperate letter from his sister in Afghanistan, tries to spirit her out of the country.

This year's festival, the 26th, will screen 326 films from 54 countries, said Piers Handling, the festival's director, at a press conference last week.

Sixty percent of the features are in languages other than English.

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Publisher says Canadian book market is too unstable

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Citing an unstable book market, the publisher of books by Morley Torgov, the late Al Waxman and others, has temporarily ceased publishing and intends to work as a literary consultant and agent for at least a year.

"I'm taking a hiatus from publishing," Malcolm Lester says. "I hope to be back within the next year to 18 months."

Over the last decade, Malcolm Lester Books has produced many noteworthy titles of general as well as Jewish interest, including, *That's What I Am*, Waxman's autobiography; *The Ransom of God*, by Hesh Troper; *The War to End All Wars*, by Torgov; *100 Cigarettes and a Bottle of Vodka*, by Arthur Schaller; *The Spirit of Canada*, by Barbara Hehner; and *The Art of Glenn Gould*, edited by John Roberts.

"The market is very uncertain and I wanted, at this stage in my life, to minimize the financial risk," he says. "It's very difficult to be an entrepreneurial publisher this year. We don't have large pools of capital like the large multinationals, and I felt it was prudent to use my skills in the industry on a consulting basis rather than an entrepreneurial basis."

Malcolm Lester Books continues to exist but will remain inactive for at least 12 months, says Lester, whose work as a consultant keeps him busy. He recently attended a book fair in Chicago, where he promoted a popular series of children's books.

Lester, who represents the estate of the late Glenn Gould, recently sold world rights to Doubleday Canada for a proposed book, *Glenn Gould: A Life in Pictures*, which the company intends to publish in the fall of 2002 to mark the 70th anniversary of Gould's birth and the 20th anniversary of his death. Lester also represents a biography of Gould by Otto Friedrich that has already been widely translated.

"Right now I'm negotiating Chinese rights for the book," he says.

As a consultant, Lester assisted in the recent publication of *The Very Narrow Bridge*, by Toronto Rabbi Erwin Schild, and *From Immigration to Integration: The Jewish Experience in Canada*, an anthology of 16 academic essays published by B'nai Brith Canada. He's also produced a series of guides on different surgical procedures, the first title of which is *So You're having Angioplasty – What Happens Next?*

"I organize the whole publishing process, everything from editing to design, and co-ordinating printing and binding," he says.

His clients, he adds, generally take care of product distribution.

Many of the difficulties currently besetting the book industry have occurred because of the rise and subsequent partial collapse of "mega" bookstore chains like Chapters and Indigo, which have now merged, Lester says.

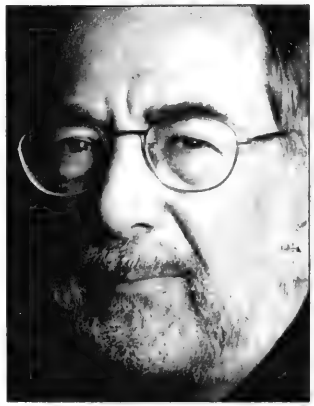
"The problem is that Chapters expanded too fast, and it seemed to me like a giant pyramid scheme. They ended up cannibalizing business from their own stores. They didn't create business for their stores, they took business away from their own stores."

Lester began publishing after several years of rabbinical study at Hebrew Union College in the '60s.

"I thought [it] would be a business I would enjoy because it combined business with intellectual pursuits," he says.

Along with the industry, Lester has had his ups and downs as a publisher. Yet he has a solid reputation, and despite the current uncertain market, he says there's plenty of reason for optimism because Canadian books are widely accepted now, both domestically and abroad.

"When I first started publishing in the early 1970s, Canadian authors were being ghettoized in the Canadiana section of the bookstore," he recalls. "That was 25 or 30 years ago. Now they're displayed quite permanently up front, with the best books. And the Canadian public, if they're buying gifts, will often buy a Canadian book as a present."



Malcolm Lester

Musician provides unique sound for 'rhythmic' play

By BEN ROSE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Perhaps because he is a musician, Ben Grossman describes the text of *The Chairs* by Eugene Ionescu as "quite rhythmic."

Grossman, who will be mixing sound cues for Artword Theatre's production of *The Chairs* from Sept. 25 to Oct. 14, says, "There is a rhythm to the text... there is a sort of inevitability to it, like the score of a symphony."

The oft-overlooked absurdist classic is about a lighthouse keeper and his wife who invite a large crowd to hear how they sum up their lives. But even though there are plenty of chairs, the visitors are invisible.

"The playwright described it as a tragic farce," says Grossman, who is teaming up with director Soheil Parsa and set designer Jan Komarek for this production. Parsa and Komarek brought Grossman to *The Chairs* when they heard his sound work for *Dr. Faustas Lights the Lights*, by Gertrude Stein. Grossman also credits Michelle Polak – who, along with Peter Fairbridge, is co-starring in the play – for bringing him to their attention.

In addition to *The Chairs*, Grossman is also preparing for the Soulpepper productions of Ionescu's one-act plays, *The Lesson*, directed by Chris Abraham, and *Bald Soprano*, directed by Jim Warren, and running from Sept. 6 to 22.

For Grossman, sound is a performer in the play. He mixes voices of characters with sounds of nature ("as if you were walking through the woods") and a host of other sounds into the dialogue.

"I try not to draw much of a line between sound effects, actors' voices, sounds in the room. I try to incorporate them all," he says.

Born in Maine, Grossman spent his early years in Montreal and has lived in Toronto since 1978. He attended alternative high schools, or as he put it, "schools for delinquent artists." Though without formal education in music or theatre, he spent three months in Istanbul studying Turkish classical music. Today he makes his living as a freelance musician, playing percussion and string instruments, and lately, a hurdy gurdy. He was bitten by the theatre bug a long time ago and wants his sound to reflect whatever play he is working on.

He is doing the sound for The Chairs because, he says, "I've always wanted to do it."

Though he and Komarek will not be seen by the audience, he will be in his sound booth, sweating it out "live" along with the actors. A grid of tiny speakers over the audience will convey his sounds throughout the theatre.

"[*The Chairs*] was quite radical when it was first produced in the '50s, but it is not a shocker today," he says.

Nevertheless, he says, "We've taken certain liberties with [it], not always following stage directions... we think the end result will give the audience a new conception."

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

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One year after its opening, the Manhattan-based Center for Jewish History is planning an international conference featuring a roster of leading scholars in Jewish studies. Although some events are by invitation only, some general sessions are open to the public, free of charge.

The two-day congress runs Sunday, Oct. 28, and Monday, Oct. 29. To give a sense of the range of participants, here's a list of academics scheduled to participate in a public session on Creating Modern Jewish Studies: **Dr. Robert Chazan**, New York University; **Dr. Jane Gerber**, Columbia University; **Dr. Michael Brenner**, University of Munich; **Dr. Jonathan Frankel**, Hebrew University, Israel; **Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock**, Yeshiva University; and **Dr. Stephen J. Zipperstein**, Stanford University.

Other academics are coming from Vassar, Yale, and universities across the United States, London, Paris, Berlin and Madrid.

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Drama Notes

• Canadian actor **Avery Saltzman**, star of screen and the stage from Broadway to London's West End, appears in Theatre Orangeville's production of *Kiss the Moon, Kiss the Sun*, a story of relationships born out of hardship. Playwright **Norm Foster** describes the work as "*Forest Gump* meets *Educating Rita*." $25. Town Hall Opera House, 87 Broadway Ave., Orangeville. Sept. 21 to Oct 7. www.theatre-orangeville.on.ca

• **Alon Nashman** plays Einstein and **Jordan Pettle** plays Picasso in the Toronto premiere of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, **Steve Martin's** clever, award-winning play about a meeting between the two great men at a bohemian bistro. CanStage. Previews Oct. 22 to 24, runs Oct. 25 to Nov. 17. $20 to $69. Bluma Appel Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre. 416-872-1111 or www.canstage.com.

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Filmmaker Faces Catch 22: Benjamin Semanoff, a 22-year-old student filmmaker in Atlantic City, should be exultantly happy after winning the Best Director award at the Atlantic City Film Festival for his first film, *On Common Ground*.

The short film uses a flashback technique to explore the angst and identity questions faced by a young man as he embarks on his first job interview. A recent honours graduate from Temple University, Semanoff has already had a distribution offer for the film, which has been praised for the positive way it deals with questions of Jewish identity.

"The film has only a small niche market, relatively speaking," he says. "I was offered a distribution deal by the largest company serving that niche. The deal would make the film widely available to Jewish youth groups, synagogues and the general Jewish audience."

Trouble is, Semanoff risks legal action from the Screen Actors Guild if the film goes into distribution because two of its actors, who are members of the union, worked for free. Semanoff says he "had a vague understanding" that he would have to pay union scale to them if distribution ever occurred.

The frustrated filmmaker estimates it would cost him $4,000 on top of the film's indebtedness to release *On Common Ground* commercially.

"It would be crazy for me to bite off another $4,000 to put the film into distribution," he says, adding that it's unlikely the film could earn that amount in rentals.

Citing its potential use as a tool in fostering tolerance and Jewish identity among the young, Semanoff has put out an appeal for "angels" to help make it possible to distribute the award-winning short.

"I'd like to be able to add the names of a couple of angels to the film's credits in return for making it possible to place the film into distribution," he says.

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Niki Lederer has been obsessed with dogs since she was a young girl.

Dog Show at the AGO

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Niki Lederer's love of dogs landed her a solo exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

"It is a big break for an emerging artist like myself," she said of her exhibit, titled Dog Show, her first at the AGO, which runs until Oct. 14.

Through the medium of pet cemetery gravestone rubbings, sand-cast glass reliefs and acrylic paintings, the New York City-based artist explores the incredibly strong bond between humans and dogs.

"Dog Show," she said, "was inspired by the obsession I've had with dogs since I was a young girl."

Lederer, a Canadian born in London, Ont., in 1971, added, "I never had a dog as a child and always wanted one. Once the work for the exhibition was completed, I adopted my dog Poncho, a Chihuahua mixed breed, from a local pet shelter in Brooklyn."

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For a rewarding travel experience, pay a visit to the Turkish third of Cyprus

By HENRY SREBRNIK
Special to The CJN

NICOSIA — The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) is full of wonderful Mediterranean beaches, historical ruins dating as far back as Neolithic age, impressive medieval palaces and rugged mountains.

Yet few tourists ever visit these sites, since this little country of under 200,000 people has been denied diplomatic recognition by every state other than Turkey.

Fishing boats docked at the Venetian style Kyrenia Harbour.

The country proclaimed its independence in 1983, nine years after the Turkish army invaded the island of Cyprus, which was then governed by its Greek Cypriot majority, and took control of 37 percent of its territory.

But the TRNC remains a de facto state, without international standing, diplomatic relations, or a UN seat. As a result, no cruise ships come here, nor does the TRNC have direct airplane connections with any country other than Turkey. Tourists must first touch down in Turkey before landing at Ercan International Airport near the Turkish sector of Nicosia.

This has been a major impediment to the development of the tourist industry. The Greek south attracts some 2.5 million visitors a year, but the north is visited by fewer than 400,000, all but 70,000 of them mainland Turks.

Magnificent archeological sites, such as those at Roman-era Salamis and Soli, both of which had large Jewish populations, imposing Byzantine-era mountaintop castles, like the ones at Buffavento, Kantara and St. Hilarion, and superb seaside resorts, such as picturesque Kyrenia (Girne), with its Byzantine-built castle and Venetian harbour are almost devoid of visitors.

The 80-kilometre-long Karpas Peninsula that juts into the sea in the northeast remains wild and almost untouched by development, an eco-traveller's paradise. It is a vast nature reserve where hikers can trek for miles without meeting another person. Colonies of wild turtles nest on its southern beaches.

My wife and I, along with a guide, drove along a winding little road, hardly more than a trail in places, into the Besparmak, or "Five Fingers," mountains of the Kyrenia range, to see the remains of Kantara Castle. When we reached the top, some 600 metres above sea level, and marvelled at the spectacular views of the island in all directions, we were the only ones there.

The TRNC is rich in archeological sites, in particular those from the Hellenistic and Roman periods, but many of the ruins are rapidly deteriorating, since UNESCO looks with disfavour upon any archeologiscal preservation.

Soli is one of the 10 ancient city kingdoms of Cyprus and dates back to at least 700 BCE. It flourished in the Roman period due to its rich copper mines – the word Cyprus itself is derived from the Latin word *cuprium*. The site includes the remains of an acropolis, a royal palace, a Roman theatre and a basilica built in the early Christian era.

Yet due to lack of money, excavations have come to a halt. Tiles and artifacts have been haphazardly thrown together into piles, and many of the beautiful mosaic tiles have been broken, and shards of pottery destroyed.

The ruins at Salamis which once had a large Jewish population.

Though the Turkish north is now almost entirely Muslim and possesses many beautiful mosques, it remains home to splendid churches and monasteries, such as St. Barnabas, near Salamis, where Barnabas, a Cypriot Jew who became one of the apostles of Jesus, is buried. The monastery is now an archeological museum featuring an amazing collection of Greek Orthodox icons, yet visited by no more than a handful of tourists.

Equally neglected are the enchanting Abbey of Bellapais, founded by Augustine monks in 1205, in the tranquil hills above Kyrenia (Girne), and the Crusader-era twin churches of the famed Templar and Hospital orders of knights, now being restored, in Famagusta (Gazimagusa).

The old walled city of Famagusta, where time seems to have stood still, has a wonderful 12th-century palace. The city's fortifications, reinforced by the Venetians who ruled here from 1489 until they were defeated by the Ottomans in 1571, incorporate a citadel known as Othello's Tower – for this is the setting of Shakespeare's play, *The Tragedy of Othello, the Moor of Venice*.

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nnovative Weizmann approach limits paralysis

/ YORK — Weizmann Institute scientists have proposed novative approach for preventing complete paralysis partial spinal cord injury.

ie approach consists of boosting the body's natural ine mechanisms to improve the outcome of trauma.

ie team of Prof. Michal Schwartz of the Weizmann ite's neurobiology department has already developed nmune-based therapy for the spinal cord. It is currently tested in humans by Proneuron Biotechnologies Ltd.

iat therapy is aimed at repairing the spinal cord after a lete injury. The new approach pursues a related but dif- therapeutic target: to limit degeneration after a partial l cord injury. The scientists report their latest results in ug. 15 issue of the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*.

llowing injury to the central nervous system – brain or l cord – a wave of damage spreads from the injury site several days or weeks, killing nerve cells and fibres that ved the initial trauma.

iis secondary degeneration can be even more destructive the initial damage. As a result, an injury that initially ted only partial damage on the nerve tissue in the spinal nay eventually result in total paralysis.

the United States alone, approximately 10,000 people n a spinal cord injury each year. More than half of these es are classified as incomplete, or partial, meaning that nerve fibres survived the initial trauma. If the surviving tissue could be protected against secondary degeneration, this would significantly improve the final outcome.

In the past, Schwartz and colleagues showed that autoimmune T cells – the white blood cells of the immune system that interact with the body's own tissues – have a protective effect on damaged tissue in the spinal cord, reducing secondary degeneration.

This protective response is the body's own way of minimizing the consequences of trauma. However, the naturally occurring T-cell response is restricted in its effectiveness.

In the new study, rats were vaccinated with peptides or protein fragments derived from the central nervous system soon after severe partial injury to the spinal cord.

The peptides were selected so that they would boost the natural protective mechanisms of the immune system without triggering an autoimmune disease. Rats vaccinated with the peptides showed significant recovery of movement.

Tissue analysis revealed that the treated animals had substantially more healthy nerve fibres in the spinal cord than the untreated rats, suggesting that the treatment protected the animals from secondary degeneration.

Results indicate that the therapeutic window for T-cell-based treatment is at least one week after injury. This approach may also prove effective in other disorders of the central nervous system, such as stroke or traumatic brain injury.

Montrealer goes to Israel for experimental cancer treatment

MONTREAL – The Israeli doctor who has agreed to perform experimental bone-marrow transplant surgery on a Montreal man critically ill with Hodgkin's lymphoma is internationally acclaimed for pioneering this potentially lifesaving technique.

Dr. Shimon Slavin, an immunologist, heads the bone marrow transplantation department at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and its affiliated research centre, where 27-year-old Vlasi Carassavas has gone for treatment.

Marion Mayman, national president of the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada, said Slavin and his Hadassah colleagues have developed a technique that avoids high doses of chemotherapy used in standard stem-cell transplant procedures. The technique transplants stem cells from a donor, which then carry on "biological warfare" with the recipient's malignant cells. In the process, the patient's immunological response is often boosted with successful results.

In January 1999, Slavin was summoned to the Royal Palace in Amman, Jordan to give advice on the treatment of King Hussein. He was part of the team that flew with the ailing monarch to the Mayo Clinic in the United States.

The Carassavas family turned to Slavin after finding out he has pioneered a method of using the bone marrow stem cells of mismatched family members or even unrelated persons, or alternative sources such as blood cells, in transplants.

Two drives in the Greek community, which attracted 700 people, and a search by Quebec's blood agency, Héma-Québec, of registries worldwide failed to find a compatible donor for Carassavas, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma three years ago.

Conventional therapy in Montreal, as well as experimental treatment in Houston, Tex., did not halt the cancer's progress. While in Texas, the family heard about Slavin's success in treating lymphoma patients who cannot find a perfectly matched donor, said Vlasi's older brother Jimmy.

Carassavas's father is the closest match available and he will be the donor for the transplant at Hadassah Hospital. His blood matches on only four of six of the measures of profile. The Régie de l'Assurance Maladie du Québec considers Slavin's procedure experimental and will not pay the $230,000 medical bill.

Carassavas and his parents expect to stay in Jerusalem for up to a year so that he will be close to Hadassah Hospital for check-ups. Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is following Carassavas' difficult journey closely and is offering moral support.

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For a rewarding travel experience, pay a visit to the Turkish third of Cyprus

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During Roman times, Cyprus' Jewish community flourished. Jews were particularly active in the mining and export of copper. Both Barnabas and Paul tried to spread the Christian faith in Salamis and Soli, and in the 2nd century CE, a revolt broke out among the Jewish population. They apparently killed almost the entire non-Jewish population of Salamis, resulting in their expulsion from the island.

Jews returned in medieval times; during the 16th century, some 2,000 lived in Famagusta. Their numbers dwindled during the period of Ottoman Turkish rule.

For those trying to avoid the crowds, the TRNC is the place to go. There are no hard sells or hucksters, nor have historical sites been "Disneyfied" and turned into theme parks.

There are disadvantages, of course: most stores won't take credit cards, and bank machines are few and far between, so visitors end up carrying wads of Turkish lira (the official currency) in their pockets. Still, this is the way travel used to be, and getting here is well worth the extra effort it takes.

So, the next time a Mediterranean vacation strikes your fancy, visit a world where Gothic churches rub shoulders with crusader castles and Turkish mosques, and Roman ruins with 19th-century British colonial architecture. Take advantage of its scenic and cultural wonders, its charming towns and cities and its miles and miles of sandy beaches.

The sense of the past continues to pervade the present in Turkish Cyprus and makes for a truly unforgettable holiday.

A cautionary note: if you visit the north, you will not, under any circumstances, be allowed into the Greek-governed Republic of Cyprus, and should you allow TRNC customs officials to stamp your passport, you might have difficulty entering Greece itself. If you go to the south first, day passes to the TRNC can be obtained at the Ledra Palace Hotel on the "Green Line" in Nicosia. You can only cross into the north on foot and you may not stay there overnight.

Doggie art forms

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Part of the AGO's Present Tense series, Dog Show underscores our affinity and affection for dogs.

In *Dog Map*, Lederer interprets the world of dog breeding through canine glass castings.

"I'm interested in the idea of lineage and pedigree," she explained. "I focused on the geneology of dogs because they are such a huge species with so many variations within them. Like people, they are often unfairly stereotyped by their outward appearance."

In *Series 6 Camouflaged*, paintings in acrylic on canvas, she dwells on the silhouettes of different breeds.

"They initially appear to be paintings of military camouflage patterns. On closer inspection, they reveal dog breed silhouettes painted in olive, ochre, brown and black."

Lederer's cemetery rubbings, which explore the relationship between humans and dogs, pay homage to deceased and beloved pets.

"Dog Show began with rubbings I made in pet cemeteries in Paris and New York. I was interested in how people's emotions were so unselfconsciously expressed in these public venues.

"The pet tombstones make tangible the intangible experience of unconditional love that dogs can give."

Lederer's parents Eva and Frid immigrated to Canada from Bratislava, Slovakia in 1968. Lederer was raised in Vancouver.

"As a first-generation Canadian, I'm grateful that my parents came to Canada when they did, and provided me with the opportunity to make my way in the world as an artist."

Lederer, who has worked as a curatorial co-ordinator and art gallery assistant, studied art, photography and sculpture at the University of Victoria and Hunter College in New York City.

"I remained in New York to pursue my artistic career. At this point, it is difficult to know if I'm in New York to stay, but I'm making the most of it."

Lederer, having exhibited at group shows in Canada and the United States, generally works with materials she can manipulate without the aid of an assistant or heavy machinery.

She works as a graphic designer by day to support her art practice.

"Eventually, I want to concentrate all my time on my studio, but for now, I need to support myself with graphic design work."

When Dog Show ends in October, Lederer hopes it can be exhibited in New York City.

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SEEKING SOULMATE
Slim, attractive, brunette, 38 yrs, enjoys the theatre, dining and dancing, camping, country life seeks male, 38-45 yrs, professional, ambitious, honest, sincere. **AD#1003**

SHARE LIFE'S JOYS
Divorced Jewish female, intelligent, good sense of humour, no children, enjoys reading, working out, music, TV, cooking the internet, seeks male, handsome, financially secure, clean shaven, professional, slim, very understanding. **AD#1029**

GIVE ME A CALL
Jewish, female, 58 yrs, slim, pretty, petite, youthful, thoughtful, caring, giving, happy, intelligent, sensitive, enjoys walks, nature, music, friends and family, Jewish traditions, seeks compatible Jewish male, 59-69 yrs, for caring and sharing. **AD#1160**

TOTALLY ACTIVE
Divorced female, enjoys running marathons, cycling, skiing, museums, art galleries, is not too extreme or eccentric, likes to enjoys life, seeks male, tall, dark and handsome, very funny, who enjoys musicals, sports, quiet times, his careers, animals and kids, not a coach potato. **AD#1256**

LOVING & CARING
Single Jewish female, early 30's, professional, attractive, tall, fun loving, easy going, sincere, honest. Seeking Jewish male, strong Jewish values, interested in prayer and wellness, ready to start a family. **AD#1356**

BE MY SUNSHINE
Attractive Jewish female, 5' 5", brown eyes and hair, kind, sincere, creative, and lots of fun to be with. Seeking Jewish traditionalist, over 48 yrs, handsome, 6' 0", kind, intelligent, non smoker, financially stable, humourous, to share in life's dreams. **AD#1610**

COMPANIONSHIP FIRST
Single Jewish female, 36 yrs, intelligent, warm and caring, down to earth, enjoys dining, dancing, theatre, movies, travel, long walks, enjoys life, seeks male, 37-50 yrs, established, no children, with similar qualities and interests, for companionship, leading to lasting relationship and maybe children of our own. **AD#1512**

LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP
European born Jewish female, 32 yrs, young, 5' 8" tall, long hair, green eyes, professionally employed, romantic, enjoys theatre, movies, dining, dancing, seeks Jewish male, financially stable, good sense of humour, for long term relationship. **AD#1318**

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ROMANTIC AT HEART
Divorced female, 42 yrs, 1 child, blonde hair, green eyes, dimples, 5' 3", 132 lbs, petite, exciting, passionate, creative, sensuous, wide variety of interests, not religious, seeks male, professional, creative, fun loving, no head games please. **AD#1051**

BEAUTIFUL GREEN EYES
Single mom of 2 children, 41 yrs, 5' 1", slim, long brown hair, green eyes, attractive, enjoys dining and dancing, movies, travel, outdoor activities, seeks male, sweet, sincere, successful and loves life. **AD#1353**

LET'S WORK OUT
Single Jewish female, 5'3", 130 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, active, works out, caring, seeks friendly, nice man, 60-65 yrs, to share life with. **AD#1508**

WORTH PURSUING
Single female, 51 yrs, bright, caring, sincere, attractive, professional, fit, spiritual, enjoys music, tennis, long walks, golf, travel, seeks male, single, dashing, spiritual, with similar qualities, and interests and values. **AD#1480**

LOVING & CARING
Single mom of 2, Jewish , European background, attractive, spiritual, employed, own her own home, seeks male, 50-58 yrs, spiritual or modern orthodox, handsome, respectful. **AD#1676**

GIVE ME A CALL
Single Jewish professional female, physically active, loves to run, going to the beach, dining, movies, down to earth, sweet, compassionate, towards others, seeks single, Jewish male, 30-48 yrs, professional, sense of humour, easy going, and family oriented. **AD#1007**

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EASY TO LOOK AT
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QUALITY TIME
Single white male, 59 yrs, romantic, warm,caring, self employed, enjoys movies, music, travel, romantic, evenings, seeks female, easy to talk to, good sense of humour, with similar interests. **AD#1354**

CHARMING AND FUN
Single Jewish male, 36 yrs, 5' 11", gray green eyes, brownish hair, enjoys travel, music, movies, coffee houses, sports, seeks female, 25-40 yrs, warm compassionate, caring, good sense of humour, non materialistic. **AD#1245**

GIVE ME A CALL
Male, early 40's, professional, tall, fit, athletic, divorced Dad, likes to work and play hard, seeks female, over 30 yrs, 5' 4" to 5' 9", great shape, athletic, fun loving, responsible, playful, self sufficient, looks good in towel or dress, single mom's welcome, enjoys wine, beer or martini's. **AD#1250**

HONEST & TRUE
Single male, handsome, fit, 5' 10", independent thinker, compassionate, warm, creative, good sense of humour, eclectic tastes, seeks female, honest, ethical mentally and physically, and spiritually evolved. **AD#1362**

COMPASSIONATE AND SINCERE
Divorced, Jewish male, 5' 9", blue eyes, semi-retired, sincere, compassionate, good sense of humour, enjoys theatre, concerts, quiet time at home, visits to the synagogue, seeks female with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1255**

LOVES TO HAVE FUN
Male, 41 yrs, professional, athletic, passionate, loves to have fun, likes to hike, run, cycle, tennis, ski, water ski, travel, movies, long walks, seeks stable, centered, grounded, Jewish female, in early 30's, with similar interests, give me a call. **AD#1244**

GIVE ME A CALL
Single male, 59 yrs, white, warm, caring, romantic, self employed, businessman, enjoys travel, movies, good conversation, quiet evenings, seeks female with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1339**

LIFE IS BETTER SHARED
Single Dad of 2 girls, handsome, orthodox, 34 yrs, 5'5", down to earth, emotionally, stable, spontaneous, loves life, seeks female, honest, compassionate, secure, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1616**

WAITING FOR YOU
Single Jewish male, 41 yrs, outgoing, professional, successful, high standards, positive outlook, charming, confident, lives in the Barrie area, seeks female, similar qualities, for very long term relationship. **AD#1410**

GOOD CONVERSATION
36 yrs, 6' 0", slim, handsome, brown hair, blue green eyes, loves movies, dining out, travelling, cultural events, concerts, museums, photography, plays, baseball, work in transportation industry, seeks Jewish or part Jewish female, 32-36 yrs, 5' 5", or taller, with similar interests, and a good conversationalist. **AD#1473**

LOVES PETS
Single Jewish male, 36 yrs, light, brown hair, curly hair, blue eyes, fit, down to earth, easy going, non smoker, good sense of humour, enjoys sports, movies, long drives, loves dogs & birds, seeks female, 28-36, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1189**

LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP
Single male, professional, youthful, compassionate, thoughtful, tolerant, Israeli background, enjoys nature, classical music, reading, seeks female, with similar qualities and interests. **AD#1468**

HUGS & CUDDLES
Single Jewish male, late 40's, grey blue, eyes, warm, sincere, gentle, compassionate, enjoys the theatre, long walks, bowling, tennis, cooking, a good communicator, seeks female, orthodox or conservative preferred, 35-45 yrs, single or widowed, for loving relationship. **AD#1521**

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Solomon's wisdom helps Capriati return to top form

By MARVIN GLASSMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Thousands of years ago in ancient Israel, King Solomon was considered the wisest man in the land, able to solve countless problems. Three years ago, American tennis star Jennifer Capriati was seeking a wise man's counsel to help her reconstruct her game.

Harold Solomon

She found her King Solomon in American tennis great Harold Solomon, who won 22 tournaments from 1971-84 and also had an outstanding reputation as a coach, guiding Mary Joe Fernandez to top-10 rankings from 1994-98.

From 1990-94, it did not appear that Capriati needed a coach at all. Her father Stefano was her guiding light, and Jennifer was the darling of tennis fans worldwide, winning on a regular basis since turning pro at age 14. In 1991 at age 15, she became the youngest player in history to win the Canadian Open, a victory that helped vault her to a sixth-place ranking in the world that year. She also won the gold medal in tennis at the Olympics in 1992, and millions of dollars in prize money and endorsements followed.

In the mid-'90s, Capriati's tennis career appeared to be coming to an end following arrests for smoking marijuana and shoplifting. Rebelling against the pressure of winning, Capriati quit tennis in 1994 and 1995 as she tried to become her own person.

"To put in bluntly, I had a lot of growing up to do when I decided to quit tennis [at age] 18," said Capriati, who competed recently at the $1.2-million Rogers AT&T Cup women's tennis championships, held at the National Tennis Centre at York University.

Capriati returned to competitive tennis in 1996 without a coach, but with plenty of desire to compete again.

Desire was not enough for her to compete well. Capriati spent the next few years losing regularly. By the end of 1998, her ranking fell as low as 101st. She met with her father, and they agreed Solomon might provide some of the answers to her problems.

"When I got the call from Stefano Capriati in 1999 to coach Jennifer, I was reluctant at first," recalled Solomon. "I told him 'I need to speak with Jennifer.' I had to be convinced that she wanted to dedicate herself to winning in tennis again.

"I spoke with her on the phone for two hours and was absolutely convinced that this young woman put her problems behind her. She was hungry; she was determined to do all she could to win, and I knew then and there she would return to her old form again."

Solomon took the pressure off Capriati by reminding her of the fun and joy of playing tennis, by showing patience with her errors and by keeping her fit.

The combination paid off. In 1999, Capriati won three tournaments, and her ranking shot up to 23rd. By the following year, her improved play saw her ranking rise to 14th.

Nevertheless, Capriati and Solomon parted ways in November 2000. "Jennifer and I left good friends. She wanted to have a coach with her full time. That could not be me. I missed my wife Jan and our two children [a daughter, Rachel, and a son, Jesse] back in Florida, and I did not want the rigours of daily travel on the tour. I wished her well and told her that her best years lay ahead," said Solomon.

His words were prophetic. Over the past year, Capriati's comeback made worldwide headlines. She won the recent Australian and French opens and finished as a semi-finalist at Wimbledon. Those impressive titles combined with her finishing as a finalist at the Rogers AT&T Cup lifted her ranking to third in the world, with a realistic shot at the no. 1 ranking if she wins the U.S. Open in September.

"Harold did everything a coach could do to make things easy for me. I am grateful to him, but at the same time, I knew I had it inside myself to win, to do as well as I could," said Capriati.

The wise coach has not been idle over the past year. At the Australian Open, Solomon helped Monica Seles focus on her tennis, and she responded with impressive wins in July over Capriati, Martina Hingis and Lindsay Davenport, while finishing as a semi-finalist at the Rogers AT&T Cup.

Solomon now serves as counsel to all the players on the women's tennis tour, finding agreeable ground between players with diverse interests, such as Venus Williams, Anna Kournikova, Seles and Capriati.

That's a problem that would tax even King Solomon.

Tennis Lines: 1965 Canadian Open champion Julie Heldman became the first female tennis player to be inducted into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame on July 15 in Netanya, Israel. Heldman was ranked as high as fifth in the world in 1969, and was in the top 10 in 1969-70 and from '73-'74. She won the Federation Cup for the United States in 1966, '69 and '74 and won gold at the Maccabiah Games for singles, doubles and mixed doubles in 1969.

"It is a wonderful honour to be remembered for my days in tennis," said 55-year-old Heldman from her residence in Santa Monica, Calif. Heldman's most memorable match came in the 1973 U.S. Open when she upset top seed Billie Jean King en route to her semi-final finish.

"We used to call her Junkball Julie because she was a nasty player. She was just like a club player that sort of slices and dices and drives you crazy. If you didn't play well, she would drive you nuts. She was very smart and she used all her capability on the court. It was fun to watch. My first tournament I ever won was over her in 1974. It was a great moment for me," said tennis legend Martina Navratilova, who was a doubles semi-finalist with Aranxta Sanchez-Vicaro at the Rogers AT&T Cup.

Heldman used her smarts to become a tennis commentator, a lawyer, a judge and a business partner – in that order – over the years. She still holds the distinction of being the last Jewish winner of the Canadian Open women's tennis championships (Heldman also performed well at the Canadian Open in 1974, finishing as a finalist to Chris Evert and winning the doubles title that year with Gail Chanfreau), and is considered the best Jewish woman tennis player of all time.

Julie Heldman

Heldman joins her mother Gladys as the first mother-daughter combination in the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Gladys Heldman was inducted into the hall in 1985 as the founder of the original women's tennis tour in 1971, called the Virginia Slims Circuit, predating the multi-million- dollar women's tennis circuit of today.

Anna Smashnova of Israel, the top ranked Jewish tennis player on the women's circuit at no. 99, bypassed the Rogers AT&T Cup because her ranking was too low to enter the main draw.

Harel Levy of Israel continues his success on the men's tennis circuit in teaming with countryman Noam Okun for Israel's 3-2 victory over South Africa in Davis Cup action before his home country fans in Ramat Hasharon on July 22. Levy's victories over Marcos Ondruska (6-2, 6-2, 6-0) and Neville Godwin (3-6, 7-5, retired) combined with Okun's thrilling five set victory over Ondruska (6-2, 6-4, 6-7(1), 3-6, 7-5) advanced Israel to the next round of Davis Cup in the Group Two Euro/African Zone.

The bronze-winning men's doubles team in tennis at the Maccabiah Games – Jordan Bohnen of Toronto and Oren Befilli of Thornhill, along with coach Robert Bregman of Toronto – were guests of Tennis Canada at the Rogers AT&T Cup.

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This suspenseful crime novel, an award-winning, international bestseller, takes the reader to the world of Jewish mysticism and Jewish life in Portugal in the early 16th century.

• ***The First Day and Other Stories***, by Dvora Baron, University of California Press, $28.95, SC.

Wonderful stories by the first female, modern-Hebrew writer, translated by Naomi Seidman with Chana Kronfeld.

Non-Fiction

• ***The Seven Lights***, by Adin Steinsaltz and Joey Eisenberg, Jason Aronson Inc., $59.99, HC.

A very interesting and enlightening, book-length dialogue on the major Jewish festivals between renowned Rabbis Adin Steinsaltz and Joey Eisenberg. A major influence is the teachings of scholar and kabbalist Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Lyady, founder of the Chabad movement. (Wonderful insights for the upcoming High Holy Days.)

• ***Legacy of Rage: Jewish Masculinity, Violence and Culture***, by Warren Rosenberg, University of Massachusetts Press, $59.95, HC.

A brilliant, scholarly analysis of violence versus non-violence and the ideal masculine role model in Jewish history and the Jewish psyche. The work of thinkers Cynthia Ozick, Norman Mailer, Saul Bellow, Mark Helprin, Tony Kushner and others is examined.

• ***The Letters of Jonathan Netanyahu***, with an introduction by Herman Wouk, Gefen Publishing House, $36.95, HC.

A series of letters written by the heroic commander of the Entebbe rescue force, from the age of 17 until just days before the raid. His strong intellect, sensitivity, bravery and love for his country, family and friends radiate throughout.

• ***Generation Exodus: The Fate of Young Jewish Refugees from Nazi Germany***, by Walter Laqueur, Brandeis University Press, $48.95, HC.

The focus of this study is German Jewish youth of various religious and economic backgrounds who fled their country of birth during the Nazi period, adapted to their new homes and, as a whole, led remarkably successful lives. The author, a distinguished historian, is among that group. (Others include Henry Kissinger, Ruth Westheimer, and Shlomo Lahat, a mayor of Tel Aviv).

• ***Gray Matter: Discourses in Contemporary Halachah***, by Rabbi Chaim Jachter, with Ezra Frazer, Rabbi Howard Jachter, $37.95, HC.

A student of Rabbis Yosef Dov Soloveitchik, Hershel Schachter and other internationally respected Torah luminaries, Rabbi Jachter discusses and analyzes diverse issues in Halachah (Jewish law), and includes various opinions. Topics include economic competition, permission for yeshiva students to serve in the army, the authentic Jewishness of the Falashas, and the problem of agunot (women whose husbands refuse to grant them a divorce).

Youth

• ***Forging Freedom***, by Hudson Talbott, G.P. Putnam's Sons, $22.99, HC.

The bravery of Jaap Penraat, a Dutchman who risked his life to fight evil and save Jews during the Holocaust, is recorded in this wonderful book, written and illustrated by prolific author Hudson Talbott. Intended for ages 10-14, although interesting for adults as well!

• ***Friend or Foe?***, by Eva Vogiel, The Judaica Press, Inc., $33.95, HC.

A suspenseful novel set in London, England, at an Orthodox Jewish boarding school for girls a few years after the end of World War II. Ages 10-14.

• ***Gershon's Monster***, retold by Eric A. Kimmel. Scholastic Press, $22.99, HC.

One of the earliest and most beautiful Chassidic legends. A High Holy Day story that can be read to the very young but whose profound meaning can be understood at a deeper level for older children and even adults. Lovely illustrations by Jon J. Muth.

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2 1/2 lbs. ground meat	1/2 tsp marjoram
2 eggs	1/4 tsp white pepper
1/2 onion, finely chopped	1/2 tsp fresh rosemary, chopped
1/4 cup ketchup	1 tsp salt

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 2 loaf pans with cooking spray. In a pot, combine cranberry sauce and brown sugar. Heat, mixing well. In a bowl, combine the rest of the ingredients and mix well. Pour meatloaf mixture into loaf pans. Brush loaves with cranberry mixture and bake 1 hr. Allow loaves to rest for 5-10 mins. before slicing. After slicing, brush with more cranberry mixture and serve.

About Teens

Dear Karilani,

I just got back from sleepover camp. I had the greatest summer of my life, and I'm having trouble adjusting back to my life here. My friends at camp are different then my friends at home. I'm kind of nervous to see my home friends. I'm also scared that people may have changed over the summer, and it may be different with them now. I miss my camp friends so much. What do I do?

Camp Sick

Dear Camp Sick,

It is completely normal to miss your camp friends so much right now, especially after sharing such a wonderful summer with them. You are very lucky that you feel so close and so connected to all of them. Coming home from camp, it is often very hard to get back into your normal routine. Often people have trouble adjusting home after coming back from summer vacation. You just have to remember that like there are wonderful things and people for you at camp, there are special things for you at home too.

If you felt close to your home friends once before, it's likely that you will feel close to them again soon. You probably just need to spend time with them and then you will realize how much you love them.

If this is not the case though, and your friends did change during the summer, then you will always have the love and support of your camp friends, and then when you get to see them, it will be that much more special. You also have a perfect opportunity to make new friends this year. So don't limit yourself, if you aren't getting along with some people, jump on this opportunity to meet new wonderful friends.

Dear Karilani is written on a rotating basis by three high school students. The drawing is a composite. We welcome questions from our readers. Please mail, e-mail or fax them to The CJN.

The Canadian Jewish News Crossword Puzzle

(Answers to the crossword are on page 42.)

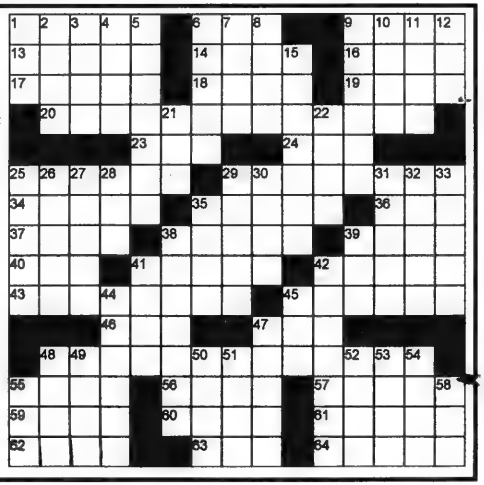
By Matt Gaffney and David Bianco (QSyndicate@aol.com)

Across

1 Gave a hand
6 She bleats
9 Yiddish word etymologically related to 9-down
13 Spanish-speaking capital
14 Fashion designer Jacobs
16 Heart
17 From Esfahan
18 Biblical theme
19 Reiser costar
20 (In)famous novel by Anonymous
23 Lag B'Omer month, usually
24 ___ Paulo, Brazil
25 Cops have them
29 Anonymous, really
34 Spanish shalom
35 66, say
36 What Steinem may have burned
37 Item presented under a *chupah*
38 Pub orders
39 Mule group
40 Doctors' org.
41 Wouk's *The Winds of War* and others
42 Specialty
43 Organized Jewish community
45 Made shekels
46 Four, for two and two
47 Sammy Davis, Jr.'s *Yes I* ___
48 World chess champion born Garik Weinstein
55 Arm bone
56 Easy win
57 Roth's *The Great American* ___
59 Cosecant's reciprocal
60 Ghetto uprising hero Kovner
61 Trolley sound
62 Biblical victim
63 Yiddish "a"
64 New York Island

Down

1 551, one way
2 OK Corral name
3 On ___ with (equal to)
4 Clinton nominee Guinier
5 Carroty stew
6 ___ board
7 Like some lines
8 Actor Stoltz
9 *Heder*, for example
10 3,600 seconds
11 Coffee holders
12 "__ my people go!"
15 Linen holders
21 ___ in "apple"
22 ___ Tiberias (Sea of Galilee)
25 World leader, 1999-
26 Stop on ___
27 Shore of Jewish faith
28 Biblical palindrome
29 He had a whale of an ordeal
30 Koufax caused many
31 Maltin colleague
32 More than mad
33 Performed a parental duty
35 Northern Pale of Settlement city
38 Ancient city northeast of Damascus
39 Great amount
41 ADL concern
42 George Soros' field
44 Jacob, after wrestling with the angel
45 Where X marks the spot
47 One place to catch Dianne Feinstein
48 Offhand
49 Frank of literature
50 Japanese city devastated by a 1995 earthquake
51 Prefix meaning "both"
52 Deli side
53 Stretched circle
54 ___, *vidi, vici*
55 Mark Spitz jacket insignia
58 They protect QB's



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Tel: 416-636-1880 Fax: 416-636-5813
Website: www.bjcc.ca
The Bathurst JCC is a multi-service centre that provides social, athletic, educational, recreational and cultural programs for all ages. Athletic, aquatics, music, drama, visual arts, dance, adult education, 55+, special needs, health & wellness, camps, Early Childhood educatin, Family Resource Centre, My Jewish Discovery Place Children's Museum, Koffler Gallery, Leah Posluns Theatre, after school programs, kids birthday parties and more. You belong here!

BLOOR JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
750 Spadina Ave.,
Toronto, Ont. M5S 2J2
Executive Director: Bill Emery
Tel: 416-924-6211 Fax: 416-924-0442
Website: www.bloorjcc.on.ca
E-mail: bloorjcc@echo-on.net
The Bloor Jewish Community Centre, at the hub of revitalized activity in Toronto's downtown area, offers sports, recreation and cultural programming for 20,000 people who participate in over 450 programs. A founding member of the strong and vocal Downtown Jewish Community Council.

JACS
(Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons & Significant Others)
Tel: 416-410-5227
JACS Toronto was established to provide information and resources to alcoholics, addicts and their families. **JACS** receives approximately 200 calls each month from members of our community. **All calls are confidential.**

JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS OF CANADA
970 Lawrence Ave. W., Ste. 211,
Toronto, Ont. M6A 3B6
Acting Executive Director: Marilyn Somers
President: Michael Rosenberg
Tel: 416-787-4345 Fax: 416-785-4536
Our main goals: To represent Jewish Holocaust survivors with a unified voice, to work on behalf of survivors and help disseminate information by representing Canadian Survivors at the Jewish Claims Conference. To obtain registration forms please contact us at 416-787-4345.

JEWISH WOMEN INTERNATIONAL OF CANADA
638A Sheppard Ave. W., Ste. 210,
Downsview, Ont. M3H 2S1
Executive Director: Penny Krowitz
Tel: 416-630-9313 Fax: 416-630-9319
E-mail: jwic@colosseum.com
JWI/C strengthens the lives of women, children and families through education, advocacy and action focusing on woman abuse and the emotional well-being of children. There are traditional and non-traditional models of membership available throughout the GTA. Call now for YOU. 416-630-9313.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF CANADA, Toronto Section
4700 Bathurst St.,
Toronto, Ont. M2R 1W8
Executive Director: Terry S. Winston
Tel: 416-633-5100 Fax: 416-633-1956
E-mail: info@ncjwc-ts/org
Website: www.ncjwc-ts.org
Established in 1897, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, is a volunteer service organization, dedicated to identifying community needs and providing leadership changes in our community. We are proud of a century of service, education and social action.

NATIVE MEN'S RESIDENCE
14 Vaughan Rd.,
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Contact: Randi Sokolsky
Tel: 416-652-0334
Native Men's Residence is a multi-service shelter located at 14 Vaughan Rd. We're open to all men over 16, regardless of heritage. Our highly successful Street Help Outreach Program has placed hundreds of homeless individuals in shelters. For dontations and volunteering, pleae contact Randi Sokolsky, 416-652-0334.

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Toby & Henry Battle Developmental Centre
927 Clark Ave. W.,
Thornhill, Ont. L4J 8G6
Executive Director: Sandy Keshen
Tel: 905-889-6484 Fax: 905-889-3827
Website: www.reena.org
Reena is a non-profit social service agency supporting individuals with a developmental disability, and their families through residential and social work programs. Community day, evening and Sunday programs focus on recreation, education, life skill/vocational training, support and leisure. Charitable donations can be made through the Reena Foundation at 905-763-8254, ext. 3033.

UJA FEDERATION
4600 Bathurst St.,
Toronto, Ont. M2R 3V2
Tel: 416-635-2883 Fax: 416-635-9565
www.jewishtoronto.net
No matter where Jews live in the Greater Toronto area, UJA Federation, in partnership with community volunteers and other organizations, is responsible for fundraising, planning and co-ordinating services on their behalf. Through the Annual Campaign, endowments and capital initiatives — all key components of our community's Jewish Toronto Tomorrow initiative — UJA Fedration, backed by nearly 25,000 donors, raises millions of dollars to support an extensive network of essential services and facilities. UJA Federation also provides a strong Jewish voice on issues of urgent concern through financial support of Canadian Jewish Congress. UJA Federation departments include the Board of Jewish Education, Committee for Yiddish, Holocaust Centre of Toronto, Jewish Information Service and Ontario Jewish Archives. Among UJA Federation beneficiary agencies are the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, BBYO, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Bloor Jewish Community Centre, Canadian Jewish Congress, Circle of Care, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Jewish Camp Council, Jewish Campus Services, Jewish Family & Child Service, Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, Jewish Vocational Services, Jews For Judaism, Reena, the Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa and Zareinu. UJA Federation fundraising expenses are among the lowest in North America.

VE'AHAVTA
365 Bloor St. E., Ste. 1705,
Toronto, Ont. M4W 3L4
Executive V.P.: Avrum Rosensweig
Tel: 416-964-7696 Fax:416-964-8582
www.veahavta.org
How can Jews not respond to the terrible pain around us? We asked, "Where was the rest of the world when the Nazis were killing our family during the Holocaust?" Help the homeless. Care for the millions dying of HIV/AIDS. Play your role in tikkun olam. Ve'ahavta, 416-964-7696.

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BETH SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE
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Toronto, Ont. M6C 2E6
Contact: Barbara Lev
Tel: 416-783-6103
Playtime Nursery for Parents, Grandparents & Tots. Programs for children ages 1-2 and 2-3. Monday thru Thursday morning programs available. Instructive, creative programs with adult participation, holiday celebrations, arts & crafts, music, stories and refreshments. Bond with your children and interact with other adults, to form lasting friendships.

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Supervisor: Shelley Wise
Tel: 416-638-1796
Non-profit, full-day child care for children 18 months-5 years and after-school care for 6-9 year olds. Government licensed, operates 12 months a year, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., provides kosher meals and snacks under COR. Program includes Jewish education, art, music, computers, dance, creative and dramatic play and outdoor play.

THE SUNROOM
471 Lawrence Ave. W.,
Toronto, Ont. M5M 1C6
Contact: Gail Berchuk
Tel: 416-787-8507 Fax: 416-787-2732
Welcome to the world of wonder and excitement ... of learning, exploring and discovery ... of spiritual growth and social development. Our experienced staff have created a warm, nurturing and stimulating environment in which each child can learn about themselves, their world and their Judaism. The Sunroom offers full and half-day programs for children aged 18 months to 5 years.

EDUCATION

AHAVAT YISRAEL HEBREW SCHOOL
8950 Bathurst St.,
Thornhill, Ont. L4J 8A7
Principal: Mrs. Leslie Shapiro
Tel: 905-731-6704 Fax: 905-731-4651
Provides a creative, enjoyable learning experience for those interested in a once or optional twice a week program. The school, in its 11th year, offers an enriching curriculum of reading, writing, language, prayers, Israel and holidays. Special events include challah baking, Purim party and Passover seder. Remedial and enriched program available. Affiliated with Board of Jewish Education.

ATERET SHALOM HEBREW SCHOOL
Yorkhill Elementary School,
350 Hilda Ave. (at Clark),
Thornhill, Ont. L4J 2P6
Principal: Joseph Klinger, MA
Administator: Sadie Domb
Tel: 905-886-1457
Kindergarten to Gr. 7 and bar-bat mitzvah individual tutoring. Once or twice weekly (Sundays, Wednesdays). Kids love Hebrew, holidays & celebrations, prayers, Israel, Bible, history, music, arts & crafts, Israeli folk dancing & more! Remedial and advanced programs too! New for parents: free Hebrew reading classes! Affiliated with Board of Jewish Education.

ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS OF TORONTO
Educational Director: Rabbi Abraham Soffer
Executive Director: Arthur Landa
Administrative Office
6100 Leslie St.,
Willowdale, Ont. M2H 3J1
Tel: 416-494-7666 Fax: 416-494-2925

Danilack Centre: Middle School (Gr. 6-8)
6100 Leslie St.,
Willowdale, Ont. M2H 3J1
Middle School Principals:
Rabbi P. Brumer, Jerry H. Rosenfield
Tel: 416-494-7280 Fax: 416-494-3477

Kamin Centre: Pre-School—Gr. 5
300 Atkinson Ave.,
Thornhill, Ont. L4J 8A2
Bet Hayeled (Pre-School) Supervisors: Surie Nagel, Susan Herberman
Elementary Principals:
Rabbi P. Tessler, Sandy Rabinowitz
Tel: 905-889-3998 Fax: 905-889-5183

Posluns Education Centre: Pre-School—Gr. 5
18 Neptune Dr.,
Toronto, Ont. M6A 1X1
Elementary Principals:
Betty Katzman, Rosalie Sniderman
Tel: 416-787-1872 Fax: 416-787-6155

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1445 Eglinton Ave. W.,
Toronto, Ont. M6C 2E6
Contact: Ester Benari-Altmann
Tel: 416-783-6103 Fax: 416-783-9923
Beth Sholom Hebrew School has it all! Hebrew language and writing, prayers, holiday & shabbat celebrations, Israel and Jewish identity and much, much more. Our school-wide family education programs are not to be missed. Add a little music, song and fun and your child's after-school is some place they want to be! Call to register today: Beth Sholom Synagogue: 416-783-6103 or Ester Benari-Altmann: 905-771-9102.

BETH TIKVAH SCHOOLS
3080 Bayview Ave.,
Willowdale, Ont. M2N 5L3
Principal: Chaim Klein
Tel: 416-221-3433, ext. 312
Fax: 416-221-1802
Offers a dynamic 2-day-a-week Jewish studies curriculum: Hebrew, Bible, prayer, history and values. We seek to develop a positive Jewish identity in each child through a meaningful, responsive educational environment, with a variety of youth activities. All classes are open to the community and are in the Synagogue.

BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL
1700 Bathurst St.,
Toronto, Ont. M5P 3K3
Director of Education and Youth: Dr. Daniel F. Goldberg
Tel: 416-787-0381, ext. 30
Fax: 416-781-0150
Beth Tzedec Congregational School is a supplementary school offering an exciting educational experience that encourages family involvement and inspires joy and pride in being Jewish. Classes focus on Hebrew reading, prayer, bible, holidays and customs, history, and Israel, enabling students to become active, contributing members of the Jewish community.

BIALIK HEBREW DAY SCHOOL
12 Viewmount Ave.,
Toronto, Ont. M6B 1T3
Administrator: Sonia Shron
Tel: 416-783-3346 Fax: 416-785-8287
E-mail: bialikschool@bialik.on.ca
Serves children from JK-Grade 8, striving to provide an integrated Jewish and general education. Through our integrated program, students learn to value their Jewishness and love for Israel while developing a sense of membership in the Canadian community.

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Headmaster: Paul J. Shaviv, MA, M.Phil
Tanenbaum Campus: 200 Wilmington Ave., Toronto, Ont. M3H 5J8
Tel: 416-636-5984, ext. 306
(all admissions enquiries)
Fax: 416-636-7717
Richmond Hill: 51 Wright St., Richmond Hill, Ont. L4C 4A2
Tel: 905-787-8772 Fax 905-787-8773
Toronto's community high school (gr. 9-12) providing courses leading to university entrance. A comprehensive Jewish studies program is an integral part of our school, including a community service requirement. Our reputation is based on individual care for every student We offer an extensive program of sports and extra-curricular activities.

DOWNTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL (c/o BloorJCC)
750 Spadina Ave.,
Toronto, Ont. M5S 2J2
Principal: Joan Schoenfeld
Tel: 416-924-6211 Fax: 416-924-0442
E-mail: joan@djcs.org
Website: www.djcs.org
Independent school. 350 students, ages 4-18. Jr. K-12. High school Wed. 7-8:30 p.m. Special programs/features: community holiday celebration program and Oneg Shabbat dinners, adult education programs, family Israel fair. Provides students with strong sense of Jewish identity in pluralistic community.

DOWNTOWN JEWISH DAY SCHOOL
80 Clinton St.,
Toronto, Ont. M6G 2Y4
Principal: Elysa Cohen
Administrator: Doris Weisz
President: Dr. Cynthia Lazar
Tel: 416-928-3537
E-mail: djds@total.net
The Downtown Jewish Day School is a new, creative and dynamic full-time school, temporarily relocated at College & Clinton during the BloorJCC renovation. The DJDS is committed to providing our students with an education of academic excellence, creative artistic expression, and the development of critical thinking skills. Our enriched and integrated curriculum presents children with a holistic view of the world, weaving together the Jewish and general facets of our lives. We offfer small classes from SK-Gr. 6. For more information, or to arrange for a tour of the school, phone 416-928-3537.

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(Beth Emeth Synagogue) 100 Elder St.,
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Supervisor: Galya Ouanounou
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Tel: 905-529-7725 Fax: 905-529-9694
E-mail: kehila@interlyn.net
Website: www.kehilaschool.com
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36 Atkinson Ave.,
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Toronto, Ont. M6A 2X9
Founding Director: Max Dublin
Tel: 416-784-5071 Fax: 416-784-5071
E-mail: mjds@on.aibn.com
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Toronto, Ont. M6A 2X9
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E-mail: mws@cpol.com
More than 70 years of Progressive Humanistic Secular Jewish Education! Sunday morning classes, ages 4-13. Jewish identity & heritage explored through Yiddish culture, Jewish history, literature, music, folk dance, drama & art with a social justice perspective. Family/community-oriented holiday celebrations. Graduation marked by Secular Bar-Bat Mitzvah. Youth Leadership Training Program plus youth activities and projects.

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Provides a Torah education in accordance with Sephardic Jewish practice, and a quality Hebrew, French and General Studies curriculum. Full day preschool (age 3) includes a special enriched Jr. Grade 1 program (age 5) to Jr. High. Our impressive new campus, featuring a Bet Medrash, pool, gym, high-tech computer and modern science labs contribute to enhancing the students' overall school experience.

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Tel: 905-737-3336 Fax: 905-886-0059
Maintaining a low teacher/student ratio, the individual needs and progress of each child is ensured. The warm nurturing atmosphere and carefully thought-out programming fosters socialization skills, builds self-esteem and allows each child to reach his/her fullest potential. The joys of being Jewish are carefully transmitted through hands-on activities, forming an awareness and love for people and Eretz Israel.

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59 Lissom Cres.,
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School Bd. Chairperson: Paul Caplin
Tel: 416-226-0111
The Pride of Israel Hebrew School (affiliated with Pride of Israel Synagogue) is a fully functioning Conservative educational program in the Bathurst & Steeles area. The school welcomes students from the ages of 5 yrs. old, has a full Bar and Bat Mitzvah component, and an excellent weekly Junior Congregation service.

SHAAR SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
2 Simonston Blvd.,
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Principal: Karen L. Goodis, RJE
Location: Thornhill Secondary School.
Tel: 905-889-0987 Fax: 905-889-1575
Highlights: New reading program to develop strong skills; Excellent Family Education for all grades, Winter Arts Program, music; synagogue skills; remediation available. We are committed to providing children with the tools to become committed adult Jews. SK-Gr. 8. Classes meet Sun., Mon., Wed. Gr. 8 Judaica program. Affiliated with BJE and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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949 Clark Ave. W.,
Thornhill, Ont. L4J 8G6
Principal: Joyce Tradburks
Tel: 905-764-7671 Fax: 905-764-1606
A licensed pre-school which boasts excellent teachers, small classes and well-equipped classrooms. Our program fosters positive Jewish identity while catering to the individual developmental needs of each child. Our enriched curriculum includes: music, drama, creative movement, science, crafts, fine/gross motor activities, lots of fun, hands-on experiences!

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Head of School: Lucy Cohen

Bathurst Campus
1700 Bathurst St.

Bayview Campus,
3080 Bayview Ave.

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9711 Bayview Ave.

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Fax: 416-225-9106
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Website: www.benjamins.ca
We are part of the fabric that binds together the Toronto Jewish community, even in times of sorrow and stress. Four generations of the Benjamin family have provided support to bereaved Jewish families. We devote ourselves to upholding Jewish law and traditions, a respon sibility we regard as a sacred trust.

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The Toronto Jewish community has, for over 70 years, entrusted us with its most sacred and important task. We accept your trust with a measure of humility and a great sense of responsibility. As a community run organization we have established a tradition of tzedaka towards organizations in the city and in Israel.

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3101 Bathurst St., 4th floor,
Toronto, Ont. M6A 2A6
Tel: 416-787-8950 1-800-355-1648
Fax: 416-787-1097
E-mail: bhcan@interlog.com
Web site: www.advi.ca
Beit Halochem Canada assists disabled Israeli veterans and their families rehabilitate themselves physically and emotionally. Four state of the art facilities in Israel offer a comprehensive range of services to disabled members including medicine, hydrotherapy, physical therapy, creative and athletic activities. Please help ensure that these programs continue for our Israeli heroes.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOLDIERS OF ISRAEL
788 Marlee Ave., Ste. 201,
Toronto, Ont. M6B 3K1
Tel: 416-783-3053 Fax: 416-787-7496
Toll free: 1-800-433-6226
The Association is: the only civilian group whose programs make the life of every soldier on active duty in Israel's Defence Forces a little easier; co-ordinating its projects with the IDF to meet each soldier's recreational, educational and emotional needs; making army service more pleasant for every soldier; showing we care.

CANADIAN FRIENDS OF EZRATH NASHIM - HERZOG HOSPITAL
3101 Bathurst St., Ste. 606,
Toronto, Ont. M6A 2A6
Tel: 416-256-4222 Fax: 416-256-1446
E-mail: herzoghosp@on.aibn.com
Israel's foremost centre for geriatrics and psychiatric health care, Herzog Hospital combines exceptional research and achievements with the best medical technologies, outstanding research achievements, professional expertise, compassion and care. Herzog is in the forefront of trauma care and helping Israelis cope with the traumatic events currently unfolding.

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3101 Bathurst St., Ste. 600,
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Executive Director: Noreen Azoulay
Tel: 416-785-8946 Fax: 416-785-9236
E-mail: laniado@look.ca
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National Executive Director:
Sheila Dropkin
Tel: 416-781-3584 1-800-387-3595
Fax: 416-781-6439
E-mail: csz@idirect.com
The foundation represents Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem's "Hospital With A Heart." Our groups and committees offer rewarding and self-fulfilling activities for people of all ages. Our all-occasion cards and certificates, Jewish New Year cards and place cards for simchot provide supporters with an opportunity to honor friends and family.

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970 Lawrence Ave. W., Ste. 211,
Toronto, Ont. M6A 3B6
Executive Director: Marilyn Somers
Tel: 416-785-1333 Fax: 416-785-4536
E-mail: ydvashem@istar.ca
We are a non-profit, volunteer organization, which seeks to link all those who wish to identify with Holocaust education and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. A Young Leadership group ages 25-45 has been formed. A memorial wall will be unveiled on Sun., Oct. 28, 11 a.m. in Earl Bales Park.

CANADIAN TECHNION SOCIETY
970 Lawrence Ave. W., Ste. 206,
Toronto, Ont. M6A 3B6
Ntl. Exec. Director: Cheryl Koperwas
Dir. of Development: Rosie Sosnowicz
Tel: 416-789-4545 Fax: 416-789-0255
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National fundraising and education arm for Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Israel's oldest university. Supports faculty recruitment and promotes academic exchange between Technion and Canadian universities, pro vides information for undergraduate and graduate studies, raises funds for scholarships and research projects.

CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL
788 Marlee Ave.,
Toronto, Ont. M6B 3K1
President: Len Berk
Tel: 416-781-6089 Fax: 416-785-7687
E-mail: cvitor@idirect.com
Website: www.sereve.com/CVI/
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Sar-el is a voluntary, non-political organization providing Diaspora Jews with the opportunity to directly help Israel. Most volunteers are between 18 and 65. They work and live for 18 days on IDF maintenance bases. Room and board supplied.

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Tel: 416-783-3053 Fax: 416-787-7496
Toll free: 1-800-433-6226
The Association offers its facilities without charge for social and education programs for young people and new immigrants in Israel; sponsors holiday camps for widows and orphans of soldiers providing psychological and group support; grants university scholarships and sponsors refresher courses for required university entrance tests to applicants having fulfilled national service.

CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION, CENTRAL REGION
3995 Bathurst St., Ste. 300,
Toronto, Ont. M3H 5V3
Tel: 416-633-3988 Fax: 416-633-4382
E-mail: czfcr@istca.com
Official representative of the World Zionist Organization, the CZF umbrella brings together 18 national constituent organizations whose vision is a strong and vibrant Jewish life in Canada. Its mission is the promotion of Jewish culture, education, Aliyah and strengthening the ties between Israel and Canada Presenter of the annual "Israel Day" festival.

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Executive Director: Ben Prosin
Tel: 416-638-7200 Fax: 416-638-7345
E-mail: tor@jnf-canada.org
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President: Beverley Crackover
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Toronto Hadassah-WIZO is dedicated to enhancing lives in Israel's communities and promoting women's issues in Canada. It supports projects in Israel — healthcare services, day care centres, education and career training, women and youth services. Locally it supports shelters for women, families in need, healthcare and promotes women's issues and education.

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Scarborough, Ont. M1W 3Y8
Tel: 416-491-9109
Contact: Sabrina Kerbel
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E-mail: sbe@idirect.com
A Reform congregation with a traditional orientation. The synagogue offers Hebrew and religious classes under the direction of Michal Cracower, bar/bat mitzvah instruction, youth activities and adult educational programs. The shul has experienced substantial recent growth from Burlington and Oakville. Other members come from Milton, Mississauga, Hamilton and Toronto.

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Religious Life cont'd

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Without volunteers, a cold, harsh community

My grandmother came to Canada from Ukraine in the mid-1920s. Although she lived here for the rest of her life, raised children, and helped run a business, she never learned to speak very much English.

Nevertheless, she used to make the rounds to the neighbours, many of whom were non-Jewish, selling flowers she had grown herself, to raise money for various charities and fill blue boxes for the Jewish National Fund. She did very well, too, although we could never quite figure out how she communicated.

She was not unique. Many of our parents and grandparents did the same kinds of things, because performing chesed – acts of kindness – and giving tzedakah were such an integral part of their very being that to act otherwise was unthinkable.

While volunteer opportunities in 2001 may be different, the point is the same – to do good for others without expecting compensation other than personal satisfaction.

It is difficult to imagine what the community would be like without voluntary assistance. Historically, there probably would be no Mount Sinai Hospital, no Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, no Jewish Family and Child Service. Much less money would have been raised for local and Israeli causes.

Could there be meals on wheels, big brother or sister programs, concerts for the elderly, ongoing comfort for the terminally ill or even school trips without people willing to give up some of their precious time?

One of the warnings given by those worried about the movement of women into the paid workforce was that their volunteering would stop, or at least be drastically reduced.

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Cutbacks increase the demand for volunteers

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Volunteers are desperately needed in part because the impact of government cutbacks is being felt, say the volunteer co-ordinators of four major Jewish service organizations.

"We're in need of volunteers – badly," said Andrea Pines of Jewish Family and Child Service, which offers a variety of programs for children, youth and adults.

"We are most in need of volunteers for the Big Brother/Big Sister program, and then we need drivers to take children in foster homes to appointments and activities," Pines said, adding that volunteers are also needed to tutor school-aged students, visit isolated people in their homes and work in their Just a Second shop.

Gayle Zack of Circle of Care, which caters mainly to Jewish seniors in need, says that the organization's client base is growing, and its volunteer base is aging, with most of their volunteers in their 60s or 70s.

"We're always in need of volunteers," says Zack. "Our need for volunteers is especially great in winter because our volunteers go away to Florida or don't want to drive."

Circle of Care has close to 500 people who give of their time, making deliveries for the kosher meals on wheels program, or taking part in the friendly visiting, hospice service, and escort and transportation service programs.

The need for volunteers is related to government cutbacks, which in turn has caused many of these service organizations to expand their programs in order to accommodate the increasing demand for them.

"[In a nutshell] the government has been cutting back drastically for the last few years and now they are giving us back only a small percentage of what was taken," said Arlene Margolese, manager of volunteer services and Judaic programming at Reena, which services people with developmental disabilities.

"That sum is being spread around to all [service organizations] – the government is not properly filling in the cracks."

As a result, she says, Reena has had to utilize volunteers in different ways.

"Volunteers don't take the place of staff, but they are there to help them," said Margolese.

Barbara Zigler of the Bernard Betel Centre, a multipurpose, multicultural recreational, educational and wellness centre for seniors, says that the facility has come to rely more on volunteers over the years, especially for their respite and visiting programs.

"Government cutbacks have meant that there is more of a need for these programs because many people who might otherwise have remained in [medical] facilities are finding themselves back in their homes," she says.

These organizations, which have started accepting volunteers as young as 16 years old, recruit volunteers by placing ads in newspapers, by word of mouth and by making contact with synagogues and schools in the community.

Training is provided by each organization, though the type depends on the area to which they've been assigned.

"We're looking for volunteers that care about supporting other people and can give us just a couple hours of their time," says Zack. "It's not the age but the empathy that's important in a volunteer."

Volunteers enrich the lives of Reena clients.

See more volunteer photos in colour on page B19.

Community Focus

Jewish foster parents fill urgent need

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Adrienne Smith struggles to find the words to explain what it means to her to be a foster parent. To explain why she took in her first foster child when she had chronic fatigue syndrome and two teenagers of her own. And why she continues to foster now that her son and daughter are in their 20s.

"I wish there were words to tell people what you get out of fostering," said the longtime single mother, whose name – like those of other foster family members mentioned in this article – has been changed to protect the privacy of the foster children. "To be part of a young person's life and to contribute to their well-being and growing up – it's incredible, it's like an adventure, and it's a sense of accomplishment."

Smith, who took her son's friend into her home as her first foster child at his (her foster son's) request, is not satisfied that she has conveyed her feelings exactly until she comes up with one more word: "Nachas!"

Gordon Wolfe, executive director of Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS), and Selma Elzas, the agency's foster care co-ordinator, wish there were more people who felt like Smith.

"There's an urgent need for foster parents," said Wolfe in an interview at JF&CS's main office on Bathurst Street.

At this year's JF&CS annual meeting, which honoured the agency's foster parents, Wolfe outlined some of the reasons for what he termed a "foster care crisis" in Ontario, particularly in urban centres. There are more women in the workforce, he noted, as well as fallout from a rising divorce rate (children's behavioural problems and complicated family relationships); increased reporting of abuse; a trend to marrying later or not at all; and a growing number of adult children who care for aging parents.

Currently JF&CS has 100 children in care, 30 to 35 of whom are in foster homes. There are only 31 Jewish foster homes, not all of which are or can be filled all the time. Not all children, it should be noted, are candidates for foster homes; some are in treatment centres or group homes.

In recent years, Wolfe has seen an increase in the number of children removed from their natural homes and put in the legal care of the agency.

Even if there are openings in existing foster homes, however, there may be restrictions regarding the age or gender of the children who can be taken in.

"It's like a square peg in a round hole," said Wolfe. "That's why sometimes it verges on a crisis."

When there are no foster parents who can take an additional foster child, the agency can access temporary emergency foster homes, but a time limit on the child's stay means an additional move, which is not a preferred option.

Barring one exception that Wolfe could recall, in his experience over the past 20 years since he joined JF&CS, Jewish foster children in the Toronto area have been placed in foster homes exclusively within the Jewish community.

Non-Jewish "treatment" homes are very respectful of the fact that the agency and the youngsters are Jewish, including allowing for special requirements such as kashrut, he said.

Being able to put Jewish children in Jewish foster homes was one of the main reasons behind the agency's becoming a registered children's aid society in 1980, Wolfe explained. To the best of his knowledge, it is the only Jewish one in North America.

The process of becoming a foster parent takes three to four months and begins with an information meeting. There is no obligation to continue after the meeting, said Elsaz.

Applicants require three references, a medical, a home safety inspection, a home study including interviews with everyone in the home over age six, a seven-week Children's Aid Society training program (one night a week), and a criminal record check for everyone in the home over 18.

Foster parents don't need to be married couples, Elzas noted. "We have single women who are not parents, single women who have children, couples who don't have their own children, couples who do." At the time of the interview, an application from a single man was being processed.

Smith, speculating on the common characteristics of foster parents, said the only thing she could come up with was that they all enjoy spending time with young people. "We come from all socio-economic backgrounds, and have different interests."

Training covers areas such as the role of the foster parent and the JF&CS team, the role of the foster parent (if any) with the natural family, separation and attachment issues, and working with backgrounds of abuse.

But one of the best things to come out of it is contact with other foster parents, said Smith, 50, who has been divorced since her children were young.

Sarah and Michael Schwartz are longtime foster parents who took in children on an informal basis before they became affiliated with JF&CS.

The couple's involvement in fostering began in the late 1970s with a teenage babysitter who was interested in becoming more religious and had spent Shabbat and holidays with the observant couple and their young children.

After Sarah and Michael met with her parents, the adults agreed on an informal arrangement that lasted two years.

A friend of a friend initiated the next arrangement, and it wasn't long before the Schwartzes were looking after a youngster in whose case JF&CS became involved, leading to more formal fostering, mostly on a short-term basis.

Although there is a religious aspect to their involvement – the mitzvah of chesed – the couple, now both in their 50s, have "always had an open-door policy," said Sarah. Coincidentally, her explanation was interrupted mid-interview by a phone call from a friend asking whether she could house guests for a simchah.

Do they ever say no? "We've said no to teenage girls because we have young men in the house," said Michael, who works in the computer industry.

Before the parents of four grown boys agree to take in any foster child, however, they

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Dreading the High Holy Days: Must we go to shul?

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Opinion

I dread the High Holy Days. As they approach, every year, I experience a churning sensation in my stomach and I feel my lip begin to curl, as if I'm in the midst of an Elvis impersonation. I recall having to hunt for a new jacket-and-skirt suit (though a pant suit would be much more practical for year-round use), and then walking to synagogue in my high heels (and we might as well walk because it seems that unless you get to shul at the crack of dawn you can't get a parking spot anywhere near the entrance doors).

Then there's the service itself. My family and I usually sit in one of the basement services, as we are not members of the local synagogue. All the chairs are linked together, so when you're ushered into the room at an "appropriate" time, you feel as if you could be sitting down to watch a baseball game, minus the peanut shells on the ceramic floor. But you have a ticket in your hand, which you paid for and admits you into the shul.

So you're finally in your seat and you can't help but focus on how stuffy, cramped and crowded it is. Then your stockings begin to itch, and instead of reflecting on your past sins, praying for forgiveness and repenting so as to be included in God's good book, you realize that instead, you're reflecting on the sins you must have committed to cause you to be sitting in this service, and you're praying that your parents are just as uncomfortable as you are and that they'll want to leave soon too.

The prayers are recited in Hebrew, a language I can read at a snail's pace but cannot understand, and the rabbi's sermon usually is irrelevant to my life and drags on endlessly, putting half the congregants to sleep.

The point is that the High Holy Days, which are perhaps the most significant days on the Jewish calendar, are a time for introspection and sincere repentance. All humankind stands in judgment before God. We ask Him to forgive our transgressions and inscribe us in the Book of Life for another year.

Yet at a time laden with such importance, I am ashamed to admit that I am unable to find the kind of spiritual atmosphere in a synagogue that would enable me to reflect and repent.

I spoke to the cantor of a large synagogue in the community who admitted that "it's a challenge to create a spiritual environment and meaningful experience for congregants" during the High Holy Days.

In addition to using "crowd control," having a choir and cantor to enhance the beauty of prayers and asking for the participation of congregants in singing the prayers, he said congregants are also responsible for how much spirituality they derive from services. Those who are educated in religion and attend synagogue regularly are more likely to have a more positive experience.

Yet for those of us who are uneducated in the area and are unable to read quickly enough and sing along with the rabbi and cantor, the service is practically hollow.

"The service is the experience. It is not a time for education," the cantor continued, suggesting that I read the English translation of the prayers or peruse the text in advance.

"You can't just expect to go into the service and have it be meaningful [otherwise]."

To counterbalance these disheartening, hopeless comments, I spoke to the associate rabbi at the Village Shul. He had a different, more optimistic view, on the High Holy Day services. "We offer three options in terms of services. We have an abridged interactive service, a traditional service, and a classes and discussions service."

He assured me that it is the goal of his synagogue to make the experience relevant and practical to people, and to present tradition in a way that is meaningful to different age groups. For instance, a service for young professionals will provide a sermon geared to the experiences of that group. A service for parents will offer insights into parenting, marriage and other such relevant themes.

Indeed, this was an intriguing prospect for me, but not all Jews can fit into one synagogue. Thus the question, which I am sure lingers in the minds of many other Jews as it does mine, needs to be asked aloud: If a synagogue setting lacks the spirituality that is required to pray, is it necessary to go to shul? If we don't go and choose to pray in another setting, such as in the serene outdoors or even in a quiet room of the house, should we feel guilty? Should we worry that God will frown upon us if we fail to enjoy and attend synagogue? Are we tempting him to inscribe us dissidents in the bad book?

This is the dilemma I face every year and it is the guilt invoked by simply asking the question that makes my stomach churn.

The only answer to this enigma of soul-searching magnitude is that there is no answer. Each of us must find a personal resolution.

As for me, I'm not yet completely sure that I have the courage to abandon institutionalized religion. This year, I might just decide to join that interactive service. In fact, for once, I'm looking forward to it.

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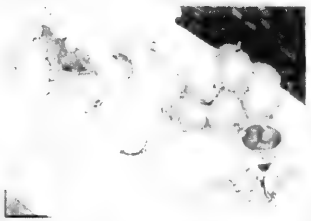
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Federation keeps pace with population growth

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

The Jewish community in the Greater Toronto Area is no longer just a large community, but the fourth- or fifth-largest in North America.

The resulting social and economic implications – from both increased immigration and people moving here from other Canadian communities – provide new challenges for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. Alan Sandler, who will complete his term as federation president in September, discussed some of the issues in a recent interview at his Toronto accounting office.

In addition to the ambitious Jewish Toronto Tomorrow (JTT) program launched last year to oversee the development of three local Jewish "campuses," institutions like schools and synagogues are now expanding rather than just maintaining their buildings, because of the growth of the community to approximately 200,000 people, Sandler explained. "This is the generation that will have to come up with big dollars," he said, comparing the growth now to that of the 1950s.

"Everyone's going to be on capital campaigns. If we do not have endowment funds to maintain the buildings [in the future], we'll be in trouble. You have to provide for your maintenance, otherwise you're leaving a tremendous burden to the next generation. What is crucial is that money is set aside."

Endowment funds have grown to slightly more than $93 million, while core services and overseas allocations are met by the central UJA Federation campaign, which raised more than $43 million this past year.

Sandler noted that programming is as important as maintenance. Major donors will have to be involved in projects, he said, citing the JTT partnership between agencies, schools, donors and the federation as an example. A lay management team with expertise related to the project is also key, he noted.

Under the JTT umbrella, a 50-acre lot was purchased on the southwest corner of Bathurst Street and Weldrick Avenue in Richmond Hill. The site, which is still subject to zoning approval, is envisioned as offering a range of recreational and educational facilities as well as a community centre.

Farther south, the Lipa Green/Bathurst Jewish Centre site will serve as another campus, while two projects will anchor the downtown campus: the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life at the corner of Harbord and Huron Streets, and the Bloor JCC, which is being expanded and redeveloped as the Miles S. Nadal Jewish Community Centre.

Alan Sandler

The growth of the community and the magnitude of JTT triggered the decision earlier this summer to restructure the federation's governing body to eliminate micro-managing at the board level. It is hoped that people who "were never prepared to step forward because of the time commitment" will now be able to do so because of the streamlining of operations.

Among the changes was the elimination of the 40-member board of governors. When Sandler's two-year term is up next month (it was extended from June because of the restructuring), his successor will bear the title chairman of the board. Allan Reitzes, the federation's executive director, will be known as the president.

Aside from finances and the running of the federation, other issues concerning Sandler include an "astounding" level of ignorance about Israel, particularly among teens and young adults. "If we have a well-educated Jewish population, that will go a long way in allowing political debates at campuses. If they're knowledgeable, they can answer the questions. Our biggest challenge is how to get that information across… We have a real job ahead to make sure our history's not lost."

He also expressed deep concern about ensuring that Israelis feel solidarity from Diaspora Jews. "That is critical for us as a community," said Sandler, who led a mission to Israel earlier this summer. He noted that possible ways to achieve a feeling of solidarity include trips to Israel and penpal programs for students.

And here in Toronto, Sandler – who immigrated from South Africa 26 years ago – said it's particularly important to work towards a Jewish community that "brings into its tent" all its diverse components. He mentioned in particular the Russian and Israeli communities, as well as the Jewish poor and unaffiliated Jews in general.

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Volunteers are an integral part of school day

By ANNA MORGAN
Staff Reporter

While some high schools have recently added community time to student curricula, parent volunteers have long contributed willingly to the school environment.

From monitoring pizza sales, supervising class outings and organizing major fund-raisers, to sitting on boards and participating in school governance, parents are involved in almost every facet of the educational arena.

While men are active in fund-raising and aspects of school governance, women tend to be involved in almost every aspect of the school, said Prof. Agnes Meinhard, founder and director of the centre for Voluntary Sector Studies at Ryerson University.

Historically, volunteering was a way for women to get involved in the public domain. Skills were acquired that they could later use in other aspects of their lives. In fact, many women who became successful in politics developed their skills from volunteering, Meinhard noted.

"The motivation for volunteering specifically in schools seems to be driven by a desire by women to do what is best for their kids," she added.

Over the years, Joseph and Toby Tanenbaum have contributed financially to numerous organizations, including the Canadian Opera Company, the Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation and the Gallery of Byzantine Art at the Royal Ontario Museum.

In the early '60s, Toby was a volunteer at the Associated Hebrew Day Schools, where her children attended school.

At that time, Toby said, "while my husband was out there building [his business], I was there to support my children – to help them with their projects, nurse them when they were sick."

By volunteering in the library at Associated, she said she learned skills which came in handy later when she went to university.

However, Toby said, "When my children were young, I volunteered [in the library and on the board] in order to support [them]. I felt that it was another way for me to nurture them.

"Volunteering in their schools fulfilled a need for me – of being important to my kids... In a way, it was more important for me than for my children."

Student council chocolate sale fund raiser at Associated, helped by a volunteer parent.

Once a volunteer at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy where her children attended school, Meinhard noted that as women have entered the workforce, their time spent volunteering has declined.

Today, 52 percent of Canadian women volunteer – many of them in their children's schools.

However, now you find that women who were working before they had children are volunteering in schools as a way, once again, to re-enter the public domain, Meinhard said.

"But this time, it isn't a way for them to develop skills, but to share skills."

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Many non-profit organizations wouldn't be able to function effectively without their volunteers, and for many schools it has become important to manage these forces with clear policies and strategies, Meinhard said.

"There are three elements of volunteering – recruitment, retention and succession – and different organizations have different problems."

For some organizations where there are many volunteers, it may be difficult for newcomers to begin, especially when you have people sitting in the same positions for long periods of time.

For other schools, the problem is being able to attract committed volunteers.

"What often winds up happening is that the same people are recruited to do more and more."

It's important to recognize that people's needs are different and if volunteers aren't rewarded effectively they will look to work elsewhere, Meinhard said.

In many cases, a professional volunteer coordinator or someone on the school's board can be used to monitor these forces, she added.

At Associated Hebrew Day Schools, entry-level positions are available to give new parents a taste for volunteering, said Michele Michaelov, president of the Parent Teacher Council (PTC), where almost all volunteers are recruited.

Initially, parents can get involved by serving pizza and latkes in the classrooms, organizing teacher's gifts and directing student problems to the right person.

Members of the PTC are appointed by committee, Michaelov said. "The Parent Teacher Council has a voice on the board and participants are school ambassadors. So you want to make sure they share the same vision.

"On the other hand, we do try to promote all points of view by encouraging participation at other levels."

At She'arim Hebrew Day School, volunteers come into the classroom and work actively with the children.

Because She'arim focuses on children with learning disabilities, "it is helpful to have volunteers to ensure a small teacher-student ratio," said Yonah Gerstl, vice-principal of the school.

"While the Parent's League and the board are an integral part of our school, day-to-day volunteers are also vital."

For She'arim, retention, consistency and commitment are important. If volunteers stop suddenly, it is very difficult for the children, Gerstl said.

"Ideally, we would like to see all our volunteers take a course in the teaching methods used in our school," she said, especially since some volunteers go on to fill teaching positions as they become available.

"Over the years, volunteers have become more active in She'arim, but not as active as we would like them to be."

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In support of the voluntary sector and the United Nations' proclamation that 2001 be the International Year of Volunteers, the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship will recognize more than 6,000 volunteers across the province this year.

Several volunteers from Bialik Hebrew Day School and the Toronto Heschel School have received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

Jessica and Graeme Mawson, parents at the Toronto Heschel School, were recipients of the award. Jessica looks after product sales and is co-chair of the environment committee; Graeme is on the school's board and chairs the education committee.

"I wasn't looking for a leadership position," Jessica said in an interview. "For me, volunteering at school is part of my mothering experience. It allows me to spend more time around my children and around the people who care for them."

Lou Kirshenbaum, 83, is a life member of the board at Bialik Hebrew Day School and one of the recipients of the provincial volunteer award.

Kirshenbaum's involvement with Bialik began with Camp Kvutza, a labour Zionist camp.

"When they closed the camp in the 1960s I began volunteering in the school, mainly on the administrative side," Kirshenbaum said.

"Why do I volunteer?" Kirshenbaum asks, answering a question with another question.

"I began to volunteer because I believe that Jewish education is important.

"Really, what are we around for if not to contribute and do things."

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JIAS - welcome mat of Jewish community

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services is the welcome mat of the Jewish community, says Mila Voihanski, the director of JIAS Toronto.

"I know of few other immigrant communities that have such a place to turn."

The agency's mandate, she says, is to settle and integrate Jews who are new to the community.

In the past year, JIAS has welcomed more than 4,000 immigrants to the city, 80 percent of whom were born in the former Soviet Union, 11 percent in South America, and nine percent from other countries around the world.

"JIAS makes them feel connected to the community. It lets them know that there is an agency that has their interests at heart," Voihanski says.

The average age of the head of a household in a new immigrant family is 36, she says, and 85 percent have a post-graduate education. "The majority of families have young children, and most adults have some knowledge of Judaism."

They have all heard of JIAS prior to coming to Toronto, and they see it as their entry point to the community, says Voihanski.

JIAS Toronto is also a major consultant to Jewish agencies in the rest of Canada who require assistance in immigration-related matters, she says.

The agency has provided consultation to more than 300 cases in cities across the country including Windsor, Montreal, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton.

As well, it has provided responses to about 1,200 e-mail and letter inquiries from Jews requesting information about life in Canada. JIAS staff have also visited overseas posts in the FSU and Europe to facilitate family reunification.

JIAS defines integration as the "activity that links newcomers to mainstream Jewish and non-Jewish agencies and services."

In the past year, among other things, JIAS staff has made referrals to Jewish Vocational Service and Skills for Change, to the Bathurst Jewish Centre for membership, to local synagogues, to Metro social services, to Jewish day schools, to second hand clothing shops, to health practitioners and to potential employers.

Its youth immigration project was initiated after UJA Federation of Greater Toronto earmarked a $250,000 grant to JIAS.

"After the beating death of Matti Baranovski, people started questioning the lack of programs available to immigrant youth," says Voihanski.

"Teens from 13 to 18 are at a vulnerable age. Immigrant teens, especially, do not feel accepted in general community programs, and if they feel alienated, they will not join. We run programs with Canadian youth, but we want the Russian and Israeli teens to feel safe, secure and comfortable before moving into an integrated setting."

Teen activities this year have included a Sunday drop-in centre, a job club run by Jewish Vocational Services, an art sale, a photo contest, holiday celebrations and a leadership development summer camp run in conjunction with the UJA Federation Board of Jewish Education. It has also worked closely with BBYO to create a chapter geared to assist immigrant teens to integrate with existing chapters.

"At that age, teens do not initially trust us, and we have to build up that trust. They expect us to lecture them, but we really just want to make their life happier.

"When they understand that we want them to feel safe and good, they relax and have a good time," she says.

For adults, JIAS has partnered with National Council of Jewish Women to create a Russian Jewish chapter of NCJW, has worked with other Jewish community agencies to assist them in accessing the immigrant community to make their services available to them, and has placed ads in the immigrant media to educate newcomers about community resources.

It also holds support groups, community information sessions for Jewish day schools, festival celebrations, and runs a Web site [www.jewishtoronto.net/jias].

On behalf of United Israel Appeal Federations Canada, JIAS administers a financial assistance program. Clients have received supplementary financial assistance for special needs cases, for subsidies to attend the BJC summer day camp, and for students to receive TTC tickets to assist with transportation to language programs.

In any immigrant community, says Voihanski, "there are those who require a period of adjustment and those who require additional support. Generally, however, we deal with a healthy population that needs support during its initial adjustment."

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Community Focus

Jewish Hospice program provides palliative care

By PAUL LUNGEN
Staff Reporter

The medical prognosis for Miriam Cantor is not very good. Two years ago, Cantor was diagnosed with cancer and chemotherapy was prescribed.

The first round of chemical injections helped her a bit, but not enough to stop the cancer from recurring. The early good news has given way to bad.

Beset by a variety of illnesses, she has turned down further interventionist therapy and is at peace with her fate. A charming woman with an infectious joie de vivre, she can even joke about her condition.

Prior to meeting with *The CJN*, she provided directions to her apartment. It's a building on a major thoroughfare, she said, right next to the store that sells monuments.

"Very convenient," she quips.

"It looks like you haven't lost your sense of humour," I say.

"It's a saving grace," she responds.

With her courage, humour and charm, Cantor is perhaps a textbook case illustrating the credo often repeated by those involved in palliative care services: It's all about living, not dying.

Palliative care, defined in a June 2000 Senate report as "care aimed at alleviating suffering… rather than curing," is not quite a taboo subject in our death-denying culture, but it is a part of life that most people would prefer not to think about. Nevertheless, it's a reality that is facing more and more members of the Jewish community as the population ages and the great bulge of baby boom children reach the age when they must consider how to care for ailing parents.

In some respects, the Jewish community has been a leader in responding to the issue. It has created a co-ordinated, inter-agency infrastructure to provide quality care for people living out their final days, and to support their families.

The Jewish Hospice Program is a joint project of Jewish Family & Child Service, Circle of Care, Mount Sinai Hospital and the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, each of which provides a component of service. It receives some of its funding from UJA Federation, as well as from the government of Ontario and mostly from private donors.

Social worker Sheila Walker is co-ordinator of the Jewish Hospice Program, the "point man" of the program and the contact person to whom referrals are directed. The Hospice's goal is "to improve the quality of life of people going through this stage and to provide respite for their families," she said.

When the hospice pilot program was conceived about 10 years ago, it was intended only for terminal patients, but its mandate has been expanded to include anybody with a life-threatening illness, Walker said.

In its initial year of operation eight years ago, planners had expected to care for 35 families, but demand for the service proved much greater. By the end of the first year, 70 families were benefitting from the program. Currently, about 100 to 120 families a year join the program, and so far, 726 individuals and families have been served by the Hospice program, Walker said.

What distinguishes Jewish Hospice from other palliative care programs in the broader community is the wide range of service it offers, Walker said. There is a social work component, a Judaic chaplaincy component, medical care and home visits – each provided by an agency member of the Hospice team.

In photo (above) volunteer Heather Unikel and client Miriam Cantor (right) demonstrate their closeness in Jewish Hospice program.

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Community Focus

Helping out at the hospitals

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By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Volunteers play an integral role in two of Toronto's largest institutions, The Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Mount Sinai Hospital.

Joanne Fine Schwebel, director of volunteer services at Mount Sinai, says that their more than 650 active direct-service volunteers ranging in age from 16 to 93 provided some 114,000 hours of service last year.

Sandy Frankel, co-ordinator of volunteer services at Baycrest, says that some 3,240 volunteers at the Baycrest Centre contributed 123,000 hours of service last year.

Volunteers usually respond to free-service ads in the newspapers, on radio or on television, notes Frankel.

An appointment is then scheduled, an application is completed and at an interview, the volunteer and interviewer discuss the areas available for service and the applicant's interest.

Both Baycrest and Mount Sinai conduct general orientations for volunteers. Site-specific training is carried out by experienced volunteers or by staff supervisors.

Baycrest asks volunteers to attend one of the orientations that are held each month to cover such topics as policies and procedures, wheelchair handling, wandering client policy and dealing with difficult behaviour.

At Baycrest and Mount Sinai, the scope of activities available is extensive, and includes office work, visiting clients, manning the information desk, working on creative arts, helping with chaplaincy, providing clinical assistance, aiding staff and supporting patient care.

Fine Schwebel says that volunteers are also essential in providing information to patients and family members, providing reassurance to anxious patients and providing support to health-care providers so that they can carry out the essential parts of their duties.

The health-care environment has changed over the past few years, she explains. "The new reality is that patients may be faced with lengthy waiting periods due to staff shortages and increased demands on patients.

"[Patients] may become more anxious around their care, and staff may not always be able to spend the amount of time supporting the emotional needs of patients that we have become accustomed to."

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Community Focus

Jewish foster parents fill urgent need

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always consult with their children (two still live at home).

"I won't sacrifice my family for someone else," said Sarah. "I will ask them, but it's basically a formality."

At one time, they were caring for two babies, and one became sick. To separate the two foster children, who were sharing a room, Sarah "had to kick one son out of his room."

Although her son joked about it, his considered reaction was, "If a Jewish child needs a home, how can I think my room is more important?"

When the Schwartzes were interviewed this summer, there were no foster children living with them, but last fall they took in a nine-month-old boy after having fostered a succession of teenagers.

"He won our hearts," said Sarah, who has a business in her home. (As a rule, preschool children are not placed in homes where both parents work full time.)

"You have to be really good about separating your mind and your heart," said Sarah, discussing her foster toddler and his return to his family. "You have to be loving, but you have to be able to let go, because the child is not yours."

Although not all their foster children have come from observant homes, living in an observant household hasn't been an issue, they said.

Rather, the focus has been on the same "basic parenting rules" they used for their own children – keeping bedrooms neat, obeying curfews, and doing homework before turning on the television.

"We told them right up front, 'This is what we expect of you,'" said Michael.

When children enter foster care, "their whole world has been ripped apart," said Sarah. "I think the [foster] family has to be able to provide a calm, steady kind of environment."

"They need to feel safe," Michael added.

Both agree that foster children need love, and the little ones need cuddles and a soft blanket or toy of their own.

"The challenge," Michael said, "is getting into the kids' heads to understand what it is they really need from us to feel comfortable."

"The physical challenge with babies is getting up at night and functioning the next day," said Sarah. "The rest of it is basic routine – shopping, meals, laundry, baths – like you're bringing up a family."

For Smith, part of the challenge is dealing with what the child has been taught or not taught and trying to modify it – things like not being used to clearing the table.

Smith's approach to discipline is to have "expectations" rather than rules. "I find that kids, once they've settled down, will fulfil those expectations."

One advantage of fostering teens, she noted, is that they are old enough to be left on their own if she needs a break. "I can say I'm taking the dog for a walk."

Her laid-back 10-year-old pet, she finds, has been a distinct advantage – a "wonderful relaxant" – for her teenagers. "She's very empathetic, someone live and non-judgmental. They can talk to her, and hold her."

While there are foster parents who opt out of fostering, the catalyst is not typically burnout, said Elzas. Changing life circumstances – retiring, spending more time with grandchildren – are more common.

Sometimes a family will stop fostering because their own children have difficulty with other kids coming and going, or sometimes they just need a break between foster children.

"If it doesn't work out, be honest," advises Sarah. Although she is disappointed when that happens to her, she accepts that her home "may not be the right place for [a] particular child."

She lauded JF&CS for being available whenever she needed someone to talk to.

"They bend over backwards to give us whatever assistance they can," said Michael, referring to both emotional and practical support, including respite care, school transportation and expenses.

For Lauren Lewis (also a pseudonym), the benefits of being a foster sister far outweigh any negatives. The youngest of five children, Lauren, 14, told *The CJN* in a phone interview that her parents have been fostering since before she was born, up to four foster children at a time. "It's sort of a way of life for me."

She admitted however, that having non-family members in the home "could feel like an invasion of privacy, because you're sharing your bathroom [and sometimes your bedroom]. It's also weird because being a foster sister means you have a responsibility to be open to them."

That doesn't mean it's "mandatory" to become friends, said Lauren, although in her experience it happens often. "The girl I shared my room with when I was six just came [to visit] last weekend."

Being a foster sibling is "definitely a positive thing, she said. "Just having the company to play a game of cards or whatever, I think is rewarding for both of us."

She estimates her parents have taken in about 20 youngsters a year, sometimes for only a few days at a time.

New foster children are usually given "the talk" by her mother, who makes it clear that she will not tolerate drugs, drinking or lying, and covers issues such as curfews, privileges and letting her know where they'll be if they're going out.

"She makes sure they know the rules and feel comfortable," said Lauren. "I think she's very fair."

Sometimes a foster sibling will sound her out before approaching her mother to ask about staying out late with a boyfriend, for example. Depending on the situation, Lauren might say 'I wouldn't ask,' or, alternatively, 'Go for it.'"

The first few days are usually uncomfortable, Lauren said. "I know they don't want to be there. They might feel like they're not wanted. It's difficult to get used to at first, even though I've been doing this all my life. [But] I really can't think of that many negatives beside the inconvenience."

In an ideal world, you wouldn't need foster parents, said Sarah.

But foster parents can certainly improve the world of some children whose home situation isn't conducive to them staying there.

For one young woman, becoming a foster child meant being exposed for the first time to a normal family, she said in a speech at the JF&CS annual meeting. "I didn't realize how deprived I'd been."

"The bottom line," said Sarah, is that foster parents "are doing a fantastic, phenomenal chesed. I would encourage a lot of other families to think very seriously about becoming foster parents. It can be very rewarding."

Hatzolah reacts quickly in an emergency

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Staff Reporter

Since its inception in 1998, Hatzoloh Toronto has more than doubled.

Hatzoloh is a voluntary medical organization comprised of 12 dispatchers and 24 responders trained as emergency medical responders (EMR), who bridge the time gap between an emergency call and proper medical intervention.

By complementing the current ambulance system, Hatzoloh provides rapid, high-quality care within minutes to the Jewish community, says Moshe Sigler, part of Hatzoloh's executive committee.

The responders, who have undergone about 180 to 250 hours of training, he says, come from a wide variety of backgrounds, "from car salesmen to lawyers to businessmen.

"The organization is non-transport – it does not have an ambulance – but it acts as a first response. A responder can generally get to an emergency in under three minutes; when it comes to cardiac arrest that could be a matter of life and death," he says.

When a call comes into dispatch, he says, the dispatcher sends out Hatzoloh's first available unit and then calls 911.

"Emergencies are usually life threatening, but recently we helped locate a man who had wandered away," says Moti Seidenfeld, another executive committee member.

He says that they have stayed with children when the parents have to go to the hospital and they have calmed down elderly people who are afraid to go to the hospital.

"We don't just provide medical assistance and then walk away. They remain until the ambulance arrives, and they will even escort people in the ambulance if required. Reponders are all passionate about their work; it is not just a job."

David Stein, a dispatcher and responder who worked for Hatzoloh in New York for eight years, says there is "nothing like the feeling of walking into the house of someone who is not breathing and walking out having helped him.

"The beauty of the whole system is that we put out the call and there are people spread out across the city who are ready to respond. We even have someone in Belle Ewart on Shabbat."

Sigler, who is doing community outreach and fund-raising for the organization, says they are currently receiving about one or two calls a week. "That concerns me because it means people are either not aware of our services, or they are not ready to take the leap.

"We're here to help, and people should take advantage of our services."

Their goal, he says, is to get to the level where they can transport patients to hospital by ambulance themselves, and be able to administer drugs. We want to be able to do whatever ambulances do. "Our short-term goal, however, is to have the best first-response team possible."

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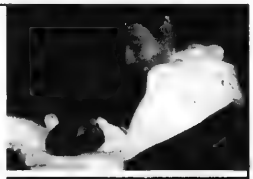

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Community Focus

Combatting missionary efforts

By ERIN SILVER
CJN Intern

Jews are being converted to Christianity at an alarming rate, warns Rabbi Michael Skobac director of education and counselling at Toronto's countermissionary organization, Jews for Judaism.

Not only have missionary tactics become more deceptive, Rabbi Skobac says, but there is also a spiritual hole in the Jewish community that makes Jews more vulnerable to conversion.

"This is a serious community issue we're facing," he says. "We're losing so many Jewish people to non-practice, assimilation, intermarriage and conversion... Christian missionaries are only successful because there is a vacuum."

According to studies done for the organization, Jews are being aggressively targeted for conversion mainly by evangelical Protestants or born-again Christians, who believe that in order for Jesus to return, the Jewish people must first convert to Christianity.

The success of these organizations, such as Jews for Jesus, has become shockingly evident in the last 30 to 40 years.

"In 1970, there were about 15 [messianic Jewish] congregations. Now there are over 400. In 1970, there were no [messianic] day schools. Now there are dozens across North America," he says, citing Melach Israel Academy in Toronto as one such school.

Rabbi Skobac estimates that there are more than 900 different missionary groups worldwide that spend roughly $300 million to convert Jews. He says that in 1998, some 250,000 million Jews worldwide considered themselves Hebrew-Christians.

In response, Jews for Judaism, established in 1984, has expanded, and now has offices in American cities including New York, Baltimore and Los Angeles, and in Johannesburg, South Africa. The organization, which is also the only full-time resource centre in the world that works to monitor and combat Christian missionary efforts, also has a network in Israel, Australia, Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Rabbi Skobac ascribes the success of missionaries, in part, to what he calls the deceptive techniques they use to convert Jews.

Services take place in what are actually churches, but Rabbi Skobac says many use overtly Jewish symbols to disguise their true nature, and the cross and Jesus are never shown.

Jesus is referred to as Yeshua Hamashiach, while the baptism ritual is called a mikvah service. Shabbat services are led by a messianic rabbi, and converts wear kippot and tallitot.

Converts even take part in the celebration of Jewish holidays, such as Passover, though the meanings of Jewish symbols are transformed and given Christian meanings.

"We celebrate Passover to remember that Jews were freed from Egypt," says Rabbi Skobac, "but messianic Jews believe that Jesus was the paschal lamb, and that God killed Jesus to make people free from their sins."

The three matzahs are said to represent the Holy Trinity, while the broken middle matzah represents the broken body of Christ. The holes in the matzah are said to signify the wounds Christ suffered during crucifixion, and wine represents his blood.

"What they're doing is committing fraud! They go through every Jewish holiday and reinterpret it with a Christian spin," says Rabbi Skobac.

"Missionaries use euphemisms as a way of overcoming resistance and negativity.

"This is a deliberate attempt to present the movement in a way that is less offensive to Jewish ears. It is done deliberately to make Christianity more palatable. They've reformatted everything to make Jews feel less uncomfortable and guilty about converting."

Though converts are convinced that they will not lose their Jewish identity and that they are not complete as Jews until they accept Christ as the messiah, in actuality, these converts are abandoning Judaism, Israel and the Jewish people, Rabbi Skobac says.

But the primary problem is not the claims missionaries make, but the spiritual vacuum in the Jewish community, he says.

"Many Jews are vulnerable because they don't have a healthy, vibrant community and schools that make Judaism a joyous, passionately spiritual experience.

"Synagogues need improvement – there's not a lot of passion in the services today.

"We need to transform our homes and do Jewish things together regularly. Families need to have Shabbat together, sing Shabbat songs, study the Torah and discuss Jewish ideas – Shabbat is not just about lighting candles. Children have to see that the family takes Judaism seriously, and that they love, enjoy and celebrate it."

He says that most Jews are "Jewishly illiterate," and do not have the depth of understanding of Judaism that is needed to counter the claims of missionaries.

"We're trying to be a catalyst for spiritual renaissance in the community," says Rabbi Skobac. "That is why we call our organization Jews for Judaism – because we encourage Jews to embrace Judaism. We use the problem of Christian missionary activity as a wake-up call – it makes people nervous."

He says he hopes Jews will take advantage of the wake-up call and strengthen their connection to their religion.

"The only solution is to embrace Judaism, fall in love with it and make it a central part of our lives."

Jews for Judaism uses dozens of volunteers to get its message across and the warning out. "Volunteers are an important part of helping our organization do the work we do," says Rabbi Skobac.

"Some volunteers work in the office or hand out literature at locations where missionaries are handing out theirs. Some photograph events, while other volunteers try to mobilize the Jewish community to serve as our eyes and ears. Volunteers across the country let us know about missionary activity on the Internet or in their communities."

Certain volunteers, such as those handing out countermissionary literature, must attend a training program where they are informed of what to expect, how to behave and how to respond to inquiries, says Rabbi Skobac.

"Right now we are looking for volunteers more seriously involved on the board, public relations and fund-raising level."

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'It's a hard issue for community to deal with'

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Circle of Care trains the volunteers who visit Hospice clients; JF&CS's chaplain, Rabbi Ronald Weiss, provides spiritual support; Mount Sinai's Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care provides home visits by medical personnel; and the Baycrest Centre provides beds for patients who can no longer be cared for at home.

Dr. Larry Librach is considered a trailblazer in the field of palliative care. As director of the Temmy Latner Centre, Librach, who has 23 years experience in the field, is one of the province's foremost advocates of care for terminal patients. The centre employs 14 doctors, four social workers, support staff and a chaplain for its 300 Jewish and non-Jewish patients in the old City of Toronto. It also serves a further 200 home care patients in North York, East York, and the City of York.

He estimates the centre provides medical care to about 30 percent of the Jewish Hospice patients. (Patients north of Steeles receive care from doctors from York Region.)

The Jewish community, Librach believes, is somewhat averse to dealing openly with the question of terminal illness. "People don't want to accept the issue of dying, their own mortality," he said. "It's a hard issue for the Jewish community to deal with. There seems to be more secrecy in the Jewish community on this."

He points to an incident years ago when he was negotiating a speaking engagement with a synagogue brotherhood. His request was turned down. "There seemed to be a general avoidance of the topic," he said, even though the Jewish community has an aging population and the issue is not one that is going away.

"Most Canadians want to die at home, but circumstances may prevent that. A majority of people would die at home if they received good support," he said.

Unfortunately hospice programs, like other aspects of the medical delivery system, suffer from financial constraints, he added.

The Senate report, titled *Quality End-of-Life Care: The Right of Every Canadian*, concluded that end-of-life care "must become an entrenched core value of Canada's health system."

The report also pointed out that few of the recommendations in its 1995 report on the same topic had been implemented. It noted that only "five percent of dying Canadians receive integrated and interdisciplinary palliative care and that the number of institutional palliative care beds has been cut as a result of health care restructuring."

It called on the federal and provincial governments to work together to develop a national strategy for end-of-life care.

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Rabbi Bernard Schulman is director of chaplaincy at Mount Sinai Hospital, with substantial experience ministering to terminal patients. Most of his chaplaincy work is conducted within the hospital, occasionally with outpatients. "We give spiritual and religious support, depending on the needs of the patient and family," he said.

In addition to providing for patients' material needs, things such as kosher food, yarmulkes, tfillin, siddurim and Chumashim, the chaplaincy's main efforts go to comfort patients and families in a time of terrible stress. Sometime that may mean talking to a patient, or even singing to them. Other times, it may mean simply sitting quietly with them.

It's not altogether different from working with non-terminal patients, but "with greater intensity," he said. "Patients are scared and the family needs more moral support."

Most patients he deals with are too weak to discuss issues like death and the afterlife, Rabbi Schulman said, but those who have a grounding in Jewish thought are sometimes able to discuss the spiritual issues involved.

Ethical questions on issues like rescuscitation, come up regularly, and Rabbi Schulman provides a halachic perspective. Often the question is not clear cut, such as whether resuscitation could be considered maintaining life or merely prolonging death.

In difficult cases, he often consults with other rabbis, but the general rule he follows is that maintaining life through such interventions as nutrition and hydration is required. The situation becomes more difficult when the patient is close to death and the moral dilemma arises as to how much effort should be undertaken to keep them alive.

He points to a real life example in which a woman was dying and resuscitation was considered no better than a long shot to keep her alive. A *psak* (religious ruling) was rendered in support of resuscitation. Doctors revived the patient when her heart failed, but three hours later the woman died anyway, Rabbi Schulman recalled.

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In centres across the United States, the National Institute for Jewish Hospices (NIJH) provides multi-disciplinary training for people dealing with Jewish terminally ill patients.

With offices in Englewood, N.J., Los Angeles and Boca Raton, Fla., the NIJH stresses the importance of approaching end-of-life issues from a Judaic perspective.

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Israel's needy, immigrants welcome used clothes, toys

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Following the death of her father Henry Korenblum 16 years ago, Ellie Korenblum decided to send his clothes to Israel to be distributed to needy people and new immigrants.

She discovered through her family's contacts that there was a great need for good used clothing in Israel. Then, working with a handful of other dedicated volunteers, she arranged for a shipment of clothing to be distributed in Israel.

The volunteers continued accumulating and shipping the clothing, and with the assistance of travellers to Israel and generous individuals, the project continued to grow.

It became evident that to continue as a community-wide project, it would require more volunteers and funds for the packaging, sorting, and transportation of the merchandise.

Korenblum continues to direct the flow of clothing through a designated drop-off location in north Toronto. These are shipped to Rebbitzen Sheindel Weinbach in Jerusalem. The clothing is sold in used clothing stores for a shekel or two. The main shop in Jerusalem is at Panim Meirot 1.

"Rebbitzen Sheindel also welcomes toys such as stuffed animals, since her clients don't have money to buy them for their children," Korenblum says.

The philosophy of these shops, she notes, is not to make the client feel that he or she is getting charity. The rebbitzen now operates three gemachs (an organization or shop that offers goods or services at very low or no cost) called Beged Yad Lyad.

Notices posted in North America and Israel say, "Hand me down, put me in a box, send me to Israel."

Korenblum has received many letters of thanks from the ladies who distribute the clothing.

Rebbitzen Weinbach wrote: "This is a place where a child can come to kindergarten and tell her teacher that she is wearing something new from the gemach, and have the teacher answer, 'So am I.'"

Korenblum notes that she "couldn't do this project without certain key volunteers. These volunteers help sort the donated items.

"I feel privileged to be in a position whereby I am entrusted to send clothing and toys to hundreds of people in Jerusalem and throughout Israel. And I am grateful to be in a position to sponsor the shipping of the clothes."

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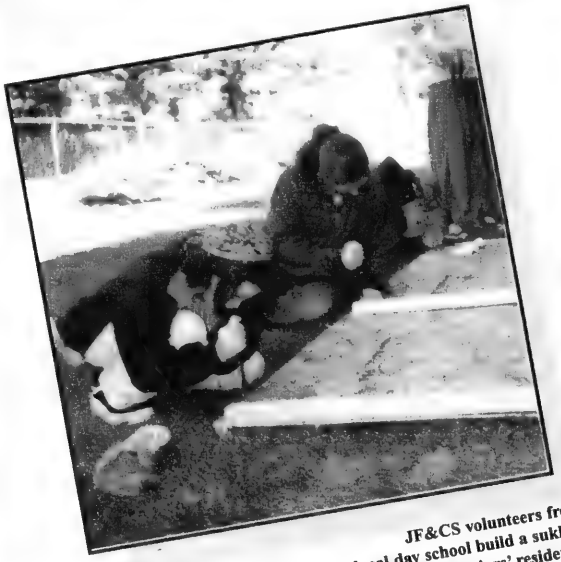

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NIJH teaches caregivers to give patients hope

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There are specific responses to end-of-life patients within the Jewish tradition, said NIJH executive-director Shirley Lamm. The Bible tells of Abraham, who, when he fell ill, was visited by angels who sat next to him. "That's what we feel we should do," she said.

People at the end of their lives do not want detachment and denial from their family. "People want to be hugged, they want to be touched. They're missing all this warmth," she said.

NIJH also teaches caregivers to give patients hope. "You tell them you hope they have no pain. You hope their children grow in the footsteps of their parents and will be a credit to their name," she said.

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Like others in the field, Librach is quick to dispel stereotypes that working in end-of-life care is always a gloomy or negative experience. He prefers to stress the positive and rewarding aspects of palliative care. "We concentrate on living until you die," he said.

Those outside the field are often surprised at how people with terminal illnesses cope with the news that they're going to die. Of course they experience times of depression and pain. But many patients are spurred to live their remaining days to the fullest, she said.

One of her clients described it like having a pole in the middle of the living room. Sometimes you bump into it but other times you live around it, she said.

Focusing on quality of life is the goal of palliative care providers, Walker said.

"People think that dying is all black. It's not only that, but it can be a period of healing and a lot of personal growth. We've seen a lot of miracles."

In the eight years she's headed the Jewish Hospice Program, Walker has witnessed many inspirational moments. In one case, an elderly man was dying and felt too weak to attend his grandson's bar mitzvah. A wheelchair was used to permit him to attend, and he was called for an aliyah. The story was related to a elderly woman at Baycrest, who used the same wheelchair to attend her granddaughter's bat mitzvah. Money for the wheelchair was donated and a plaque placed on it, so today it is known as the "simchah wheelchair," Walker said.

Although many palliative care patients are elderly, Walker recounted the story of a woman in her 40s who was diagnosed with cancer. After a four-year battle with the disease, she was given only three months to live. She was given a morphine pump to relieve her pain and she remained at home with her husband.

Faced with death, the woman told Walker, "I re-established my priorities. I used to be a worrier, but now I only do things that I want to do."

Her husband proved a pillar of strength, teaching himself to be a gourmet cook so that he could provide his wife with the meals she loved.

"The illness brought the couple closer and they didn't waste time on the minor stuff," Walker said. The woman lived for 18 months longer.

Another woman in her 40s, divorced, with one child and both her parents dead, "felt she had been dealt a hard blow," Walker said.

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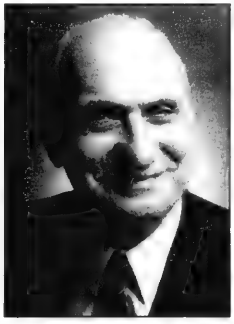
Impossible not to get close to pallative care patients: volunteer

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Ted Waldman has served as a volunteer in the palliative care unit of the Baycrest Hospital for more than 12 years.

"When we were trained to work in palliative care, we were told not too get to close to a patient," says Waldman, who has been involved as a volunteer with the Baycrest Centre for more than 21 years in numerous capacities.



Ted Waldman

"But that is impossible. You develop a close bond with the patient and the family when you visit that person week after week, in many cases for several months."

Palliative care provides for the emotional, spiritual, social and economic needs in the care of patients with terminal illnesses.

Waldman says this work is "especially challenging when you have developed a close friendship with the patient and the patient passes away."

He adds that like the staff who work in this department every day, "I try to accept it and be strong for the next person who needs me."

Waldman has served as president of the Baycrest men's service group, as a member of several advisory committees, as a tour guide, and he and his wife Alma Waldman were honoured several time by Baycrest for their exemplary volunteer services.

Born in England, he served in the Royal Air Force from 1939 to 1945 and saw overseas duty. He immigrated to Canada in 1951 and was employed as a salesman for Abbott of England until his retirement in 1989.

Waldman has made volunteerism into a career. "I found that serving those who need the help of others has made me happier and more successful outside of my individual satisfaction. No one can try to help another person without helping oneself."

He adds that he works with "a wonderful, caring group of volunteers. We have a great rapport and we are very supportive of one another."

Shortly after arriving in Canada, Ted and Alma joined the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and became active on numerous committees and on the board of governors. Ted served as president of the shul's brotherhood, and Alma was president of the sisterhood.

Waldman says he realized that "the most rewarding things you can do in life are the ones that look like they cannot be done.

"We are told that the life of a person is measured not by what you get but by what you give – that is what volunteering is all about."

Community Focus

Last months proved rewarding

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Her last months, however, proved rewarding, as friends and family came to her support, and the music group she once sang with gathered for a special performance in her honour. "Her estranged brother became her best caregiver, bought her food, took her on drives. They became very close," Walker said.

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Visiting Jewish Hospice patients on a regular basis is a mitzvah that 32 volunteers from Circle of Care have taken upon themselves. Susan Samila, co-ordinator of hospice volunteers, said they are expected to commit to one visit a week for a minimum of two hours. Some Jewish Hospice clients receive visits from more than one volunteer a week.

"We can always use more volunteers, but there is no waiting. If people need this kind of support, it's always available," she said.

Volunteers provide companionship, give families a break, talk to patients and comfort them. "They are not there to give advice, but to listen to people, to be supportive and be sociable," Samila said.

Occasionally, they may take out the client for a cup of coffee or to a movie.

Volunteers come from all walks of life and social backgrounds, but "I would say they have a special quality, and that's the courage to look at something society doesn't want to confront. It's an admirable strength."

Heather Unikel is a volunteer who visits Miriam Cantor every week. She has been volunteering for the past seven or eight years. Ten years ago, her father died of cancer, but in the last stages of his illness, she found the strength to give him injections and provide strength for others in the family.

She was among the first group of volunteer trainees to learn the basics of key end-of-life issues like the nature of illnesses and medications.

Unikel believes all good volunteers share certain characteristics: They must like people; they must be open to whatever happens; they can't have an agenda of their own; and they can't go into a situation expecting specific results.

"The main thing is not to have an agenda, to say, 'Today, this will happen,'" she said. "My role is to help with whatever is needed that day, to help the person be more content."

Samila tries to match the volunteer with the client, and in Unikel's case, she and Cantor appear to be a good team, although with Cantor's zest, it's hard not to fit in.

She is quite ill, although you'd never know it to look at her. "It's taken me four hours to look this good," she jokes.

Asked how she feels, her quick response is, "with my hands."

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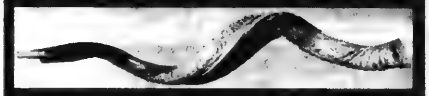

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'Volunteering is giving back to the community'

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Frankel says that "volunteering is giving back to the community, but volunteers should receive enjoyment and learn from their experience. Volunteers assist and enhance the program – they are never there to replace staff in any way."

Syrelle Bernstein, director of volunteer service at Baycrest says that "volunteers are available to enhance all services to clients, therefore, enriching the quality of life for the people we serve."

Many volunteers at Mount Sinai, she says, "are grateful [former] patients wanting to give back," or they have been recommended by friends and family.

As well, referrals come from the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and career centres of local colleges and universities.

Bernstein notes that the United Nations declaration of 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers "will highlight the contributions of volunteers. It will provide the opportunity to promote and offer a better place for volunteers to flourish in their volunteer roles.

"It is a time to help the world value the impact that volunteers have on services in the not-for-profit sector."

Louis Bartfield (right), a volunteer at The Baycrest Community Day Centre for Seniors, is seen with Day Centre's members, Rose Milgrom and Stanley Hochman.

'Getting old is not for sissies'

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But her spirit is indomitable: "Getting old is not for sissies. You take what the cards deal and get along as best you can."

Although she still lives in her own apartment – her husband, Peter, died a few years ago after 56 years of marriage – Cantor is registered for one of the palliative care beds at Baycrest once she is no longer able to look after herself.

She is pleased with the support she's received from the Jewish Hospice. "I've had a great deal of moral support. It's been very rewarding for me."

Still, the illness has cut into her independence and deprived her of the ability to come and go as she pleases. Although her body is weak, her mind is still sharp. "Thank God my brain is active; nothing else works," she said.

A committed Zionist, she remains very interested in Israeli politics, and she's not averse to inquiring into a reporter's personal life.

"The doctors and social workers tell me I have an incredible attitude, but this is me. What should I do, cry about it? It doesn't help. It's bashert [destiny]. I feel that when you are born, you are given a sentence of death.

"Death can be kind. It can be a friend. Living in pain and torture is worse. There are worse things than dying," Cantor said.

Unikel likewise is philosophical about palliative care and the role of volunteers. "People who want to volunteer shouldn't be frightened by the idea of being with people who are dying. They are alive until they die.

"Don't be afraid. It's nature," Unikel said. "It will bring you a lot of happiness to help someone."

Community Focus

Faces of our Community Volunteers

Dora Posluns, entertains the elderly.

Bill Draiman, president, Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park.

Tamara Steiber works with Holocaust Education.

[From left] Norm Grill; Bernie Ghert; Anne Tanenbaum; Larry Tanenbaum; and Sandra Brown, past president, UJA Federation, kick off the $12 million campaign to raise funds for a new home for CHAT. [Photo courtesy UJA/Federation]

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Community Focus

Personal trainer program addresses spiritual issues

By FRANCES KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Alan Sless and Evelyn Lazar have begun working with personal trainers, but their goals have nothing to do with physical fitness.

The two members of Beth Tzedec Congregation are part of an innovative pilot project that pairs learners with lay mentors in individually selected areas of Jewish knowledge or practice.

Sless is learning to read Haftorah; Lazar is in the process of kashering her kitchen and becoming familiar with the details involved in hosting a traditional Shabbat dinner.

Evelyn Lazar, left, and her JPT mentor Jackie Kahn discuss the hechsher on a bottle of dishwashing liquid. [Frances Kraft photo]

When Lazar, a mediator for the Ontario Human Rights Commission, saw an ad for the Jewish Personal Trainer (JPT) program in her shul bulletin, she had already begun to make changes in her kitchen.

Although she finds both of Beth Tzedec's rabbis accessible, her interaction with her mentor, Jackie Kahn, is "totally different. A mentor is more an equal."

But having a mentor doesn't mean excluding a rabbi from the process, Lazar noted. "It just provides support."

In fact, it was Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum, originator of the JPT project, who was the catalyst for Lazar's decision. At a presentation on Passover earlier this year, she recalls, the rabbi asked – in the context of remembering Jewish enslavement – whether anyone wanted to do something in their lives, that they felt "stopped" from doing.

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Personal trainer program

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When Lazar said she'd like to become more observant, Rabbi Tanenbaum asked, "What's stopping you?"

Nothing, she realized. She began by ridding her kitchen of non-kosher foods and replacing them with kosher ones. Her resolve was strengthened when her mother died in May, as she felt the project was a way to honour her memory.

Among other changes, Lazar has set aside new dishes for Shabbat dinners. "My goal for the High Holy Days is to be totally kosher and be able to invite people who don't have somewhere to go."

With Kahn's help, she is finding the transition less intimidating, and agrees that the "personal trainer" aspect of JPT is an apt metaphor. "You can go to the gym all the time, but if you're working with someone, it's easier, less scary."

The hardest part, she said, was making the initial phone call to inquire about the program.

Her partnership with Kahn, a 42-year-old mother of seven, began with a series of phone calls, and they expect to share a Kahn family Shabbat dinner in the near future.

Kahn believes the program — which earlier this year received a STAR (Synagogue Transformation and Renewal) grant – helps bring the 2,900-family synagogue "down to a human level."

Loretta Tanenbaum, co-ordinator of the program, agrees. "It's a very exciting program, a very personal program," she said. "It draws people in one by one, and makes people feel at home one by one."

Although it is still in the pilot stage with eight pairs (and some participants yet to be matched), response has been very positive, reports Tanenbaum, a teacher by training who was hired for the position after her husband initiated the program.

Participants, most of whom are synagogue members, are matched by age, background and interests. "Basically it's matching up people I think will get along," Tanenbaum said.

Applicants are given an extensive questionnaire to identify areas of interest and expertise, but are not expected to know everything. "They can do research together, but they have to start at the point where the trainee is."

Tanenbaum encourages people to sign up as both teachers and learners.

Among the pairs she has matched up is a woman who wants to know how to daven, and a "prayer guide" who will sit with her at services.

Gordon Pape, a 40-year-old architect, intended to sign up as a student, but after he filled in the questionnaire, Tanenbaum asked if he would work with Sless. The two men knew each other from the Little Minyan, an alternative service at Beth Tzedec.

They meet at the synagogue, a convenient location between their two homes. "We've gotten together a few times," said Pape. "It's a little difficult. Sometimes our schedules don't permit it."

But the busy father of two said he aims for "a balance" in his life, including pursuit of Jewish studies and living a Jewish life.

"I really like the idea of the program," he said. "I think anybody who participates in it can only emerge as a winner… If you're teaching something you already know, going over it can only enhance your own abilities, and you also are helping someone else. You get the satisfaction of being a teacher."

For Sless, a 45-year-old lawyer, the program came about at "the right time in my life." He first became involved in synagogue life about four years ago and found he enjoyed it more than he had growing up. He honed his rusty Hebrew skills learning to read Torah with Cantor Tobias Gabriel. When he learned of the JPT program and saw the initial questionnaire, he decided he'd like to learn to read Haftorah.

"I can go at the pace I want to," said Sless, who practises in between sessions. Although he would venture to say the project is important for his soul, "it's something I just enjoy doing."

Unlike the pairs interviewed for this article, some participants are not otherwise involved in synagogue life. The JPT program, however, is "the exact opposite" to most synagogue programs, Rabbi Tanenbaum noted.

"We don't [generally] ask anybody what their personal goals are. Synagogues [more often] create a program and invite people to attend. This takes the whole notion of synagogue programming and turns it on its head."

Community Focus

Sar-El: one way to help Israel

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

With many Canadian organizations here supporting schools, hospitals and other institutions in Israel, there are a variety of ways to volunteer and raise funds for the Jewish State.

The United Jewish Appeal is one of the agencies that cuts across the entire community and supports activities both in Canada and in Israel. Another across-the-community agency is the State of Israel Bonds.

Organizations that provide voluntary hands-on service to Israelis include Beit Halochem Canada, Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, and Dental Volunteers for Israel.

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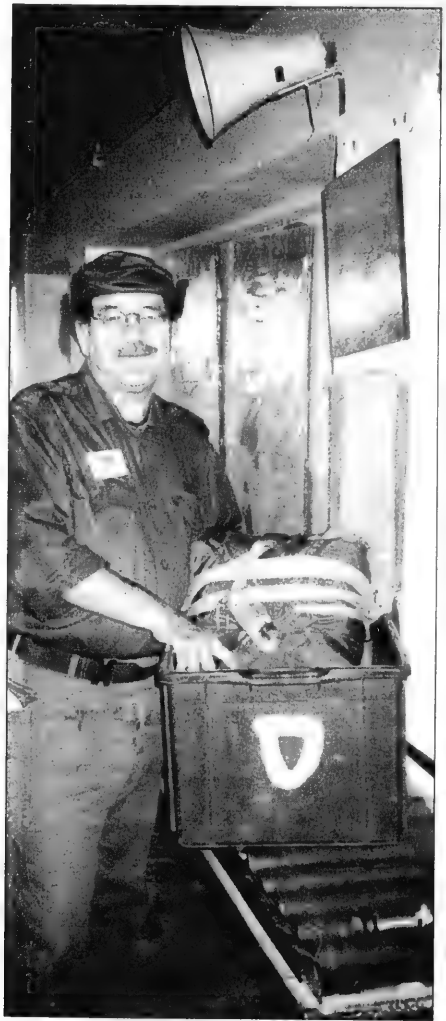

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Berk has volunteered six times for Sar-El

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Hebrew lessons, lectures, guided tours and cultural and social activities round out the volunteer's visit.

Len Berk, the organization's president, has volunteered six times. He says that many volunteers return year after year.

"The work we do is necessary," he says. "The time I replaced field medical first-aid kits, it really hit me when some of the used supplies had blood on them."

But, he adds, "just helping Israel with my own hands" is immensely satisfying.

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Does government funding affect Jewish institutiions?

CYNTHIA GASNER
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Does accepting government funds affect the Jewish nature of an institution? Does it affect the Jewish values, customs, or religious observance practised by that institution?

This question was posed to Sandy Keshen, executive director of Reena, and Stephen Herbert, president and chief executive officer of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Sandy Keshen

"The government provides us with the same level of funding that other long-term care organizations receive and encourages us to find ways to best meet the needs of the Jewish community we serve, including providing a culturally sensitive environment," says Herbert.

"Our home [for the aged] is a perfect example. We are provided a set level of funding, and with community support, we are able to provide extensive Jewish programming, kosher food, a program to address the needs of Holocaust survivors, religious services and other programs of a Jewish nature."

He notes that the Baycrest Terrace and the Jewish Home for the Aged serve the Jewish community. The Baycrest Hospital is non-sectarian, but the patients are mostly Jewish.

Reena, which was incorporated in 1974 to provide housing and program support to people with developmental disabilities and their families, accepts people of other faiths and cultural backgrounds.

Stephen Herbert

Keshen says its mandate is to "enable people with developmental disabilities to realize their full potential by forming lifelong partnerships with individuals and their families within a framework of Jewish culture and values."

Government funding, which has helped Reena expand and grow, does not take into account the high cost of maintaining kashrut.

"All Reena homes are kosher, and families can be assured that their son or daughter will experience the comfort and familiarity of the Jewish family home environment."

The Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre, which responds to family needs by providing recreational and social programs, enables individuals with developmental disabilities to maintain their Jewish identity in a Jewish environment while participating in programs such as computers, music, arts and crafts, sports or visiting the members' lounge.

She says that the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto "has helped Reena ensure that our Jewish heritage and culture are maintained, providing an annual grant to engage a Judaic consultant."

Keshen notes that a number of members of Reena's board of directors are not Jewish, "yet they are strongly committed to Judaic values of the agency."

She says that some parents of children with developmental disabilities have stated unequivocally that "part of the reason they chose Reena is because of the warm and nurturing Jewish environment that we provide."

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Kids can cook too

Many young people really enjoy cooking. When *CJN* reporter Cynthia Gasner asked several youngsters for some recipes, they were happy to oblige.

Deborah Mechanic is 12 years old, and is a Grade 7 student at Associated Hebrew Middle School, Danilack campus.

"I like to help my mother cook," she said. "Sometimes I create recipes because I like to try new things. I like to use healthy foods and mix them together in new combinations. It's fun."

Deborah Mechanic

BROCCOLI/CAULIFLOWER SALAD

1 broccoli, cut into flowerets, and dice the stem
1 cauliflower, cut into flowerets and dice the stem
1 can mandarin oranges
1 diced apple
honey (optional)

Steam broccoli and cauliflower in small amount of water. Remove water. Drain mandarin oranges and keep liquid. Place broccoli, cauliflower, oranges, apples and half of the liquid from the oranges into a bowl. Mix together. Sprinkle with honey to glaze the top.

MANDARIN ORANGE SALAD

1 can mandarin orange segments
lettuce
1/4 cup pine nuts (optional)
2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
1/4 tsp. olive oil
2 tsp. mandarin juice.

Strain mandarin oranges, keeping the liquid. Wash lettuce thoroughly and dry. Tear lettuce into bite-size pieces. Put lettuce into a bowl. Add mandarins and pine nuts.

Mix together thoroughly the vinegar, olive oil and mandarin juice. Pour over salad.

ORANGE ROUGHY

6-8 pieces orange roughy
4 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
2 tbsp. olive oil
roasted garlic and pepper seasoning, to taste

Mix vinegar, olive oil and seasoning together. Brush mixture on fish. Bake covered on tin foil pan at 350 for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and add additional seasonings if desired.

Note: you can use sole instead of the orange roughy.

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These days, men (and boys) are just as likely to be at home in the kitchen as their mothers or sisters. Jeremie Warshafsky, 10, is in Grade 5 at United Synagogue Day School, Bathurst campus.

Jeremie Warshafsky

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Community Focus

Hanina, a scholar, prophet, healer

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Hanina ben Dosa was a Jewish scholar, a prophet, a healer and a messenger of God.

Many stories of his miracles are contained in the Tractate Ta'anit-Talmud Yerushalmi, Midrashim, and Talmud Bavli.

In a recently published book by Andrew Sanders, *Hanina My Son: A Novel of the First Century* (Gefen Publishing House: Jerusalem-New York), the author melds material based on scholarly research with invented characters to create a historical novel that takes place from 10 to 110 CE.

Review

In those turbulent times in what is now Eretz Yisrael, the century saw the emergence of two religious developments – the birth of Christianity and the development of rabbinical Judaism.

The book traces the lives of four generations. The narrator is Archinas the Proselyte, Hanina ben Dosa's fictional son-in-law, a wealthy Greek shipping merchant who marries Hanina's daughter.

In the novel, the 101-year-old Archinas spends part of the last three years of his life dictating his memoirs to his granddaughter Michal.

Hanina ben Dosa himself comes from a proselyte family, and most of his life he labours to overcome that perceived disadvantage. Two pivotal questions in this historical novel are, therefore: Where do converts fit into society? and Who is a Jew?

There are striking parallels, in the religious, political and economic spheres, between the events that took place some 2,000 years ago and the events in modern Israel.

Sanders defines the many sects and groups that dominated this period of history – Pharisees and Sadducees, Shammaites and Hillelites, the Roman oppressors, the Zealots and the Nazarene Jews. He also describes loving, binding and loyal relationships in private and public lives.

The protagonist, Hanina, is portrayed as a man who pretends that he knows nothing of politics and religion, yet he subtly suggests ideas to some of the influential leaders of his day.

We witness the development of Judaism's Oral Law, the destruction of the Second Temple, the struggle to establish a modern Judaism, and the conflicts between political rivals – left and right – similar to today's Labour and Likud.

Famous rabbis who appear in the novel include Yohanan ben Zakkai, the only nasi or head of the Sanhedrin who was not a descendant of Hillel; the nasi Shimeon ben Gamaliel; Eliezer ben Hyrkanus; Yehoshua ben Hananiah; Dosa ben Harkinas, Hanina's grandson in the book; and Rabbi Akiva.

They are not portrayed as perfect people or heroes, but are seen as human beings, people who have flaws.

Sanders has researched the Talmud, Roman histories and the work of historians from Josephus Flavius to Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. He says, "The most important turning points of our people's history occurred in the first century, in Judea and Galilee, in the 15th century, primarily in Spain, and in the 20th century, perhaps with the triple centres of Germany, the United States, and Israel."

The Roman destruction of the Temple not only destroyed Judaism's holiest structure, bringing to an end the use of animal sacrifice, it also placed additional emphasis on the continuity of the Jewish religion based on the Torah and on synagogue-based Judaism.

Sanders told *The CJN* that there is still a misunderstanding about the origin of Christianity. "I wanted the reader to understand that what the founders of that religion wanted was not essentially different from the Jewish religion."

Sanders was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1934. He survived the Holocaust in hiding. After the failed revolution of 1956, he managed to escape the Communist regime and came to Canada as a refugee. Educated as a chemist, he worked at the University of Toronto from 1959 to 1966. He established a computer consulting company, which he sold in 1987. This permitted him to pursue his lifetime interest in Jewish history, philosophy and theology.

Other books by Sanders are *Dear Maimonides*, *The Galilean Schism*, *Hanina My Son*, and *My Husband, Bar-Kochba*, which is awaiting publication.

Sanders and his wife made aliyah to Israel in 1989. He makes his home in Toronto, Canada and Haifa, Israel.

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Kids can cook too

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APPLE CREPES

½ tsp. sugar
2 eggs
½ tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. flour

Mix ingredients together.

Filling:
1 medium apple, sliced thin
½ tsp. cinnamon
2 tsp. sugar
1 tbsp. corn syrup
honey (optional)
salt, a pinch
1 tbsp. brown sugar
½ tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix all ingredients for apple filling, and let stand for ½ hour.

Take crepe mixture and pour a thin layer into a heated, greased pan and cook until edges are crispy.

Add filling to crepe. Fold over. Continue cooking crepe for another minute. Place on plate and sprinkle with icing sugar, if desired.

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Shira Lass, 10, is in Grade 5 at Associated Hebrew Day School Neptune campus. She told *The CJN,* "I like to cook with my mom. Sometimes I shop with her, and I choose foods that I can use to try to make special dishes. My favourite part is using my hands to mix up foods, like when I make cookies. I would like to take cooking classes designed for children who are kosher."

Shira Lass

SHIRA'S SPECIAL BAKED APPLES

8 spy apples
lemon juice
½ cup brown sugar

Filling:
¾ cup flour
1 cup white and brown sugar, combined
⅓ cup margarine
1 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 325. Wash and core apples. Widen the opening at the top of the apples to form a small cup or well that will hold the filling. Stuff a bit of the cut out pieces into the holes in the apples and press down to form a plug that will keep the stuffing from leaking out the bottom of the apple.

Squeeze a little lemon juice over each apple and stand them in a baking dish with the wide opening at the top. Sprinkle brown sugar over and into the apples. Mix all filling ingredients together in a bowl and rub together until texture is crumbly. Note: not all brands of margarine are the same consistency, so you may need to add a little more flour or margarine to get the crumbly consistency.

Fill all the wells in the tops of the apples with some crumbly topping. Do not press it down too hard – it should remain loose. Sprinkle on more cinnamon if you wish. Bake for 30-40 minutes, until desired doneness.

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